

VILLAGE OF GENESO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 21, 2023
Regular Meeting

Board Present:

Chris Ivers, Mayor
Keith Walters, Deputy Mayor
Marlene Hamann-Whitmore, Trustee
Eddie Lee, Trustee
Katarina Woods, Trustee

Other Village Representatives Present:

Aprile S. Mack, Clerk/Treasurer

Public Present:

Lynn Horn, Envy Salon/Geneseo Community Main Street
Chuck Salvaggio, Drumroll, 86 Court Street (former Statesmen)
Sarah DeVito, Drumroll, 86 Court Street (former Statesmen)

1. Meeting Opened:

Mayor Ivers opened the meeting at 5pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Drumroll – 86 Court Street – Liquor License:

Chuck Salvaggio and Sarah DeVito appeared before the Board with the plans for the former Statesmen located at 86 Court Street. Mr. Salvaggio explained that he is a founding member of the Geneseo Jam Kitchen which started approximately two years ago. The Geneseo Jam Kitchen has been working out of the Riviera Theater and Homestead, but what they have found is that there is a hard cut-off of 10:30pm at the theater. They believe that the Statesmen is a good use of space to bring artists (musical and other). At this time, they do not know what their event schedule would look like but believe that they would try to bring artists in to perform on Friday and Saturday evenings with an occasional Thursday evening show.

Regarding the liquor license waiver request of thirty-days to the Village, Mr. Salvaggio stated that he had no idea that the company he had hired had requested that waiver, but then learned that it was a normal course of business for them. Mr. Salvaggio continued by stating that he respects the Village and truly understands the area and the alcohol piece. Mr. Salvaggio stated that it took him one full week to pick up all the glass that was left behind on the property from years past. Mr. Salvaggio is hoping to change that by supplying refuse containers all along Orchard Street. It may not happen right away, but he believes that over time, “red solo cups” will be tossed in the refuse containers instead of being discarded wherever.

The reason for the liquor license is that he has learned through operating the Geneseo Jam Kitchen that people like to enjoy a beverage when out listening to music. The selling of alcohol also helps pay for entertainment at the venue. He hopes that the Geneseo community, along with students will enjoy the venue. They will also be offering food. He will be hiring retired police officers to do security at the venue. He believes it is crazy to say that there will not be any underage drinking taking place, but that is not their goal and will do what they can to prevent that from happening.

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore entered the meeting at 5:09pm.

Mr. Salvaggio introduced Sarah DeVito as his project manager. Sarah graduated from SUNY Geneseo this past spring and was very involved in the college radio station and continues as their Operations Manager. The SUNY Geneseo radio station and Geneseo Jam Kitchen began working together and were able to invest in some equipment that both entities are benefiting from.

Mayor Ivers asked if there were any questions. The Board thanked Mr. Salvaggio and Ms. DeVito for coming in and explaining what their plans are for 86 Court Street.

Mr. Salvaggio continued by stating that he has been a contractor for many years and is spending a lot of money to improve the building and property. He stated that all driveways and parking areas have been blacktopped. He also stated that their plan is to serve only beer and wine from the Finger Lakes Region and is also hoping to partner with the Iron Smoke Distillery for their wares.

Trustee Lee stated that proposals like this that will improve the community are nice and he believes that Mr. Salvaggio has a great vision. It was noted that there is not much the Village Board can do regarding this project. Most everything that is required is through the Planning Board process. Mayor Ivers stated that the Village Board has no influence and no direct relationship with the Planning Board, they act on their own. Trustee Lee, however, did note that he personally believes that it is important that the Planning Board be aware of the vision Mr. Salvaggio has for the property.

The Board briefly discussed whether they would move forward with approving the Liquor License 30-day waiver request noting that the 30-days has almost passed, therefore it may not be of value, but it may be a symbolic way for the Board to show their support.

3. Geneseo Community Main Street – Fall Festival:

Lynn Horn, Envy Salon appeared before the Board on behalf of the Geneseo Community Main Street merchants' group for a Fall Festival they would like to plan for Friday, October 13th. They had originally requested closure of Center Street but are now instead requesting the closure of Chestnut Street for that evening from 5pm-9pm. Lynn explained that last year they thought that the scarecrow contest was a success and would like to do that again with voting to commence on Friday the 13th. With it being Friday the 13th, they feel as though other events could be planned such as Tarot Card readers, sidewalk chalk artists, pumpkin decorating, and many other family friendly activities. They would like to plan for a band for the evening on Chestnut Street. They would also ask that the open container law be waived for that evening. Marcia Podhorecki, owner of 127 Main Street has offered use of her rear parking lot and the Lehmann's that own 5 Chestnut Street have offered use of the concrete apron along the front of their property for use during the Fall Festival. Lynn hopes that local restaurants would put small amounts of food out for those attending to get a taste of Geneseo. They would like to invite a photographer and place hay bales and mums around the festival area.

The Board agreed that they are in support of the festival but believed that they did not have enough information to move forward with an approval but noting that they had scheduled only one meeting in September for September 18th, decided to move forward with approvals.

Concerns were voiced regarding lighting and if there would be enough light on Chestnut Street during the festival as the sunsets early in October. Therefore, the Board asked that consideration for additional lighting be looked into. It was suggested that bistro lighting like what was used on Main Street and during the Mural Festival could be used to assist with lighting. Lynn hoped that the Main Street Bistro Lighting as used last year would be installed on Main Street prior to this event or the Hoochenanny Event (scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 20th and 21st.)

Discussion took place on the request for waiving the open container law and it was agreed that the open container law could be waived for a designated area within where the road was closed. However, festival goers would not be allowed to bring a beverage out of that area and much like the mural festival, it was suggested there be people policing the area to make sure beverages were not taken out of the designated area. Lynn wondered how other communities allowed for this. It was noted that the Village is exploring this and will remain progressive, but currently it is not something that the Board can waive.

Hearing no further discussion, Trustee Woods moved to tentatively approve the closure of Chestnut Street on Friday, October 13, 2023, from 4:30pm-9:00pm from Main Street to the municipal lot entrance/exit for the Geneseo Community Main Street's Fall Festival. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from all.

Trustee Woods moved to waive the open container law for a defined space within the closed part of Chestnut Street during the Fall Festival to be held on Friday, October 13, 2023. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from all.

4. Action Items:

Gauvin Salvaggio Enterprises, LLC dba Drum Roll, 86 Court Street, Liquor License Request for Waiver of 30-Day Notice: Trustee Woods moved that the Village of Geneseo has no objections to the Municipal Notice received by the Village Clerk's Office on August 3, 2023, filed on behalf of Gauvin Salvaggio Enterprises, LLC dba Drum Roll, for an on-premises liquor license, serving Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider, in a bar/tavern establishment located at 86 Court Street, Village of Geneseo, NY 14454. The Village Board therefore hereby waives the 30-day notice requirement for this applicant. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded the motion. The motion passed with ayes from Mayor Ivers, Trustee Woods, Trustee Lee, and Deputy Mayor Walters. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore abstained as she was not present for the beginning of the conversation. The motion passed.

Meeting Minutes: Trustee Woods moved to approve the **July 31, 2023 public hearing** minutes as presented. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed with ayes from Mayor Ivers, Trustee Woods, Trustee Hamann-Whitmore, and Trustee Lee. Deputy Mayor Walters abstained as he was not present at the July 31, 2023 public hearing.

Trustee Woods moved to approve the **August 7, 2023 regular meeting** minutes as amended. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from Mayor Ivers, Trustee Woods, Trustee Lee, and Deputy Mayor Walters. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore abstained as she was not present at the August 7, 2023 meeting.

Franklin Street Road Closure: Trustee Woods moved to approve the request from the InterFaith Center on Franklin Street to close Franklin Street on Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 11am-4pm. The InterFaith Center is hosting a Corn Hole Tournament on this day and would like to set up the games in the street. They are proposing to close Franklin Street from just after the entrance/exit of the SUNY Geneseo F-Parking Lot (across from the InterFaith Center) and continue down the street to the second entrance/exit of that same parking lot. The SUNY Geneseo Lauderdale Hall facility is not open on Sundays, therefore causing no disruption to that facility. The request states that if approval is given, conversations with the students residing at 15, 17 & 19 Franklin Street will take place. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from all.

Annual Financial Report Update Document (AUD) Fiscal Year End 2021-2022: Trustee Woods moved to accept the filing of the Annual Financial Report Update Document (AUD) for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. The report was originally filed with the Office of the State Comptroller on March 6, 2023, late (due August 31, 2022 but was given an extension) and finalized with the Office of the State Comptroller on August 8, 2023. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded the motion. Mayor Ivers asked Clerk/Treasurer to comment. Clerk/Treasurer Mack stated that due to some unforeseen circumstances with the software, the annual report was not able to be filed in a timely manner. She did request an extension, which she was given, and the report was filed with the State in March. After the filing, the State took a little bit to get back to her, then when they did, she worked with them, the software company, and representatives from Donegan's Office to get the document officially filed.

Most of the items that needed to be fixed were items that did not line up with the State's software compared to the items that came from the Williamson Law Book software program.

Clerk/Treasurer Mack stated that she would be asking for an extension this year also. Trustee Lee recommended that if not done so already the Board may be interested in reading the last ten pages or notes section of what was provided in the first attachment.

With no further discussion, the motion passed with ayes from all.

Resignation of Village Attorney Mary Kay Yanik: Trustee Woods moved to accept the resignation of Village Attorney Mary Kay Yanik effective today, August 21, 2023. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded the motion. All thanked Mary Kay for her years of service to the Village. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with ayes from all.

Underberg & Kessler Attorney at Law Letter of Engagement: Trustee Woods moved to approve the Letter of Engagement with Underberg & Kessler for Attorney Services. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded the motion. Trustee Lee asked for clarification regarding the engagement letter and whether Ericka Elliott, as Associate would be the Village's Attorney. Mayor Ivers explained that Ericka Elliott would be our main contact at Underberg & Kessler but that they are a large firm with lots of staff that we may work with. It was noted that the Town of Geneseo also utilizes Underberg & Kessler as their Attorney and that it appears that someone from their office attends the Town Board meetings on a regular basis. Trustee Lee wondered if that would be the case for the Village. Mayor Ivers explained that specific details such as that need to be worked out, but that the Town may have a retainer with them, while we will be charged an hourly rate. Mayor Ivers explained that the Village will now have access to a Labor Attorney, Human Resource Attorney, and other specialized Attorney's the Village may need that they did not have access to previously without sourcing it out.

Discussion then took place regarding the use of Underberg & Kessler, specifically Ms. Elliott, for the 16 Main Street proceedings at the County Court level. Specifically in relation to Attorney Yanik attending Planning Board meetings on a regular basis and whether Ericka or someone from Underberg & Kessler would be attending Planning Board meetings on a regular basis. Again, Mayor Ivers explained that this still needs to be worked out.

As Trustee Lee had done some research, it appears that Ericka is an Associate Attorney with Underberg & Kessler but the person who attends the Town Board meetings on a regular basis is a Partner in the firm. Mayor Ivers explained that the Village is entering into a contract with the firm, with Ericka being our main contact, therefore moving away from one person to a firm that can handle all the Village's needs.

Trustee Lee was concerned that the Board has not had a chance to discuss this subject and believes that now is the time to get a better understanding of what we are getting and what the Village wants to move forward. Mayor Ivers again explained that all of this will be worked out with Underberg & Kessler and Mayor Ivers stated that he is in the process of setting up an exit interview with Attorney Yanik.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with ayes with all.

2022-2023 End of Fiscal Year Water Fund Budget Line Transfers: Trustee Woods moved to approve the following 2022-2023 end of fiscal year water fund budget line transfers. Deputy Mayor Walters seconded the motion. It was noted that Superintendent of Public Works Dan Quinlan had reviewed the transfers and had no problem with the Board moving forward with them as presented.

2022-2023 Water Fund Budget Line Transfers

Transfer From: (Debit)		Transfer To: (Credit)			
F8320.220	Source of Supply Projects	F231P	Savings - Special Reserves - Projects	\$	15,000.00
F8330.220	Purification Projects	F231P	Savings - Special Reserves - Projects	\$	6,000.00
F1620.220	Buildings Projects	F231P	Savings - Special Reserves - Projects	\$	5,000.00
F1440.400	Engineering Miscellaneous & Contractual	F231L	Savings - Special Reserves - Lines	\$	10,000.00
F8340.220	Transmission/Distribution Projects	F231L	Savings - Special Reserves - Lines	\$	55,000.00
F8320.400	Source of Supply Miscellaneous & Contractual	F8320.210	Source of Supply Equipment	\$	17,025.22
F8330.210	Purification Equipment	F8330.100	Purification Salary & Wages	\$	3,225.34
F8330.400	Purification Miscellaneous & Contractual	F8330.100	Purification Salary & Wages	\$	9,897.83
F8320.100	Source of Supply Salary & Wages	F8330.100	Purification Salary & Wages	\$	14,117.47
F1210.200	Mayor Equipment	F1210.400	Mayor Miscellaneous & Contractual	\$	108.06
F1325.200	Clerk/Treasurer Equipment	F1325.100	Clerk/Treasurer Salary & Wages	\$	289.08
F1010.100	Board of Trustees Salary & Wages	F1325.100	Clerk/Treasurer Salary & Wages	\$	15.14
F1210.100	Mayor Salary & Wages	F1325.100	Clerk/Treasurer Salary & Wages	\$	0.43
F1210.200	Mayor Equipment	F1325.100	Clerk/Treasurer Salary & Wages	\$	558.94
F1010.400	Board of Trustees Miscellaneous & Contractual	F1325.100	Clerk/Treasurer Salary & Wages	\$	110.33
F1010.400	Board of Trustees Miscellaneous & Contractual	F1325.400	Clerk/Treasurer Miscellaneous & Contractual	\$	36.39
F1010.400	Board of Trustees Miscellaneous & Contractual	F1380.400	Fiscal Agent Fees (EFC) Contractual	\$	176.62
F1950.400	Taxes & Assessments	F1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	\$	2,148.94
F1950.400	Taxes & Assessments	F1989.400	Financial Management Services	\$	2,472.43
F1950.400	Taxes & Assessments	F8740.400	Natural Resources Watershed Protection	\$	404.75
F9030.800	Social Security	F9060.800	Medical & Dental Insurance	\$	6,387.71
F9035.800	Medicare	F9060.800	Medical & Dental Insurance	\$	1,494.52
F1640.400	Central Garage Contractual	F9060.800	Medical & Dental Insurance	\$	806.49
F1920.400	Municipal Association Dues	F9060.800	Medical & Dental Insurance	\$	334.00
F1950.400	Taxes & Assessments	F9060.800	Medical & Dental Insurance	\$	195.14
F1460.400	Records Management Miscellaneous & Contractual	F9060.800	Medical & Dental Insurance	\$	524.67
F1420.400	Law Miscellaneous & Contractual	F9060.800	Medical & Dental Insurance	\$	1,850.00
F1010.200	Board of Trustees Equipment	F9060.800	Medical & Dental Insurance	\$	667.00
F1010.400	Board of Trustees Miscellaneous & Contractual	F9060.800	Medical & Dental Insurance	\$	147.67
F8310.400	Water Administration Contractual	F9060.800	Medical & Dental Insurance	\$	2,080.27
F8320.100	Source of Supply Salary & Wages	F9060.800	Medical & Dental Insurance	\$	7,215.63
F8340.100	Transmission/Distribution Salary & Wages	F9055.800	Disability Insurance	\$	14.00

Water Fund Budget Line Total Transfers \$ 163,304.07

General Fund and Sewer Fund 2022-2023 end of fiscal year budget line transfers will be forthcoming.

August 2023-2024 Vouchers – Abstract #3: Following review by Deputy Mayor Walters, the Board reviewed Abstract #003 of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve payment for these vouchers with second from Trustee Woods in the following amounts:

	Beginning Voucher #	Ending Voucher #	Total Claims
General Fund	137	225	\$204,793.16
Water Fund	137	225	\$100,252.71
Sewer Fund	137	225	\$22,173.86
		Grand Total	\$327,219.73

Vouchers that stood out:

General Fund Vouchers:

Voucher #219 Underberg & Kessler \$13,221.18

Attorney services in relationship to ongoing litigation with 16 Main Street

Voucher #'s 140 & 176 GLOW YMCA \$52,712.00

Summer Recreation costs for the last 4 weeks of the program.

Deputy Mayor Walters hopes that the Board can revisit the costs of Summer Recreation prior to going into the 2024-2025 budget process. Trustee Lee stated that he has done some research on this subject in relation to this year's budget figures.

Based upon the draft numbers provided, the Town of Geneseo budgeted \$20,000 for summer recreation, but the cost to them is approximately \$25,000. The Town of Groveland budgeted \$15,000 for summer recreation but the cost to them is approximately \$14,000. The Village had budgeted \$85,000 for the total cost of the program and the total cost came in at approximately \$79,000.

The Board believes the 100% increase in the cost of the program to the participant at \$10.00 per week from \$5.00 per week, did save some money.

Voucher #187 LaBella \$27,399.65

Engineering services in relationship to the Second Street/Oak Street project

It was noted that a Progress Report had been included with this invoice.

Voucher #147 Dominic Friscia \$2,950.00

Settlement & Release Agreement

Mayor Ivers briefly explained that rather than continue with litigation a settlement was agreed upon. This had to deal with a drainage issue at 8 Main Street that damaged the foundation that had resulted from the Village redoing Main Street a few years ago.

Water Fund Vouchers:

Voucher #204 Ross Valve \$3,181.07

Concerns were voiced about the mileage charges.

Trustee Lee believes that he asked this same question a few years ago and was told that Ross Valve is a unique provider, therefore the only provider that can provide the service.

Discussion continued about what the mileage rate is and that the mileage rate Ross Valve charges seems a bit absurd.

Deputy Mayor Walters will speak with Dan about this.

Sewer Fund Vouchers:

No questions or concerns.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with ayes from all.

5. Mayor Updates:

Police Union Negotiations: Ongoing with Police Union representatives.

Hoochenanny Festival: Ongoing discussions with the planners.

Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority: Discussion is ongoing, currently working on narrowing down a specific water rate taking all things into consideration.

Geneseo Trail Towns: Meg Reitz, Committee Chair has some additional grant opportunities she would like to move forward with. She and the Mayor are hoping that SUNY Geneseo will move forward with the plans for the trail on campus.

NY Forward Grant: Mayor Ivers attends weekly check-ins with the consultants.

ProNexus - Finance & Accounting Assessment Firm: Mayor Ivers will be attending a kick-off meeting tomorrow with ProNexus.

NYS DOT – New York State Department of Transportation Shared Services

Agreement: Mayor Ivers stated that he is in receipt of a Shared Services Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation. If there are no objections from the Board, he will sign it and return to NYS DOT. No objections were heard.

Mayor's Forum and Proclamation of Cooperation: As previously approved by this Board on July 24th, Livingston County Village Mayors and Deputy Mayors have been invited to a ceremonial signing of the proclamation of cooperation on Tuesday, August 29th in Avon.

6. NY Forward continued discussion:

A public Local Planning Committee (LPC) meeting was held last Wednesday, August 16th. Mayor Ivers was unable to attend as he was out of Town, but Deputy Mayor Walters and Trustee Hamann-Whitmore as Local Planning Committee Members attended along with Trustee Lee as a member of the public.

The LPC reviewed all projects that had been applied for and then decided what bucket they should be placed into: "Yes", "Maybe" or "No". All Village projects were put into the "Yes" or "Maybe" piles. The "Maybe" pile was the largest.

The **Geneseo Building** was put into the "Maybe" pile as there was not enough information included in the application, the Geneseo Building does not serve as a destination and the changes proposed in the application were not transformational enough. Deputy Mayor Walters felt as though it could possibly end up in the "No" pile. There was also some discussion about the application including the Town as when Town Council Person Rob Deming who sits on the LPC was asked a definite answer could not be given, other than he did not think that the Town would be opposed to returning to the Geneseo Building. Mayor Ivers hoped that the committee would find the proposed changes to the 3rd floor of the Geneseo Building as a big enough transformation.

Regarding the Village's application for **Highland Park improvements**, there was some discussion about whether the Village was proposing relocating the Dog Park at Highland Park and/or adding a Dog Park at Kelsey Field. It was noted that it should have been clear to the LPC that if the Dog Park at Highland Park ceased to exist, a dog park would be proposed for Kelsey Field.

Trustee Lee stated that from attending the LPC meeting, it appears that the Village applied for nine projects. He is wondering if the Village Board, as applicant of those projects could be given a copy of those nine applications. Mayor Ivers will need to ask the consultants if this is possible.

Trustee Lee also asked about the NY Forward Grant ideas he brought to the Board's attention at the July 10th meeting which were made apart of the minutes from that meeting. He had remembered that the Board reached a consensus that evening that all of those ideas were good ideas and thought that maybe some of them would be included in the NY Forward Grant application. He asked if these ideas could be talked about further and whether they could be included in the NY Forward Grant applications or if they could be included in the Small Project Grant Fund as provided for within the NY Forward Grant award. It was explained that the Small Project Grant Fund would be its own separate application process. Trustee Lee commented that he hopes that his ideas do not get lost in the shuffle.

Non-Village NY Forward Grant applications were briefly discussed and although the LPC has some say in what moves forward to the State, the State has the final say on the projects that move forward.

As **Highland Park improvements** are one application the Village is applying for under the NY Forward Grant and the Village is looking at other grant opportunities for the Park, Trustee Lee asked if other than the master plan map that has been provided along with a cost estimate if there was an actual narrative plan that was developed by the consultants that could be shared with this Board. Trustee Lee is hoping that there is and that it could be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting.

Deputy Mayor Walters as part of the committee for the Park continued by explaining that master plan map as prepared includes the following (in no order of preference):

1. Relocation of the playground to include new playground equipment.
2. Addition of a natural play area.
3. Addition of two new pavilions.
4. Addition of a Nature Path on the northwest side of the park from Highland Road.
5. Sunken splashpad/ice rink (in the winter) where the current ice rink is.
6. Dog Park to be moved to an area where there is current overflow parking.
7. Baseball Fields to remain the same but make one into an actual softball field.
8. Soccer Field or green space to remain as is.
9. In the area where the current toddler playground is, add a wooden platform for yoga.

What is being asked for in Phase 1 through the NY Forward Grant is the new playground equipment, new pavilions and splashpad.

Trustee Lee believes that it should be taken into consideration that the consultants have estimated all of the changes to be approximately \$9 Million. Mayor Ivers explained that this number is correct, but that there are contingencies and overage costs included in that figure but believes that if the Village can get Phase 1 done, an interest would build up for the park and community fund drives and other funds could be gathered for the remaining phases. Mayor Ivers also noted that future phases may change based upon funding availability. Mayor Ivers also stated that once the reserve funds are reestablished, there will be a Park Reserve set up.

The **proposed walkway on the west side of Avon Road from Westview Crescent to the school** is also a project proposed under the NY Forward Grant. This pathway needs to accommodate walkers, bike riders, horses and be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible, but the cost for this project seems astronomical.

Trustee Lee thanked the Board for the discussion.

7. Discussion Items:

Parking Minimums: Deputy Mayor Walters had nothing new to report but asked if he should contact Underberg & Kessler to move forward with changing parking requirements. Mayor Ivers asked that this put-on pause until we can get Underberg & Kessler up to speed. Deputy Mayor Walters and the Board did not have a problem with this.

Traffic & Safety Committee Update: Deputy Mayor Walters had nothing new to report and stated that the committee should be meeting by the end of the month. Trustee Lee stated that he and Gary Mix, Town Council Person met with SUNY Geneseo representatives regarding the flashing beacons on the crosswalk signs on Mary Jemison Drive. It was noted that the beacons are controlled by those trying to cross the road and are not utilized much. However, new technology is in place that the college plans to use on Park Street once the construction is complete that will be solar powered, and motion activated.

Website Update: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore stated that littleHive has some design elements to share. She and Rob Deming, Town Council Person will set up a time to meet with littleHive in the near future to look at these design elements.

Letchworth Gateway Villages/Parks and Trails New York: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore had no updates.

2024 Total Solar Eclipse Planning Update: Trustee Woods has been working on contacting several organizations to see if a meeting can be planned to get all interested parties in the same room to apply collectively for a grant that is available through Livingston County Economic Development "Visit LIVCO". The grant deadline is September 1st. "Visit LIVCO" is expecting the solar eclipse to be a well-attended event and has three different support tiers available. However, all three

support tiers require the applicant to contribute as well. For example, Level 1 is a buy in of \$250 with grants available up to \$750, Level 2 is a \$500 buy in with grants available to \$2,000, and Level 3 is a buy in of \$1,000 with grants available up to \$5,000. Mayor Ivers is hoping to apply for a Level 3 grant.

Correspondences:

Association of Village Board's Dinner Meeting: All are invited to the Association of Village Board's dinner scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th at the National Hotel in Cuylerville. Dinner will be served at 7pm. Mayor Ivers explained that Livingston County Village's prior to COVID met for a dinner meeting approximately every other month from September through May. Village Mayor's are interested in starting to meet like this again, therefore Leicester has agreed to host in September.

Livingston County Real Property Tax Services – 2023 Provision for a partial exemption from Real Property Taxes to certain qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers: Trustee Lee explained that he was present at a recent Town of Geneseo Board Meeting where this subject was discussed. Currently, Livingston County is asking whether Towns, Villages and Schools plan to opt into the partial exemption or plan to opt out. If Towns and Villages decide to opt in, a Local Law will need to be proposed for such. Trustee Lee stated that the Town of Geneseo plans to opt in. Discussion continued regarding what the exemption would be, how many parcels would be affected and if Fire Chief Chanler has made any comment on the subject. The exemption was first passed by the State, and Livingston County has already adopted the exemption which will not take effect until the 2024-2025 school tax bill if passed. To be eligible, there are certain requirements that have to be met. Trustee Woods will speak to Chief Chanler about the exemption prior to the September meeting where this subject can be discussed again.

Livingston County Planning Department Solar Array Tour: The Livingston County Planning Department with funding from NYSERDA is planning their second annual solar array tour with lunch included. The tour is targeted to land use board members (Planning and Zoning Board Members), Town/Village Board Members and Code Enforcement Officers that did not attend last year. As they would like all Towns/Villages to participate and seats are limited, until September 8th, two seats per municipality are available. After the 8th, registration will open without a limit. Trustee Lee stated that he attended last year's tour and although solar arrays may not affect the Village directly, they may on the peripheral and networking with other Towns and Villages is always worth it.

8. Board Updates/Information:

Fire Department: Trustee Woods on behalf of Fire Chief Chanler stated that all should be in receipt of Chief Chanler's email regarding the kitchen fire at The Bronze on Friday evening August 18th.

Police Department: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore stated that Police Chief Osganian has some thoughts and questions about reserve lines. He is aware that he did not spend approximately 10.4% of his 2022-2023 budget. He is hoping that what was left can be put into the police equipment reserve account and the employee benefit reserve account. She noted that with the purchasing of two police vehicles in this year's budget, the police equipment reserve account will be depleted and with an upcoming retirement slated for June of 2024 he would like to see the employee benefit reserve account increased.

Mayor Ivers commented that he fundamentally agrees, but that there is no policy in place to do that and is hoping that the financial consultants can assist the Village in redefining the reserve lines and telling us what our options are. However, he also stated that if another department has had an unexpected expense, what is leftover in one line may need to be used in a different line. All items to be discussed with the financial consultants.

Department of Public Works: Deputy Mayor Walters reported the following on behalf of Superintendent of Public Works Dan Quinlan:

1. Sidewalk repairs on Court Street and Center Street.
2. Milling and blacktopping the top of Court Street and the intersection of Riverside Drive and Lower Court Street.
3. Televising storm and sanitary sewers.
4. System wide hydrant flushing has been completed with minimal repairs needed.
5. Plumbing repairs have been made at Highland Park.
6. Drainage work completed at 11 and 13 Seneca Avenue

Village Court: Trustee Lee reported that Village Court Clerk Molisani has been meeting with contractors to receive quotes for key fobs and cameras through the Justice Court Administration Program (JCAP) Grant. Ms. Molisani will be attending the Village Board meeting in September to present the grant application. Trustee Lee will also have the 2022-2023 Court Audit finalized for the Board to act on that evening.

Geneseo Community Main Street: Trustee Lee reported that Main Street businesses feel as though they are detached from the Hoochenanny event. Many of them are willing to be a participant in the event but have heard that outside entities are being brought in instead. Trustee Lee stated that this may not be the case, but that is how they are feeling.

9. Adjourn:

Hearing no further discussion, Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 6:58pm. Trustee Woods seconded the motion and the meeting closed with ayes from all.

Aprile S. Mack Clerk/Treasurer