

VILLAGE OF GENESEO BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUDGET WORKSHOP

March 16th, 2026, at 5pm | Geneseo Village Building | 119 Main Street, Geneseo NY

Board Present: Mayor Chris Ivers, Deputy Mayor Keith Walters, Trustee Eddie Lee & Trustee Alex Livingston

Other Village Representatives Present: Superintendent Dan Quinlan, Clerk Julie Molsani, Chief Eric Osganian, Chief Andrew Chanler & Clerk Treasurer Shawn Forrester

Others Present: Brendan Fuhr

Meeting Opened:

Mayor Ivers opened the meeting at 5pm and thanked everyone for coming. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action/Discussion Items:

Fund Balance Policy

Mayor Ivers explained the differences in the policies presented. It was noted that one policy had reserve limits and the other did not. There was considerable discussion regarding future boards, inflation, flexibility and the percentages of a healthy fund balance.

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to adopt the Fund Balance Policy without Reserve Fund limitations. Trustee Livingston seconded. The policy was adopted with ayes from all.

Reserve Policies

The Reserve Policies were presented. There was much discussion regarding the proposed new Medical Reserve policy and the existing policies. Discussion continued with the possibility of adding policies for pedestrian safety and parks. *No action was taken.*

Preliminary Budget Review

Court:

Trustee Lee explained the current 60-40 percentage split between the Town and Village of Geneseo and was driven by ticket revenue. Discussion continued with the possibility of adding another officer, not writing traffic tickets for revenue and long-term flexibility. *It was decided to keep the current share percentage with the Town of Geneseo.*

DPW:

Superintendent Quinlan explained that his department had not replaced a Street employee that retired over a year ago and he would like to add that person back to the department. He continued with concerns regarding debt service. There was discussion regarding upcoming projects, debt service and revenues.

Fire & Ambulance:

Chief Chanler explained that 2025-2026 had been an unusual year. The Department had unexpected expenditures, including replacing the ladder truck due to a failed ladder. There was discussion regarding the Town Fire contract, shared expenses and reserves.

Police:

Chief Osganian explains the high call volume and how it affects his officers and traffic safety. Clerk Molisani explained how fines are applied and the Driver Diversion Program. Discussion continued with when the new officer might be scheduled, patrol cars and the difficulty in having them outfitted.

Code:

There was discussion regarding employee salaries, Union Contracts and possible wage increases.

Mayor Updates:

Mayor Ivers reminded the Board that the next meeting would be March 23, 2026, and the Budget Public Hearing would be scheduled for April 15, 2026.

Adjourn: Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 5:21pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Respectfully,
Shawn Forrester

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