

VILLAGE OF GENESEO BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

September 28th, 2026, at 5pm | Geneseo Village Building | 119 Main Street, Geneseo NY

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

Other Village Representative(s) Present: Police Chief Eric Osganian, Officer Joe Hopper, Fire Chief Andrew Chanler, DPW Superintendent Dan Quinlan, & Clerk Treasurer Shawn Forrester

Others Present: Jessica Haggerty, Nick Pezzino, Katherine Wiener, Dan Hayes, Tom Whitmore, Brendan Fuhr, Samantha Denoci, Mary Schillinger-Cooke, Bill Lofquist, Dylan Walygete, & Mark Peace

Meeting Opened:

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

Action/Discussion Items:

Minutes: The minutes from September 7, 2026, meeting were presented. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to accept the minutes as presented. Trustee Livingston seconded. After discussion the minutes were accepted as amended with ayes all.*

Deer Population/DEC:

Jessica Haggerty of the DEC explained to the board the different options available to reduce the deer population. She explained that archery could be used if permitted under Village Code, either during deer season or after deer season. She continued with the regulations and controls for each of those options. She also discussed birth control was a potential option but noted that it is not considered reliable, may pose risk of injury to the deer and does not remain effective for the life of the deer. Discussion followed regarding assistance available through DEC, the limited time frame for implementing a program this year, and the need for public input. It was noted that the Village of Avon has a successful program. Mayor Ivers thanked Ms. Haggerty for her time and expertise.

Tree Board:

Dan Hayes presented the Board with a summary of the Tree Board activities. He noted that he was applying to be recertified as a Tree City, explaining that recertification would be required annually. There was discussion regarding membership of the Tree Board and its involvement in upcoming Village projects. *It was decided that the membership of the Tree Board would be added to the organizational meeting items, to appoint their membership every year.* Mayor Ivers thanked Mr. Hayes and the other members of the Tree Board for their hard work and thanked him for coming.

E Bikes:

Officer Hopper presented the Board with information he obtained at E Bike Training. He reviewed the various rules and regulations established by New York State. Officer Hopper noted that this information had been distributed to students through Geneseo Central School and he is further working with the school to educate students and parents regarding E Bike safety and regulations. *After considerable discussion, it was decided to add the E Bike information to the Village Website.*

Parking Attendant Appointment:

Chief Osganian presented the board with the application of Douglas Chesnut for the Parking Attendant position being vacated by Larry May. He noted that Mr. May will be retiring in December, Mr. Chesnut would be training until then. *Deputy Mayor Marlene Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Chesnut as the new Parking Attendant. Trustee Livingston seconded. Mr. Chesnut was appointed with ayes from all.*

Barton & Loguidice:

Nick Pezzino updated the Board on the progress being made with the Wastewater Treatment Plant update and the different funding aspects of the project. He noted that the design was largely complete and hoped to have the project out to bid by January 2027. He also noted there was the possibility of another grant. Mayor Ivers thanked Mr. Pezzino for the update.

Fire Truck Surplus:

Chief Chanler requested the Board allow him to surplus the 2004 Pierce Ladder Truck that has been out of service. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the request to surplus the 2004 Pierce Ladder Truck. Trustee Walters seconded. After a brief discussion the motion carried with ayes from all.*

Court Audit:

Mayor Ivers reported to the Board that the Annual Court Audit for the period of June 2025 through May 2026, had been completed. He noted that there were no negative findings and commended the Court staff for their excellent work. Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to accept the Annual Audit of the Village Court for the fiscal year 2025-2026. Trustee Livingston seconded. The annual court audit was accepted with ayes from all.

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Approval of Abstract #4:

Trustee Livingston reviewed and presented the August 2026 Vouchers for approval in the following amounts:

- General Fund: \$216,870.80
- Water Fund: \$ 137,590.00
- Sewer Fund: \$ 24,175.04
- Capital Projects: \$795,352.48
- Grand Total: \$1,173,352.48

Trustee Livingston moved to approve Abstract #4 of 2026-2027, for \$1,173,988.32. Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore seconded. After discussion the abstract was approved with ayes from all.

Mayor Updates:

Fire Fighter Exemption: Mayor Ivers reminded the Board that the Firefighter Exemption Local Law that had been passed previously was incorrect and a new law needed to be passed. Discussion followed regarding the property tax exemption and the income tax exemption allowed for volunteer firefighters and EMS workers. *It was decided that the public hearing would be held on November 2nd.*

Second & Oak Streets: Mayor Ivers informed the Board that the Second and Oak Streets Project was progressing well and would hopefully be greatly completed before Halloween.

RFQ's: Mayor Ivers informed the Board that the RFQ's for the Main Street/Wayfinding Project and the AKZO Water Improvements were both posted.. There was discussion on next steps.

Mayor Ivers reminded the Board of the next Meeting October 5, 2026, noting that the meeting would begin at 5:30pm as a trial, consistent with the Board's previous decision to test the later start time.

Board Updates/Information:

Police Department: Chief Osganian's report was submitted.

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

Code Office: Nothing to report

Fire Department: Chief Chanler informed the Board that the Department had been awarded a grant to purchase a washer/extractor and dryer for protective gear, in the sum of \$19,233.00.

Adjourn: *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to close the meeting at 6:12pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.*

*Respectfully,
Shawn Forrester
Clerk Treasurer*