

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 20, 2023
Regular Meeting

Board Present:

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

Other Village Representatives Present:

Aprile S. Mack, Clerk/Treasurer
Eric Osganian, Police Chief
Dan Quinlan, Superintendent of Public Works
Andrew Chanler, Fire Chief
Julie Molisani, Town/Village Court Clerk

Public Present:

Brendan Fuhr – SUNY Geneseo Student
Ashley Ames – SUNY Geneseo Student
Charlotte Sutphin – SUNY Geneseo Student
Louise Wadsworth – Promote Geneseo!
Meg Reitz – Geneseo Trail Town Committee
Paul Kreher – Land Rights Acknowledgement for Village Log Cabin Park
Gary Mix – Town of Geneseo Council Person
Kim Binaghi-Lee – Geneseo Resident

1. Meeting Opened:

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

2. Promote Geneseo!:

Louise Wadsworth, Acting Chair for Promote Geneseo! appeared before the Board with the committee's scope of work for this year, she also distributed the budget. The budget includes: rebranding, website re-build (including updated/new photos), rack card updates, video promotions for the summer and Christmas Holiday season, an intern or interns to assist with social media presence and funds for a Farmers Market Manager. They are carrying over \$7,000 from previous years not used due to COVID.

The Promote Geneseo! committee decided that the Farmers Market is important for downtown, therefore has included funds for a Market Manager and are requesting an additional \$1,000 from the Village on top of the \$5,500 they are requesting. Ms. Wadsworth explained that although the market is open from 3pm-6pm, set up begins at approximately 2pm and tear-down takes about an hour. She also explained that the Market would be accepting EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) payments this year that will require someone to man a table the entire time the market is open. The total request to the Village is \$6,500.

The Board was supportive of the request and agreed that a paid Market Manager would be beneficial. Ms. Wadsworth explained that last year, the Market Manager had been paid out of the funds collected by the vendors and this year, because of existing funds they are only requesting \$1,000 for this from the Village, with \$500 of Promote Geneseo! funds going towards that position.

It was noted that in the current tentative budget, \$5,500 is proposed for Promote Geneseo! and the Board can discuss adding the additional \$1,000.

3. Land Rights Acknowledgement for Log Cabin Park:

Paul Kreher, a Village resident appeared before the Board regarding the possibility of the Village somehow acknowledging the history of specific Indigenous peoples that settled the land hundreds of years prior to colonization. He is proposing that this acknowledgement be placed in the Village Log Cabin Park.

The Village Log Cabin Park is important as it was where the Treaty of the Big Tree was signed in 1797, where the Seneca relinquished their ancestral homeland of nearly 3.5 million acres to the US Government, allowing for the establishment of New York State. The exact wording as proposed (but

not included in these minutes due to proper verbiage not being used), can be flexible but should include input from local Indigenous Members and use traditional language. Mr. Kreher explained that the traditional names of the Seneca Nation (Onodowaga) and the Iroquois Confederacy (Haudenosaunee) should be included.

He is also suggesting that a QR Code be included which can be scanned for further historical and contemporary information. It was suggested that this link be owned/maintained by the Livingston County Historical Society or the Wadsworth Library. He believes that much of the information in the link will come from work done by SUNY Geneseo Professor of History Michael Oberg.

The Board asked where the funding would come from for an acknowledgement like this. Mr. Kreher stated that the Association for the Preservation of Geneseo (APOG) has been approached for possible funding and it will be discussed at their upcoming meeting. The Board was in support of an Acknowledgement like this but would need more information. Trustee Lee noted that even the name "Geneseo" comes from the Indigenous People that originally settled here. The Board appreciated that local SUNY Geneseo Professor Oberg was involved. SUNY Geneseo student Brendan Fuhr stated that when College Circle is reconstructed, a Haudenosaunee Flag will be flown. He also suggested that any language used in the Acknowledgement should be the same language as used by SUNY Geneseo.

Trustee Lee asked if Mr. Kreher was requesting funds from the Village for this Acknowledgement and when Mr. Kreher would like to see the Acknowledgement in place. Mr. Kreher stated that he has not thought that much ahead, but he was hoping that the Acknowledgement could be placed by September before the anniversary of the signing of the Big Tree Treaty. The Board asked that Mr. Kreher keep them in the loop.

4. Geneseo Trail Town Committee:

Meg Reitz appeared before the Board as she did last year around this same time asking for support from the Board in applying for a Parks & Trails New York Grant. The Committee would apply for the grant under the Village's name and any funds awarded through the grant would be funneled through the Village. The grant that is being applied for is up to \$15,000 and the Village would need to partner with the Committee and commit up to 15% or \$2,250 towards the project in matching funds, materials and/or labor. Trustee Walters moved to support the Geneseo Trail Town's project through 15% matching operating funds up to \$2,250. Deputy Mayor Woods seconded the motion. Trustee Lee wanted to clarify that this could be in the form of in-kind services. Ms. Reitz stated that that was correct. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with ayes from all.

5. 2023 Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival:

Following the Board's last meeting, Trustee Lee met Rotary Representative Patti LaVigne regarding the summer festival. The following summarizes that conversation:

1. Park Street – Rotary is not requesting any closure of Park Street. They are however requesting parking on the south side of Park Street from Thursday (July 6th) through Saturday (July 8th) for Festival preparation and vendor unload/load. Two lanes of traffic will remain open. The Board agreed that during Festival weekend it has been common practice for vehicles to be parked on the south side of Park Street, therefore the Board decided not to take action on this request. Police Chief Osganian did not have any concerns with this.

2. Main Street – Rotary is requesting assistance from the Geneseo Police Department and asking for approval for Main Street to be closed for the Teddy Bear Parade on Saturday, July 8th from approximately 10:30am-12noon from St. Michael's Church (23 Main Street) to Park Street. Deputy Mayor Woods moved to approve the request with second from Trustee Walters. The motion passed with ayes from all.

3. Center Street – Rotary is requesting daytime street closure of Center Street from the Municipal Lot entrance to Main Street on Friday, July 7th and Saturday, July 8th from 8am-7pm for basketball tournaments and outdoor music. The street would be open to traffic in the evening and overnight. Deputy Mayor Woods moved to approve the request with second from Trustee Walters. The motion passed with ayes from all.

4. Open Container Law relaxation on Center Street – As currently planned, no alcohol will be sold in the Village Park this year, therefore Rotary is requesting that the open container restrictions on Center Street be lifted on Friday, July 7th and Saturday, July 8th from 4pm – 7pm during live music events. Trustee Lee stated that they do plan to install barricades and no alcohol will be allowed to leave Center Street. Also, alcohol will not be sold on the Street but will be sold in Crickets and the Idle Hour.

The Board was concerned about alcohol leaving Center Street if there were only barricades instead of people manning the barricades. Mr. Kreher suggested using signage and Ms. Wadsworth stated that Geneseo Community Main Street Members have been in conversation with Rotary to possibly man the barricades.

Deputy Mayor Woods moved to approve the relaxation of the Open Container Law on Center Street in the barricaded area on Center Street on Friday, July 7th and Saturday, July 8th between 4pm and 7pm with the understanding that no alcohol will be sold on the street, there will be signage posted stating that alcohol is to not leave the barricaded area and that there will be people manning the barricades. Trustee Walters seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from all.

5. Village Sponsorship of the Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival – Trustee Walters moved to approve the Village's sponsorship of the 2023 Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival in the amount of \$500 (Gold Level Sponsor) to assist with the costs associated with vendor insurance. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded the motion. Mayor Ivers asked if there was any discussion. Trustee Lee noted that some residents would say that the Village already sponsors the festival by allowing it to take place on Village property (Log Cabin Park and Center Street). Also included would be the assistance of the Police Department and Department of Public Works without any costs to Rotary. However, he does understand that these in-kind services do not bring the vendors that Rotary is trying to attract. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore agreed that the in-kind services as provided is good, but the festival does bring a lot of people to Geneseo and especially the Main Street merchants.

It was noted that \$1,000 had been put into the tentative 2023-2024 budget as Clerk/Treasurer Mack thought that is what was being requested based on Rotary spending \$750 last year for insurance for the vendors. Deputy Mayor Woods asked if the number should be changed in the budget or left as is. It was agreed that it should be left as is, but that the request was for \$500.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion to sponsor the Rotary Summer Festival in the amount of \$500 was approved with ayes from all.

6. Geneseo Community Main Street – Sip and Stroll:

Geneseo Community Main Street is planning a Main Street Sip N Stroll for Friday, May 5th. This event is one of numerous regular "First Friday" events planned to boost downtown businesses. Event hours are scheduled for 5pm-8pm. Geneseo Community Main Street plans to sell 400 tickets for the event. Geneseo Community Main Street is requesting limited closure of Center Street from 5pm-8pm for pedestrian safety and they are also requesting that the restrooms in the Log Cabin Park be open for the event. Trustee Lee stated that they are not planning any events on Center Street but feel as though closing the street for a minimum of three hours from Main Street to the Municipal Lot

entrance/exit will aid in keeping people safe. There will be places on Center Street that will be participating in the Sip N Stroll. This will also allow people to somewhat congregate if they so desire. Hearing no further discussion, Deputy Mayor Woods moved to approve the closure of Center Street from the municipal lot to Main Street from 5pm-8pm on Friday, May 5th for the Geneseo Community Main Street's Sip N Stroll. The restrooms in the Village Log Cabin Park will also be left open during this time. Trustee Walters seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from all.

7. Action Items:

Minutes: Trustee Walters moved to approve the minutes from February 6, 2023 as presented. Trustee Lee seconded the motion. Mayor Ivers asked if there was any discussion, hearing none, the motion passed with ayes from Trustee Hamann-Whitmore, Trustee Lee, Trustee Walters and Mayor Ivers. Deputy Mayor Woods abstained as she was not present at the February 6th meeting.

Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt: The Kiwanis Club of Geneseo would like to request use of Highland Park for their annual Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st at 10am with a rain/snow date of April 8th. Kiwanis has submitted a Certificate of Insurance. Deputy Mayor Woods moved to approve the request as presented. Trustee Walters seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from all.

March and April Board Meetings: Mayor Ivers suggested the following Village Board meeting dates for March and April that were not on the 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule as originally approved by the Board:

Monday, March 27th – 5pm – Special Meeting for Budget Discussion (and any other business which may come before the Board).

Monday, April 10th – 5pm – Public Hearing for 2023-2024 Budget.

Thursday, April 27th – 5pm – Approve the 2023-2024 Budget (and any other business which may come before the Board).

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to add these meetings to the Board schedule with second from Trustee Walters. The motion passed with ayes from all.

2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule: A tentative 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule was presented to the Board. Deputy Mayor Woods noted that she would have a conflict for the May 8, 2023 meeting, but the Board did not see a problem with this. Mayor Ivers noted that he was hoping to get back to only one meeting per month in the summer, but two meetings per month have been scheduled. Clerk/Treasurer Mack noted that this was correct due to one meeting per month not working out this past summer. Trustee Lee noted that even though no meetings appear to be scheduled on a State/Federal Holiday, there does seem to be a meeting scheduled for Yom Kippur (September 24-25, 2023) and Passover (April 22-30, 2024). With some conversation about this, the Board decided to hold only one meeting in September 2023 on September 18th and only schedule through the April 1, 2024 meeting which will be the annual organizational meeting.

Hearing no further discussion, Deputy Mayor Woods moved to approve the 2023-2024 Village Board Meeting Schedule as discussed and adjusted noting that it is a tentative schedule and meeting dates and times are subject to change. Trustee Walters seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from all.

The meeting schedule as approved:

	<u>Meeting Date</u>
1st Monday	April 3, 2023
2nd Monday	April 10, 2023
3rd Monday	April 17, 2023
4th Thursday	April 27, 2023
2nd Monday	May 8, 2023
4th Monday	May 22, 2023
1st Monday	June 5, 2023
4th Monday	June 26, 2023

2nd Monday	July 10, 2023
4th Monday	July 24, 2023
1st Monday	August 7, 2023
3rd Monday	August 21, 2023
3rd Monday	September 18, 2023
1st Monday	October 2, 2023
4th Monday	October 23, 2023
1st Monday	November 6, 2023
3rd Monday	November 20, 2023
1st Monday	December 4, 2023
3rd Monday	December 18, 2023
2nd Monday	January 8, 2024
4th Monday	January 22, 2024
1st Monday	February 5, 2024
4th Monday	February 26, 2024
1st Monday	March 4, 2024
3rd Monday	March 18, 2024
1st Monday	April 1, 2024

SUNY Geneseo Alumni Banner: Trustee Walters moved to approve placement of the SUNY Geneseo Alumni Banner from Tuesday, May 30th – Monday, June 5th. The reunion weekend is scheduled for Friday and Saturday June 2nd and 3rd. Deputy Mayor Woods seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from all.

DePaul Community Benefits Agreement: The annual DePaul (Skybird Landing Apartments) Community Benefits Agreement payment was received in January. Clerk/Treasurer Mack is asking how the payment should be split as outlined in the agreement, *“the benefits payment will be used to support the purchase of additional fire suppression equipment and funding emergency services (i.e., fire and police) for the Village as determined by the Village Board.”* There has been Board discussion in the past regarding whether or not the Board needs to take action on how the payment should be split and where the payment should be placed (savings or reserve savings) on a yearly basis or if it could just be put into the budget as such. Clerk/Treasurer Mack interpreted the agreement that the Board should take action every year as the payment is adjusted annually by either the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the prior calendar year or two percent more than the previous years payment which ever is less.

In previous years the Board has split the amount equally between the Fire Department and Police Department. Fire Chief Chanler stated that he had never previously taken part in the discussion on where the payment should be placed and would like to have it placed into the Fire Department Reserve Account with the understanding that the Department is in the process of purchasing a new fire truck. Police Chief Osganian stated that he would also like it placed into the Police Equipment Reserve Account.

Trustee Hamann-Whitmore moved to split the amount (\$10, 404) equally between the Police Department Reserve Equipment Account and the Fire Department Reserve Equipment Account. Deputy Mayor Woods seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from all.

Livingston County Suicide Prevention Task Force Banner: Clerk/Treasurer Mack stated that the Livingston County Suicide Prevention Task Force has requested a change in date for the Out of the Darkness walk banner as originally approved by the Board in January. The walk is planned for Saturday, April 15th on the SUNY Geneseo Campus, therefore, they would like the banner displayed the week of April 10th through April 17th instead of April 3rd through April 10th. Deputy Mayor Woods moved to approve the change as requested with second from Trustee Hamann-Whitmore. The motion passed with ayes from all.

March 2022-2023 Vouchers: Following review by Deputy Mayor Woods, the Board reviewed Abstract #010 of the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. Deputy Mayor Woods moved, and Trustee Walters seconded the motion to approve payment for vouchers in the following amounts:

	Beginning Voucher #	Ending Voucher #	Total Claims
General Fund	720	795	\$55,636.96
Water Fund	720	796	\$43,944.88
Sewer Fund	720	790	\$10,534.69
		Grand Total	\$110,116.53

Deputy Mayor Woods asked Superintendent of Public Works about Voucher #756 to Hach Company for water testing items. Dan stated that this is usually a yearly budgeted expense for quality control tests, equipment, and materials. She also asked Dan about Voucher #796 to the Livingston County Health Department for the 2023 Annual Watershed Fees as it appears that we had under budgeted for this expense. Dan explained that because the County is on a different budget cycle than the Village it is somewhat difficult to anticipate what the costs will actually be.

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

8. Discussion Items:

Website: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore advised the Board that there were no updates on the website at this time.

Route 20A Committee: Formal action took place at the last meeting to join the Town in forming a Route 20A Committee. Police Chief Osganian, Fire Chief Chanler, Town Highway Superintendent Levey, Village Department of Public Works Superintendent Quinlan are also invited to actively participate in the committee. Town Council Person Mix tentatively scheduled a Committee Meeting for April 10th but understands that the Village has scheduled their 2023-2024 Budget Public Hearing for that evening. Town Council Person Mix hopes to keep the membership of the committee at a workable size without excluding anyone.

Further discussion continued regarding the Center Street and Route 20A intersection. Town Council Person Mix hopes that the Fire Department will receive devices for their emergency vehicles to be able to get through the signalized intersection. Fire Chief Chanler stated that those devices are used in more urban areas and devices like that will not assist the volunteers in getting to the fire house to respond to an emergency. Chief Chanler stated that they are already stakes out for a light that cannot happen. He believes that this has been poorly planned, and he has been left out of the entire discussion and DOT is not going to take any of this to heart and the developers will push and push until they get what they want.

Chief Chanler also mentioned the speed limit that increases north towards the school instead of remaining the same or decreasing. He said that numerous discussions with DOT and Senators Offices were ignored. There is a pothole in front of Dunkin' Donuts' on Lakeville Road across from McDonald's on a road traveled by DOT on a regular basis that continues to be ignored but stakes for a new signal have started to go up in the area of the NOYES/UR Medical Center at Center Street and Route 20A.

Trustee Lee was appreciative of Chief Chanler's comments but believed that the conversation was getting a bit off track.

Superintendent of Public Works Dan Quinlan, however wanted to comment that the slip lane off of Route 20A going west onto Center Street cannot be eliminated as it is used by delivery trucks trying to get to the Village Tavern, Fire Hall and Byrne Dairy. Dan explained that currently delivery trucks coming from the west have to go up to the plaza turn around and then travel west to use that slip lane to make their deliveries. DOT cannot eliminate it.

Council Person Mix stated that he would look at other dates (other than April 10th) for a Route 20A Committee Meeting.

9. 2023-2024 Tentative Budget Discussion:

Mayor Ivers presented a 2023-2024 Budget Tentative Budget dated 03/16/2023. Mayor Ivers noted that what is being taken in is what is being spent, no more and no less. This also makes the Village Tax Cap Compliant.

Trustee Walters wondered what was spent in the previous year and what had been spent thus far this year. Clerk/Treasurer Mack noted that on the document Mayor Ivers just presented there are different columns. One column is year to date spending through February 28, 2023 and there is another column for the previous year.

Mayor Ivers stated that some sections of the General Fund have been cut and are being taken from the Reserve Accounts and from the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funding as follows:

From	Expense being offset		Amount
Reserve Lands & Buildings	A1940.400	Purchase of Land	\$25,000
Reserve Police Equipment	A3120.200	Police Equipment	\$17,000
Reserve Fire Equipment	A3410.200	Fire Equipment	\$20,000
ARPA	A5110.200	Street Maintenance Equipment	\$56,825
			\$118,825

Mayor Ivers stated that this still allows the Department Heads the same amounts, but without overriding the tax cap and without maxing out the tax rate. He plans on being able to redefine the reserve accounts, redistribute funds in the reserve accounts and replenish some reserve accounts that need it as it has come to his attention that the reserve accounts have not been drawn down on in a few years.

Trustee Lee commented that what is being presented is a baseline budget. However, over the past year, the Board has discussed many initiatives, some of which have been included and some that have not. One item that he would like to see budgeted for is the Second Street/Oak Street project as LaBella has continually been doing work and getting paid, but with no expenditure line in the budget for this. He also mentioned the conversations the Board has had with Mr. Standish in Indian Meadows and the drainage concerns. Trustee Lee would like to see a plan for Indian Meadows put in place even if from a capital planning perspective. Trustee Lee also mentioned the Key Initiatives as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Ivers stated that he completely agrees and would love to put money in the budget for these items, but does not know how to do that without overriding the tax cap. He continued by stating that the Village is lucky in that it has ARPA Funding available to use. Regarding the Second Street/Oak Street project, that project is currently estimated at about \$7 Million. He is not sure how to budget for that without residents in the Village coming in and putting up a fight. It's only a small part of the Village and he is aware of other parts of the Village also needing work. At this time, there is a decrease in the tax rate, but that is because of the reassessment that took place Town wide that is now hitting the Village tax role.

Trustee Lee stated that he would like a better understanding of the amount of money that is going into/out of the NYCLASS accounts and how much the Village is earning in interest from NYCLASS. Trustee Lee also stated that from the February Clerk/Treasurer's Report there are many accounts that are in the negative. Clerk/Treasurer Mack explained that there are some accounts in the general, water and sewer funds that need to be adjusted, some are just in need of a journal entry, which she knows is the case in the Police Department A3120.20R line. She was alerted to that by Chief Osganian and it has since been corrected and will be reflected in the March Clerk/Treasurer's Report. Other lines do need budget transfers and other lines she needs to look at better and discuss with Mayor Ivers before proceeding.

Discussion continued regarding funding for the items as described in the Livingston County Wayfinding Strategy document. Also, if there are grants available for the items the Village should be applying for them.

Other items discussed were the NY Forward Grant funds and when the Village may expect to see those funds. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore wondered if there would be money in the NY Forward Grant to pay for someone to oversee and manage it. Mayor Ivers stated that none of this information has been spelled out, but that the Village does have a consultant at the State level that will be somewhat assisting the Village with the grant. Trustee Lee asked if that consultants fees will come out of the \$4.5 Million grant. Mayor Ivers stated that he had not yet been given the specifics.

The Board gave credit to Police Chief Osganian for writing all of his own grants and then for being awarded them.

The Board would like to see staff added that could assist the Village as whole by attending meetings and writing grants. Mayor Ivers agreed but did not know how to do this without adding a significant amount of money to the budget. Mayor Ivers stated that the Village is lucky in it has ARPA Funds available and the rules for spending those funds have loosened since first receiving it. Currently, the tentative budget is balanced and will assist the Village in getting financially healthier. Mayor Ivers is committed to redefining the Reserve Funds that are currently overfunded.

The Board asked about funding in the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget for Jaycox Creek cleanup. Mayor Ivers stated that there was not, but that the Department of Public Works will continue as part of their day-to-day operations to monitor the Creek and continue cleaning up the Creek as needed. Mayor Ivers also stated that knowing that a private landowner may be installing ponds to catch some of the water runoff before it hits Jaycox Creek is a step in the right direction. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore wondered if Scott Standish (Indian Meadows resident that has attended Board meetings in the past to talk about his concerns with the drainage) has been made aware of this. Mayor Ivers did not think that this was the Village's place.

Technical questions of the tentative 2023-2024 budget were asked and answered by Superintendent of Public Works Dan Quinlan and Clerk/Treasurer Aprile Mack.

The Board asked if there was any funding for Highland Park in the tentative 2023-2024 Budget. Mayor Ivers stated that there is not, but that currently the ARPA Funds are paying for the consultants to do the master plan of the park. Mayor Ivers also stated that it is his plan to set up a reserve account for Highland Park in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

The Board asked about the Depot Roof Project as accounted for in the 2022-2023 approved budget but not used and now the addition of \$5,000 for the Depot Roof Project in the tentative 2023-2024 budget. Superintendent of Public Works Dan Quinlan stated that he was planning on replacing the roof with a metal roof which would be cheaper and would be placed over the existing roof, but after some research, a shingled roof is planned that has been estimated at \$14,000 which includes tear off and removal of debris along with additional labor costs. Trustee Lee commented that this is something that should be included in a Capital Plan.

The Board asked about the \$5,000 set aside in the Parks Equipment line (A7140.200). Dan stated that those funds will go towards annual repairs and a mower but could be used towards park playground equipment if needed. Dan also noted that due to the vandalism recently experienced at the Park, some of those funds will also go towards labor that was not anticipated for the cleanup. The Board wondered why this was not paid for through the Village's insurance. Dan stated that the Village does have a \$1,000 deductible so it did not make sense to put through insurance.

The Board asked about the Shade Trees line (A8560.400) noticing that the February monthly report showed an overage in that line of approximately \$50,000. Dan noted that the overage is from the June 16, 2022 windstorm cleanup.

Trustee Lee stated that he will email his budget questions to the Board for review. Mayor Ivers reminded the Board of the Budget Work Session (Special Meeting) planned for next Monday, March 27th at 5pm.

Regarding the Police Department tentative budget, Trustee Hamann-Whitmore as liaison to the Police Department has some budget concerns and awareness she would like to share. She has spoken with Chief Osganian and Mayor Ivers about this prior to bringing it up tonight. It has come to her attention that it is getting more difficult for Chief Osganian to find Police Officers. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore believes that the Board should think about ways to attract new officers to the

Department and that this may need to be done through the Union Contract when it comes up for renewal next year or as an amendment to the Union Contract as it currently stands. She believes that the pay rate needs to be increased and possibly the addition of a sign-on bonus. She stated that the Town of Irondequoit in Monroe County is currently offering a \$15,000 sign-on bonus. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore and Chief Osganian have a very big concern about the ability to attract and maintain high quality, high caliber officers and asked the Board to think about this and that it can be discussed in more detail when the Board meets on the 27th.

10. Adjourn:

With no further discussion, Deputy Mayor Woods moved to close the meeting at 7:03pm. Trustee Walters seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from all.

Aprile S. Mack, Clerk/Treasurer