

**Minutes of the Geneseo Town Board Meeting
May 14, 2025**

Members Present:

William Wadsworth, Town Supervisor
Matthew Griffo, Deputy Supervisor
Ronald Maxwell, Town Councilmember
Robert Deming, Town Councilmember
Gary Mix, Town Councilmember
Ellen M Zapf, RMC, Town Clerk

Also Present:

Jacob Zoghlin, Attorney

Visitors:

William Davis from MRB Group, Village of Avon Mayor Robert Hayes, Village of Avon DPW Superintendent Ken Farrell, John Neibert, Jennie Fusco, and Elaine Shengulette

Meeting Opening:

Supervisor Wadsworth officially commenced the meeting at 4:30 p.m., with Councilmember Mix leading the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Wadsworth then requested a moment of silence to honor the brave men and women serving around the globe.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Mix proposed, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 9, 2025, as presented. The motion passed unanimously with votes from Wadsworth, Deming, Maxwell, Mix, and Griffo all in favor. There were no opposing votes.

Approval of Abstract #5 of 2025:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded, the motion to approve Abstract #5 of 2025 along with vouchers numbered 176 through 234 as they are currently presented.

FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL A VOUCHERS	\$109,715.70
GENERAL B VOUCHERS	\$465.25
HIGHWAY DA VOUCHERS	\$28,158.85
HIGHWAY DB VOUCHERS	\$8,125.81
SW6 CAPITAL FUNDS	\$0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (H1)	\$7,697.81
SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT VOUCHER (SL)	\$222.78
SEWER DISTRICT #1 (SS1)	\$48,172.61
WATER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE VOUCHERS (SW0)	\$64,271.40
SPECIAL ITEMS (H2) (SW5)	\$0.00
FIRE CONTRACTS (SF)	\$0.00
ENGINEERING (SW1)	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$266,830.40

The motion was approved unanimously, with Wadsworth, Deming, Maxwell, Mix, and Griffo all voting in favor. There were no opposing votes.

Approval of the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report – April 2025:

Councilmember Maxwell proposed, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to approve the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for April 2025.

<u>Supervisor for General Fund</u>	<u>\$ 6,511.00</u>
<u>Supervisor for Part Town Fund</u>	<u>\$ 6,180.26</u>
<u>Livingston County Treasurer for Dog Licenses</u>	<u>\$ 108.50</u>
<u>NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program</u>	<u>\$ 35.00</u>
<u>New York State Department of Health</u>	<u>\$ 112.50</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 12,947.26</u>

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The motion was approved unanimously, with Wadsworth, Deming, Maxwell, Mix, and Griffo all voting in favor. There were no opposing votes.

Continuation of Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2025:

Supervisor Wadsworth announced that the public hearing for Local Law No. 1 of 2025, titled "Allow for Construction and Repair of Sidewalks Located in the Town of Geneseo," remains open. He invited comments from the public at this time.

Councilmember Mix proposed including language regarding application time frames. It was recommended that the public hearing remain open until the next meeting to allow for necessary revisions.

Supervisor Wadsworth confirmed that the public hearing for Local Law #1 will continue until the meeting on June 11, 2025.

Approval of the 2025 Emergency Operations Plan:

Councilmember Mix proposed, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to approve the 2025 Emergency Operations Plan. The motion passed unanimously with votes from Wadsworth, Deming, Maxwell, Mix, and Griffo in favor. There were no opposing votes.

Approval of the 2025 General Operations Procedures:

Councilmember Deming proposed, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to approve the 2025 General Operations Procedures. The motion passed unanimously with votes from Wadsworth, Deming, Maxwell, Mix, and Griffo in favor. There were no opposing votes.

Update on Marijuana Dispensary:

Supervisor Wadsworth announced that the Village of Geneseo has been approached to establish a marijuana dispensary. The Village Board is currently deliberating on whether to permit this type of business within the village. Should this proposal receive approval, the Town would need to opt in through local legislation to benefit from the associated sales tax.

Further discussions took place regarding zoning regulations and the potential locations for a dispensary within the town.

Triphammer Road Water District:

Supervisor Wadsworth welcomed William Davis from MBR Group to discuss the establishment of a new water district on Triphammer Road, aimed at replacing the outdated infrastructure.

Mr. Davis presented a PowerPoint demonstration and shared maps of the area under consideration for the new water district. He highlighted the advantages for water customers and mentioned that the Village of Avon is seeking grant funding to support the project.

It was stated that all change orders must be approved by Highway/Water Superintendent, Levey

Approval of the Privacy Policy for the Town of Geneseo Website:

Councilmember Deming proposed, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to approve the Privacy Policy for the Town of Geneseo website. The motion passed unanimously with votes from Wadsworth, Deming, Maxwell, Mix, and Griffo in favor. There were no opposing votes.

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Setting the Salary for the New Part-Time Highway Employee:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Deming seconded the motion to establish the hourly wage for Neil Gottfried, the newly appointed part-time laborer in the Highway Department, effective May 19, 2025, at a rate of \$19.09. The motion passed unanimously with votes from Wadsworth, Deming, Maxwell, Mix, and Griffo in favor. There were no opposing votes.

Supervisor Wadsworth mentioned that Geneseo resident John Neibert has expressed interest in the open position as an alternate member of the Planning Board. He would like Mr. Neibert to come for a meeting with the board members.

Acceptance of the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Town Judge Houston:

Councilmember Deming moved, and Councilmember Mix seconded the motion to approve the Standard Day and Reporting Resolution for Town Justice Kathleen Houston. The resolution will be posted for 30 days and submitted to NYS retirement. The motion passed unanimously with votes from Wadsworth, Deming, Maxwell, Mix, and Griffo in favor. There were no opposing votes.

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery:

Supervisor Wadsworth reported that the Association for the Mount Pleasant Cemetery is seeking assistance again this year for mowing services. They are requesting funding between \$14,000 and \$17,000.

Further discussion ensued regarding the required amount and the necessity for invoices. Supervisor Wadsworth would like to invite them to a meeting to discuss the requested amount.

Vital Park Concert Series:

The Town of Livonia has sent a Sponsorship Letter for the Vital Park Concert Series. The board has decided not to participate.

Proposal from Abundant Solar Power Inc.:

Abundant Solar Power Inc. has submitted a proposal for the installation of a Solar Array on the former Landfill Property owned by the town. This initiative presents a valuable opportunity worth considering. The involvement of DEC may be necessary. Additionally, the attorney has been requested to investigate whether the Town is permitted to lease the land for commercial purposes.

Stop Sign at Crossett and Long Point Road Extension:

Supervisor Wadsworth discussed the installation of a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Crossett Road and Long Point Road Extension. Residents are seeking solutions to reduce traffic speed in this area, and implementing this stop sign could help prevent cars from speeding up or down the hill. The town will contact the residents for their input.

Town Clerk Zapf addressed the board regarding the following matters:

- Collaboration with Councilmember Deming and Sandy from Littlehive is underway to update our website and email addresses to the .gov domain, as mandated by new legislation requiring all government entities to utilize .gov for their online presence.
- Ensuring timely updates to the website.
- A new Election Law has been enacted concerning the elections, resulting in the two councilmembers seeking reelection this year serving only a three-year term.
- The new clerk program is set to go live on May 22, 2025.

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Long Point Park Pavilion Use Fees:

Discussion took place regarding the Long Point Park Pavilion Use Fees, including who qualifies for fee waivers, the total fees collected, and the fairness of these fees for all Geneseo residents.

New Building Update:

The County has passed a local law granting the Town of Geneseo a permanent easement to access the property adjacent to the new building.

Supervisor Wadsworth is currently in talks with the Mayor of Geneseo regarding the building permit fee.

Adjournment:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo moved, and Councilmember Maxwell seconded the motion to conclude the meeting at 7:03 PM. The motion passed with Wadsworth, Deming, Maxwell, Mix, and Griffo all voting in favor. There were no opposing votes.

Ellen M Zapf, RMC
Town Clerk