

## VILLAGE OF GENESEO BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

June 8<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, and Trustee Eddie Lee

**Excused:** Trustee Alex Livingston

**Other Village Representatives Present:** Chief Eric Osganian, Dan Quinlan DPW Superintendent, Dan Hayes Tree Board Chair, and Clerk Treasurer Shawn Forrester

**Others Present:** Katherine Wiener, Lynn Horn, Steve Miskell, Michael Smith, Kim Smith, Joanna Walters, Mary Margaret Stallone, David Andrew Parish, Kim Lee, Maxi Wachholder, Graham Johnson, Karen Kelley, Larry Kelley, Suzzane Johnsen, and Paul Kreher

### **Meeting Opened:**

Mayor Ivers opened the meeting at 5:02pm and thanked everyone for coming. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Minutes:** The minutes from the May 18, 2026, meeting were presented. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to accept the minutes as presented. Trustee Walters seconded. With no further discussion the minutes were accepted as presented with ayes all.*

**Scarecrow Festival:** Lynn Horn was present to request the closing of Chestnut Street between 5pm and 8pm, Friday, October 2, 2026, for the Annual Scarecrow Festival. She noted the festival would be comparable to past years events with music and food trucks. She also requested permission to have a banner hung for the 2 weeks prior to the festival as well as the bistro lights hung on Main Street. There was discussion regarding the bistro lights, insurance requirements and the difficulties that it presented. It was noted that the bistro lights could not be hung before Veterans Day. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the closing of Chestnut Street and hanging the banner for the Scarecrow Festival. Trustee Walters seconded. With no further discussion the motion carried with ayes all.*

**Tree Board:** Dan Hayes, Tree Board Chair, was present to update the Board on a Tree Grant opportunity. Chairperson Hayes noted the monies available as well as the process to apply. The first step would be a tree inventory he further noted that it was strongly recommended that the inventory move to a more technological, data-driven process as opposed to a manual process. The cost of the equipment (LIDAR) may not make the grant cost effective. There was discussion regarding whether the grant would cover new trees, the need for an arborist, tree maintenance, privately owned trees as well as considering a grant writer. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore to follow up with the Livingston County Grant Writer. The Board thanked the Tree Board for all their hard work.*

**Energy Enterprises:** The notice of the renewal and annual gas bid from Energy Enterprises contract was presented. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve renewing the Village's contract with Energy Enterprises to bid out the Village's natural gas costs. Trustee Walters seconded. With no further discussion the motion carried with ayes all.*

**Chalk Event:** Joanna Walters appeared to request permission to chalk a rainbow ring on the pavement around the fountain in recognition of Pride Month. She explained that it would be installed between midnight and 4am on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> into Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and would wash away with rain. There was discussion on the size of the rings, and safety for the artists. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the Temporary Chalk Mural. Trustee Lee seconded. With no further discussion the motion was accepted by Mayor Ivers, Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore and Trustee Lee. Trustee Walters abstained.*

**Sign Grant:** The Sign Grant Application for The UPS Store, 80 Main Street, was presented. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the Grant Request. Trustee Walter seconded. After a brief discussion regarding the cost of the sign, the motion carried with ayes from all.*

**Traffic Calming:** Mayor Ivers explained that the cost to install traffic cushions on Crossett Road was more than expected, he noted that the cost was over \$10,000 and would be more of an investment than an example. Trustee Lee read the 11/17/2026 minutes stating that the Board agreed on placing the speed cushions as a trial.

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Mayor Ivers suggested other traffic calming options, including painting a mural, noting that murals had worked in Rochester NY.

There was discussion regarding speed bumps vs speed cushions as well as how each would affect emergency vehicles. Marilyn Wachholder noted that there were many more children on Crossett Road and she was worried about their safety.

Katherine Weiner noted that cars speed on other streets as well. It was further noted that many other Village Streets were busier than Crossett.

David A Parish offered to pay for the speed cushions.

Mary Margaret Stallone expressed concern over the speed of the cars cutting through the street to exit the Village.

The Board had discussion about wanting to help, the cost of continuing the sidewalks and curbs.

Kim Smith had concern regarding the students that use the street to run for track practice.

Suzanne Johnson asked about temporary bumps as an alternative.

Mayor Ivers noted that traffic across the entire Village had increased and traffic calming was a Village wide issue.

Trustee Lee believed that the \$10,000 cost was manageable.

Mayor Ivers expressed desire to try the road mural.

Graham Johnson was concerned that this had already been addressed and action should be taken.

There was considerable discussion regarding speeding, the number of cars as well as bumps vs cushions.

*It was decided to table the issue until June 22, 2026.*

**Haudenosaunee Flag:** Paul Kreher presented his request to hang the Haudenosaunee Flag in the Village Park. After much discussion it is noted that Mr. Kreher would like the flag to hang in Gateway Park, it is noted that Gateway Park is in the Town. Discussion continued with alternate sites, as well as whether Mr. Kreher had reached out to the Five Nations and their thoughts/feelings on the flag. It was noted that he had not but would reach out. *No action taken.*

### **Mayor Updates:**

Mayor Ivers informed the Board that the contract with Rochester Earth Inc had been executed, for the Second and Oak Streets project.

Mayor Ivers reminded the Board of the next Meeting 6/22/2026.

**Court:** Nothing to report.

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

**Police Department** Chief Osganian's reported that he and Sargent Lana had traveled to Albany to receive an Accreditation Award. There was discussion regarding the process and steps of a Police Department becoming Accredited.

**Department of Public Works:** Superintendent Quinlan's report was submitted.

**Code Office:** Trustee Lee presented CEO Wadsworth's monthly report. There was discussion regarding the information included in the report.

**Fire Department: Trustee** Walters reported; Summer Ambulance staffing was underway with 4 college students living on campus to help with the day-to-day coverage.

**Adjourn:** *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to close the meeting at 6:17pm. Trustee Walter seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.*

*Respectfully,*

*Shawn Forrester, Clerk Treasurer*