

VILLAGE OF GENESO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 15, 2024

Public Hearings:

Local Law #2 of 2024 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in excess of the limit
Local Law #3 of 2024 Amend Chapter 98 – Sewer Rate Increase
Tentative 2024-2025 Budget

Board Present:

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

Other Village Representatives Present:

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

Public Present:

Corina Tulevech

1. Meeting Opened:

Mayor Ivers opened the meeting at 5:00pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Hearings:

At 5:01pm, Deputy Mayor Walters moved to open the public hearing to consider Local Law #2 of 2024 to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit as established in General Municipal Law Section 2-c. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded the motion. The public hearing was opened with ayes from all.

At 5:02pm, Deputy Mayor Walters moved to open the public hearing to consider Local Law #3 of 2024 to amend Chapter 98, Sewers, Section 98-40B. Imposition. This Local Law is proposed to increase sewer rates from \$280 per unit annually to \$300 per unit annually, payable quarterly, for each separate unit of occupancy located within such building and for each 2,000 cubic feet (15,000 gallons) of water or fractional part thereof consumed in each separate unit of occupancy during the quarter. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded the motion. The public hearing was opened with ayes from all.

At 5:03pm, Deputy Mayor Walters moved to open the public hearing on the Tentative 2024-2025 Budget. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded the motion. The public hearing was opened with ayes from all.

Mayor Ivers welcomed the newest Board Trustee Alex Livingston.

Trustee Livingston asked if the \$90,000 currently allocated in the tentative budget for Fire Department Reserve Funds (A3410.20R) could be taken directly from ARPA (American Rescue Plans Act) Funds and used for part of the down payment on the new fire truck. Mayor Ivers was not sure but agreed that it could be investigated and discussed further.

Hearing no other comments or questions from the Board, Mayor Ivers asked if the public in attendance (one person) had any. Hearing none, the Board decided to keep the public hearings open and discuss some items of interest.

Discussion included but was not limited to:

- a.) Trustee Hamann-Whitmore thanked Superintendent of Public Works for the exceptional tour of the sewer plant as given to her today.
- b.) Trustee Hamann-Whitmore happened to run into some representatives from the New York Historic Preservation Office and asked them if there were any grant funds available for the restoration of the Geneseo Building. Although funding is available for an assessment of the building, not many funds are available for the rehab. Trustee Lee noted that there have been assessments done in the past that Trustee Hamann-Whitmore may want to look at before proceeding.
- c.) Mayor Ivers reported that the Fire Department held an Open House this past weekend.
- d.) I Love My Park Day is May 4th.
- e.) Avon has a newly elected Mayor. He recently attended a Letchworth Gateway Villages meeting.
- f.) Trustee Lee stated that Geneseo Community Main Street is interested in the Village putting a parking enforcement moratorium in place for a few Friday events between now and September. Although, that enforcement can be halted for those days, it was noted that it would be nice to see some type of decorative cover placed on the meter to indicate this. Even though this sounds like a suitable alternative to just not enforcing parking on those days, there is always the question of who is going to put the covers on and take them off in a timely manner.

Mayor Ivers asked if the Board or public had any questions or comments on the tentative budget. There were none.

At 5:19pm, Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the public hearing to consider Local Law #2 of 2024 to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit as established in General Municipal Law Section 2-c. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed with ayes from all.

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At 5:19pm, Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the public hearing on the Tentative 2024-2025 Budget. Trustee Livingston seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed with ayes from all.

3. Adjourn:

With no further discussion, Deputy Mayor Walters moved to close the meeting at 5:21pm. Trustee Livingston seconded the motion and the motion passed with ayes from all.

Aprile S. Mack, Clerk/Treasurer