

VILLAGE OF GENESEO BOARD OF TRUSTEES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

April 1st, 2026, at 5pm I Geneseo Village Building I 119 Main Street, Geneseo NY

Board Present: Mayor Chris Ivers, Trustee Marlene Hamann-Whitmore, Trustee Keith Walters, Trustee Eddie Lee & Trustee Alex Livingston

Other Village Representatives Present: Justice Kathleen Houston, Chief Eric Osganian, Attorney Ericka Elliott & Clerk Treasurer Shawn Forrester

Others Present: Brendan Fuhr, Thomas Whitmore, Donald Scherer, Amy Ivers, Colleen Venturino, Beth Feuerstein, Aimee Maoriello, Sarah DeVito, Ryan Wienczerkowski, Jon Ivers, Oliver Ivers, Liam Ivers

Meeting Opened:

Mayor Ivers opened the meeting at 5:03pm and thanked everyone for coming. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office:

Village Justice Kathleen Houston administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Chris Ivers, Trustee Keith Walters and Trustee Marlene Hamann-Whitmore.

Action/Discussion Items:

Review of Minutes:

The minutes from the March 16, 2026, and March 23, 2026, meetings were presented. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Trustee Walters seconded. After much discussion the minutes were approved as amended with ayes from all.*

Spring Chalk Event:

Aimee Maoriello and Sarah DeVito were present to explain the Spring Chalk Event, it was to be a positivity themed chalk art on the Village sidewalks from 6 to 8pm on Friday, April 24, 2026 (rain date 4/25/26) in hopes of bridging the gap between the Campus and the Community. *Trustee Livingston moved to approve the request. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. With no further discussion the request was carried with ayes from Mayor Ivers, Trustee Hamann-Whitmore, Trustee Livingston and Trustee Lee. Trustee Walters abstained.*

Little League Request:

The request from Thomas Dougherty to close Church Street, North Street and Highland Ave on Saturday, May 2, 2026, between 8:40 to 9am for the first annual Little League Opening Day Parade, was presented. *Trustee Hamann-Whitmore motioned to approve the road closure request. Trustee Walters seconded. With no further discussion the request was carried with ayes from all*

2026-2027 Organizational Items:

Mayor Ivers appointed Marlene Hamann-Whitmore as Deputy Mayor.

Committee assignments were as follows:

Trustee Livingston Liaison to the Department of Public Works

Trustee Walters Liaison to the Fire Department

Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore Liaison to the Police Department.

Mayor Ivers Liaison to the Court

Trustee Lee Liaison to the Code Department

Mayor Ivers appointed Shawn Forrester as Clerk Treasurer for a four-year term ending March 31, 2030.

Mayor Ivers appointed Lauraine Montemarano as Part Time Deputy Clerk Treasurer for a four-year term ending March 31, 2030.

Mayor Ivers submitted the name of Rob Deming to be reappointed to the position of Planning Board Chairperson for a five-year term to expire on March 31, 2031.

Mayor Ivers submitted the name of Caroline Miesel to be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson for a five-year term to expire on March 31, 2031.

Mayor Ivers suggested adopting Robert's Rules of Order to conduct Village Board Meetings.

Mayor Ivers suggested the Board continue with the Livingston County News (LCN) as the official newspaper.

Mayor Ivers suggested that the standard workday for Village employees be eight hours, for retirement reporting purposes.

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Mayor Ivers asked for a motion for the advance payment of claims.

Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved the following regarding advance payment of claims, per Village Law #5-524(6): WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges, seminar fees, and any other time sensitive items and,

WHEREAS, all such claims shall be presented at the next regular Board meeting for audit, and

WHEREAS the claimant and officer incurring or approving the same shall be jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed by the Board of Trustees,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1: That the Board of Trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges, seminar fees, and any other time sensitive items, and all such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit and the claimant and officer incurring or approving the same shall be jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Trustee Walters seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Mayor Ivers – Aye, Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore – Aye, Trustee Walters – Aye, Trustee Lee – Aye and Trustee Livingston – Aye.

Mayor Ivers asked for a motion for mileage reimbursement.

Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved and Trustee Walters seconded the motion to adopt the following pertaining to mileage reimbursement: WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to officers and employees of the Village who use their personal vehicles while performing official duties on behalf of the Village:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1: The Board of Trustees shall approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the Federal rate according to IRS ruling (currently .725 cents/mile).

Section 2: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The vote was as follows: Mayor Ivers – Aye, Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore – Aye, Trustee Walters – Aye, Trustee Lee – Aye and Trustee Livingston – Aye.

Mayor Ivers asked for a motion to designate depositories.

Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to designate the following banks as depositories for the Village: Key Bank, Community Bank NA, Five Star Bank, Tompkins Bank of Castile, and NYCLASS (New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System). Trustee Walters seconded. The vote was as follows: Mayor Ivers – Aye, Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore – Aye, Trustee Walters – Aye, Trustee Lee – Aye and Trustee Livingston – Aye.

Board Calendar:

The tentative 2026-2027 calendar was presented. Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to accept the calendar as presented. Trustee Walters seconded. There was considerable discussion regarding changing the meeting day and time. It was decided to accept the calendar as presented but re-evaluate the meeting day and time, later, with ayes from all.

Mayor Updates:

Mayor Ivers reminded the Board of the SUNY/Village Leadership meeting on April 2, 2026, at 8am.

Board Updates/Information:

Fire Department:

Nothing to report

Police Department:

Chief Osganian presented his report and noted that the Police Department's accreditation had begun.

Court:

Nothing to report. Trustee Lee asked if the Second & Oak Street project would eliminate flooding, as with the last rain event.

Department of Public Works:

Superintendent Quinlan's report was presented. The Board thanked Superintendent Quinlan for everything he has done and continues to do.

Adjourn: Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to close the meeting at 5:32pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.

Respectfully,

Shawn Forrester

Clerk Treasurer