

## VILLAGE OF GENESEO BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUDGET WORKSHOP

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5pm | Geneseo Village Building | 119 Main Street, Geneseo NY

**Board Present:** Mayor Chris Ivers, Deputy Mayor Marlene Hamann-Whitmore, Trustee Keith Walters & Trustee Eddie Lee.

**Excused:** Trustee Alex Livingston

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

**Others Present:** Brendan Fuhr & Katherine Wiener

### **Meeting Opened:**

Mayor Ivers opened the meeting at 5:01pm and thanked everyone for coming. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Action/Discussion Items:**

#### **Bronze Bear Soccer Club:**

The request of the Bronze Bear Soccer Club to use Highland Park was presented. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the request. Trustee Walters seconded.* There was discussion regarding other events in the Park at the same time. *With no further discussion the motion carried with ayes from all.*

#### **Budget Discussion:**

Mayor Ivers began the discussion with the importance of the Second and Oak Street Project. He further noted that there was a chance that the Village may not receive the \$1,000,000 from Schumer and Tenney due to the project going out to bid before the money was actually awarded. He further explained that some of the federal requirements wording in the bid document may not have been included. There was discussion regarding whether the project could be carried out in a timely manner and LaBella's role in the project. Superintendent Quinlan explained that LaBella would provide an inspector and facilitator for the project. Discussion continued with the amount of the Bond Anticipation Note, \$150,000 for future payments and the 20% increase in Health Insurance costs.

There were concerns over the tax rate increase being the largest since 1980. As well as the increases of other taxes. It was noted that revenues were hard to predict and the budget did call for using \$400,000 from Reserves and \$500,000 in CHIPS money. Discussion continued with the possibility of using more of the Fund Balance and how that could affect the Village.

Discussion continued with upcoming Grant Projects and whether Second and Oak Street should move forward and how to explain to the residents the purpose of the increase. *It was decided to include a cover letter with the budget to inform the residents.*

#### **Mayor Updates:**

Mayor Ivers reminded the Board of the upcoming meetings: Budget Public Hearing 4/15/2026 & Regular Meeting 4/27/2026.

**Court:** Nothing to report.

#### **Board Updates/Information:**

**Fire Department:** Nothing to report.

**Police Department:** Nothing to report.

**Code Office:** Trustee Lee requested a meeting with Mayor Ivers to define role as liaison.

Mrs. Weiner asked why political signs were unenforceable in accordance with the Village Code. The Board agreed that the Village Code needed to be redone.

#### **Department of Public Works:**

Superintendent Quinlan updated the Board that the seasonal help had been brought back.

**Adjourn:** *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to close the meeting at 6:06pm. Trustee Walters seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.*

Respectfully,  
Shawn Forrester  
Clerk Treasurer