

VILLAGE OF GENESO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jun 03, 2024
Regular Meeting

Board Present:

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

Other Village Representatives Present:

Shawn Forrester, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Others Present:

1. Meeting Opened:

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

2. Action Items:

The Board reviewed the ***May 20, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes***. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve as amended. Trustee Livingston seconded the motion. The motion passed with ayes from all.

The ***Livingston County Development Corporation Downtown Partnership*** Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was introduced. There is discussion on other ways to support the Main Street businesses. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the partnership. Trustee Livingston seconded. The motion passed with ayes from all.

The ***Genesee Valley Conservancy Oak Tree Half Marathon and 5K*** request for temporary street closures between 7:50am and 9am on September 1, 2024, was presented. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. The motion passed with ayes from all.

The ***Energy Enterprises, Inc. request*** to bid natural gas for the 2024-2025 year was presented. There was discussion about Energy Enterprises and their role/responsibilities with the Village. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request. Trustee Livingston seconded. The motion passed with ayes from all.

The ***SUNY Geneseo Log Cabin Park request*** was introduced. Deputy Mayor Walters recused himself. Trustee Livingston moved to approve the park use request for August 21, 2024. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. The motion passed with ayes from all.

The ***Independent Grant Writer for Highland Park Improvements*** proposal was presented. There is discussion regarding the use of an independent grant writer and the candidates. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to move forward with contracting with an independent grant writer. Trustee Livingston seconded. The motion passed with ayes from all.

The request from ***Stokoe Farms to operate a petting zoo*** at Highland Park for the Geneseo Senior Class Picnic on June 12, 2024. Deputy Mayor Walters moved to approve the request contingent on a Certificate of Liability listing the Village as other insured was obtained. Trustee Livingston seconded. The motion passed with ayes from all.

5. Mayor Items:

Mayor Ivers noted that The **NY Forward Grant** details will be forthcoming.

6. Discussion Items:

NY Forward Process/Efficiencies: Deputy Mayor Walters inquired how the projects would be bid out and wondered if there was a way to conserve funds. There was discussion regarding possible solutions/savings.

Sidewalks on South Side of Route 20A: Deputy Mayor Walters questioned whether the new sidewalk in front of the U of R/Noyes building could be connected to Country Lane. It is decided that it would be allowable to have a discussion with the homeowners for input about the possible sidewalk. Discussion continued with a possible multi-year plan for additional sidewalks.

Traffic & Safety Pedestrian Committee: Trustee Lee noted that Crossett Road was being considered for speed “humps” to gather data about deterring excessive speed. Deputy Mayor Walters volunteered to pursue the idea.

Historian: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore will set up interviews with the candidates interested in becoming the new Town/Village Historian, this week.

Village Tree Inventory: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore noted that there is a tentative meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2024.

Letchworth Gateway Villages: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore stated that there was nothing new to report.

Parks & Trails New York: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore stated that there was nothing new to report.

New Website Update: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore stated that the new website should be live by July 03, 2024. There is discussion regarding a banner to announce the launch of the new website.

7. Executive Session:

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to enter executive session at 5:55pm to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation and proposed, pending or current litigation. Trustee Livingston seconded the motion, and the Board entered into an executive session.

Deputy Mayor Walters moved to come out of executive session at 6pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. The motion passed with ayes from all. It was noted that no action was taken during the executive session.

It is noted that Mayor Ivers excused himself at 6:03pm

8. Board Updates/Information:

Reminder: The Reserve Meeting is June 17, 2024. All Liaisons to have input from their respective Department Heads, by June 10, 2024.

Fire Department: Trustee Livingston reported that the Ladder Truck was out of service, hopefully will be repaired by Wednesday, June 5, 2024. A few members of the Fire

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Department will be traveling to Pennsylvania on Friday, June 7, 2024, to inspect the almost completed new truck.

Police Department: Trustee Hamann-Whitmore had reported that Chief Osganian received a Law Enforcement Technology Grant from NYS in the amount of \$54,000

Court: Trustee Lee reported that the new key fob system has been put into operation.

Geneseo Community Main Street: Trustee Lee reported that there would be no parking enforcement this weekend for the SUNY Geneseo Reunion. There is discussion regarding parking enforcement and ways to inform the public of the times it is enforced.

Department of Public Works: The Department is working on multiple road projects within the Village.

9. Adjourn:

Trustee Livingston moved to close the meeting at 6:34pm. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore seconded. The motion passed with ayes from all.

*Shawn Forrester
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer*