

VILLAGE OF GENESEO BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

July 13th, 2026, at 5pm | Geneseo Village Building | 119 Main Street, Geneseo NY

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

Other Village Representatives Present: Jeff Boosma, MRB, Village Engineer and Clerk Treasurer Shawn Forrester

Others Present: George Thomas, Katherine Wiener, Timothy Paul, David Andrew Parish, Margaret Duff, Dan Folts, Suzanne Johnsen, Graham Johnsen, and Marilyn Wachholder.

Meeting Opened:

Mayor Ivers opened the meeting at 5pm and thanked everyone for coming. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action/Discussion Items:

Minutes: The minutes from the June 22, 2026, meeting were presented. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to accept the minutes as presented. Trustee Walters seconded. With no further discussion the minutes were accepted as presented with ayes all.*

Parks Project SEQR Resolution: Mayor Ivers introduced the following Resolution; **WHEREAS**, the Village of Geneseo Village Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as "Village Board") is proposing to upgrade the recreational facilities at Highland Park which will include a new playground with ADA accessible equipment, nature play area and walking trails providing access to and around the new areas. The Village Board is also proposing to transform an underutilized portion of Kelsey Field into a large, off-leash community dog park that will include amenities such as a water station, seating, tress, and a small parking area. An ADA accessible path will connect the parking area to the dog park; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Village Board does hereby classify the above referenced Action to be a Type II Action under Section 617.5 (c) of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Type II Actions are not subject to further review under Part 617 of the SEQR Regulations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the Village Board in making this classification has satisfied the procedural requirements under SEQR and directs this Resolution to be placed in the file on this Action.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore. Seconded by Trustee Walters

Motion carried with ayes from all.

Discussion followed regarding feedback from recent community meetings regarding the Park Projects.

Riverwatch: George Thomas presented the Board with a timeline of the canoe/kayak access project dating back to 2019. He explained that the grant was awarded following a study that identified access sites along the Genesee River, mapped those locations, and prioritized them for improvements. The project is funded through the Kodak Settlement Fund. Mr. Thomas reviewed the factors that delayed the project, including the COVID-19 pandemic, increased construction costs, and the subsequent application for additional grant funding. Discussion followed regarding ownership of the completed project, the approval process for the grant increase, the entity responsible for construction, and insurance requirements. Mr. Thomas stated that ownership of the completed launch would be transferred to the Village, the Kodak Settlement Trustees had approved the grant increase, and construction would be performed by WNY DIRT, which would provide the required insurance coverage.

The Board also discussed the anticipated project schedule. Mr. Thomas noted that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation permit expires at the end of 2027, with funding expiring at the end of 2026 and that construction is expected to be completed before the funding expires.

Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the request from Genesee RiverWatch to install a canoe/kayak access at the Geneseo River Access Park, with Genesee RiverWatch providing all funding for the project, overseeing construction, and indemnifying the Village of Geneseo. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livingston.

With no further discussion the motion carried with ayes from all.

Discussion continued with the necessary Flood Plain Permit. Engineer Boorsma noted that the Village was not in a flood plain but would work with CEO Wadsworth to fulfill the requirement.

Water Rate Increase: Mayor Ivers noted that the water rate had not been increased since 2022. There was discussion regarding why the increase was not incorporated into the budget along with concerns over the existing tax increase. It was noted that the budget process had been hyper conservative. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to increase the minimum water billing to \$27.50 for up to 1000 cubic feet and \$2.75 per 100 cubic feet thereafter. Trustee Walters seconded. The motion carried with the following vote; Mayor Ivers – aye, Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore – aye, Trustee Walters – Aye, Trustee Livingston – aye and Trustee Lee – nay.*

Traffic Safety Committee Update: Trustee Walters presented the Board with priority matrices for pedestrian infrastructure and traffic safety, noting that congestion along Route 20A, Safe Routes to School, and sidewalk improvements were three key areas for prioritization. Trustee Lee stated that the matrices were developed based on the 2022 Comprehensive Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, and extensive discussion. Trustee Walters questioned how the committee could effectively implement changes, including educating the public and updating the Village Code to support its recommendations. Discussion continued with how to make the committee more collaborative and between the Village, Town and Planning Boards, as well as whether the committee have decision making authority. *It was decided to check with counsel regarding such a request.*

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Electric Bid: The request from Energy Enterprises to bid out the Village's Electric was presented. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the request. Trustee Walters seconded. After a brief discussion the motion carried with ayes from all.*

GSC Park Request: The request from Geneseo Central School to use Highland Park for soccer practice and games between 8/24/2026 to 10/16/2026 was presented. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to approve the request. Trustee Walters seconded. With no further discussion the motion carried with ayes from all.*

Appointed & Elected Officials Standard Day Resolution: Mayor Ivers explained the NYS Retirement required a resolution for a standard workday for elected and appointed officials. *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to accept the following resolution; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Geneseo, (40089) hereby establishes the following standard workdays for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities: Mayor 3.00, Deputy Mayor 3.00, Clerk Treasurer 8.00. Trustee Walters seconded. With no further discussion the motion carried with ayes from all.*

Mayor Updates:

Second & Oak Streets: Mayor Ivers informed the Board that the Second and Oak Streets Project was waiting for final approval from the NYS Department of Health. He updated the Board on the recent resident meeting for the project, reporting an excellent turnout and noting that the contractor provided a thorough and informative overview of the project. Discussion continued regarding splitting the project into two phases over two years rather than completing it within a single construction season and posting updates on the website for Village residents. The Mayor noted that, due to the timing of the required approvals, it would be impossible to complete the project in one year. Discussion continued with road maintenance for Oak Street.

Traffic Calming/Delineator Posts: Trustee Lee began with typically delineator posts were used for construction and the FHA advised against using them on straight aways. Considerable discussion continued regarding the proposed use of delineator posts, including their potential safety implications, placement within the roadway, the use of speed humps or shrubs as an alternative traffic-calming measures, and the cost-effectiveness of the various options. It was noted that the delineator posts were proposed as an experimental traffic-calming measure. Mayor Ivers again suggested painting the intersections, noting that the City of Rochester had seen speeds reduced from 40mph to 18mph. Engineer Boorsma noted that delineator posts or painting were effective ways to slow traffic and would be a worthy experiment.

Mayor Ivers reminded the Board of the next Meeting 7/27/2026.

Board Updates/Information:

Police Department: Chief Osganian's report was submitted. Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore updated the Board on Letchworth Genesee Valley Partnership, noting that the group is working on more community involvement and long range planning.

Department of Public Works: Superintendent Quinlan's report was submitted.

Code Office: Nothing to report.

Fire Department: Trustee Nothing to report.

Executive Session: *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to enter executive session at 5:52pm 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 Hamann-Whitmore moved to come out of executive session at 6:11pm. Trustee Walters seconded. The motion passed with ayes from all. It was noted that no action was taken during the executive session.*

Adjourn: *Deputy Mayor Hamann-Whitmore moved to close the meeting at 6:11pm. Trustee Livingston seconded. With no further discussion the meeting was closed with ayes from all.*

Respectfully,
Shawn Forrester, Clerk Treasurer