Minutes of the Geneseo Town Board Meeting
July 8, 2026

Members Present:
William Wadsworth, Town Supervisor
Matthew Griffo, Deputy Supervisor
Robert Deming, Town Councilmember
Gary Mix, Town Councilmember
Margaret Reitz, Town Councilmember
Ellen M Zapf, RMC, Town Clerk

Also Present:
Daniel Levey, Highway/Water Superintendent

Visitors:
Conesus Lake Watershed Manager Mary Underhill

Meeting Opening:
Supervisor Wadsworth convened the meeting at 4:35 p.m., with Councilmember Mix leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Wadsworth then requested a moment of silence to honor the men and women serving around the world.

Approval of Minutes:
Deputy Supervisor Griffo proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026, meeting. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Approval of Abstract #7 of 2026:
Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Mix, to approve Abstract #7 of 2026, as presented:

FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL A VOUCHERS	$61,276.60
GENERAL B VOUCHERS	$682.94
COMMUNITY ESCROW CM VOUCHERS	$2,315.00
HIGHWAY DA VOUCHERS	$9,688.08
HIGHWAY DB VOUCHERS	$6,025.50
SW6 CAPITAL FUNDS	$0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (H1)	$21,154.48
SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT VOUCHER (SL)	$0.00
SEWER DISTRICT #1 (SS1)	$392.97
WATER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE VOUCHERS (SW0)	$8,381.79
SPECIAL ITEMS (H2) (SW5)	$0.00
FIRE CONTRACTS (SF)	$0.00
ENGINEERING (SW1)	$0.00
TOTAL	$109,917.36

The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Pre-Pay Invoice
Deputy Supervisor Griffo proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Deming, to prepay invoice #2195 in the amount of $6,125.00 from Frazier Glass for materials for the new town hall. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Accept the Town Clerk's Monthly Report – June 2026:
Deputy Supervisor Griffo proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Mix, to accept the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for June 2026.

Supervisor for General Fund	$	6,439.50
Supervisor for Part Town Fund	$	4,172.30
Livingston County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	$	108.50
NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	$	37.00
New York State Department of Health	$	270.00
TOTAL	$	11,027.30

The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Supervisor Wadsworth informed the Town Board that he had spoken with a resident who lives adjacent to a lakefront rental property. The resident reported that a gathering at the property involved individuals who were allegedly intoxicated and disruptive late into the evening, and that derogatory comments were directed toward neighboring residents.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Town's Short-Term Rental Law, including whether the property owner has applied for the required permit and what enforcement actions the Code Enforcement Officer may take.

Supervisor Wadsworth welcomed Conesus Lake Watershed Manager Mary Underhill and gave her the floor:

Mary Underhill addressed the Board regarding the Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan Update and provided the following information:

- Participating municipalities include the Town of Conesus, Town of Geneseo, Town of Groveland, Town of Livonia, Village of Livonia, and the Town of Sparta.
- The Livingston County Planning Department intends to apply for a grant through the New York State Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.
- Grant funding would support consultant services at no cost to the participating municipalities.
- Watershed municipalities would receive technical assistance and resources through the program.
- Approval was requested for the Supervisor to sign a letter of support for the grant application.

Approval of the Supervisor to Sign a Letter of Support:
Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to authorize Supervisor Wadsworth to sign a letter of support for the Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan grant. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Mary Underhill also addressed the Board regarding the Long Point Road Culvert Replacement Grant and provided the following information:

- This project represents Phase III of the Long Point drainage improvements.
- The existing culvert is undersized, misaligned, and traverses over the roadway.
- The State has indicated that it has no concerns with any of the three proposed alternatives.
- The proposed alternatives include:
    - A box culvert;
    - An elliptical concrete culvert; and
    - A corrugated metal culvert.
- The estimated total project cost is $1,576,000.00.

- The Town's required match would be 25%, which may be satisfied through in-kind contributions, including staff time, equipment usage, and materials.
- The Town's estimated share of the project cost is $394,000.00.

There was continued discussion regarding the various culvert options, the anticipated cost to the Town, the location of the water line in the project area, and the fact that the Town would be contributing funds toward improvements on a state roadway.

Support EPF Grant Application - Long Point Culvert Replacement Grant, Geneseo, New York:
Councilmember Reitz proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Mix, to support the EPF Grant application for the Long Point Culvert Replacement.

SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR
LONG POINT CULVERT REPLACEMENT IN THE CONESUS LAKE WATERSHED

WHEREAS, the updated Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan identified erosion and sedimentation as significant contributors to water quality problems in Conesus Lake, including problems of weed and algal growth; and

WHEREAS, the updated Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan supports best management practices that minimize potential soil erosion to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the updated Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan identifies the need to address the stabilization of Long Point and West Lake Roads, the installation of roadside swales and culverts, and the reduction of flooding in the Long Point drainage area; and

WHEREAS, the updated Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan supports municipal highway departments in the development of plans to remediate roadside drainage areas in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Long Point Culvert Replacement project should result in a significant reduction in the amount of phosphorus entering lake waters, which is the proximate cause of weed growth and algal blooms; and

WHEREAS, undertaking restoration and stabilization projects in the Conesus Lake Watershed helps to protect and improve the water quality of Conesus Lake, which is a public drinking water supply; and

WHEREAS, the category of this project is included in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Project Program (WQIP) as an eligible project to receive funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Geneseo will act as the Applicant on the WQIP grant application, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town of Geneseo authorizes a local match commitment of 25% in local funds and/or in-kind services as required by the grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Geneseo does hereby endorse and support the application of the Town of Geneseo to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation under the Water Quality Improvement Project Program (WQIP) grant for the Long Point culvert replacement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if awarded the grant, the Town of Geneseo is hereby authorized to sign any necessary Memorandum of Agreement documents with Livingston County.

The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Schedule a special Meeting:
Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Griffo, to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 4:30 PM at the Geneseo Town Hall, 4630 Millennium Drive, Geneseo, NY, to discuss the EPF Grant Application - Long Point Culvert Replacement Grant, Geneseo, New York, and any other business that may come before the Town Board. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Highway/Water Report:
Highway/Water Superintendent Daniel Levey presented the following report:

- The Highway Department has completed all crossover pipe replacements on Reservoir Road and Country Club Road that were scheduled for this season.
- One pipe remains on Reservoir Road and will be rehabilitated using a plastic liner.
- A pipe on Country Club Road was replaced by inserting a new pipe into the existing larger pipe.
- Superintendent Levey noted that replacing the pipe using traditional methods would have cost approximately $38,000.00 in materials alone. By utilizing the alternative method, the Town was able to complete the work at a cost of approximately $15,000.00, while also increasing the pipe's water-carrying capacity.

Discussion – Compensation for the Board of Assessment Review:
Supervisor Wadsworth stated that the members of the Board of Assessment Review worked approximately 40 hours this year, significantly more than the typical four hours required in prior years. In recognition of their additional time and effort, he recommended providing compensation above the amount customarily paid.

Following further discussion, the Board took the following action:

Compensation for the Board of Assessment Review:
Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to Set the pay rate for the Board of Assessment Review members at $500.00. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - absent, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

The Town Board would like to express its gratitude to the following Board of Assessment Review members: Holly Harvey, Scott Kuyon, Chris Lynch, Carlton Maxwell, and Mary Roodenberg for their hard work and dedication to the residents of the Town of Geneseo.

Accept the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution:
Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to approve the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Highway/Water Superintendent Daniel Levey. The resolution is to be posted for 30 days, then sent to NYS retirement. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - absent, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Discussion - Water Loss Relief Requests:
Supervisor Wadsworth stated that the town has received two water loss requests. The town has a standard water loss policy which states that if a resident loses water, the town will charge the cost of the water plus twenty percent.

Water Loss Requests:
Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to approve the two water loss relief requests made to the town. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - absent, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Discussion - Palmiter's Invoice:
Supervisor Wadsworth addressed the Board regarding a purchase made by a former Board member for park beautification items. He stated that there have been several prior discussions with this individual regarding the expenditure of Town funds without obtaining prior approval from the Town.

There was further discussion regarding the appropriate steps to resolve the matter.

Discussion Good Food NY:
Councilmember Reitz addressed the Board regarding New York State legislation known as **Good Food NY**. She requested that the Town Board consider sending a letter of support to the local representative or adopting a resolution in support of the legislation.

There was discussion regarding the purpose of the legislation and how it would assist local and state institutions in purchasing food products from local farms. It was suggested that feedback be obtained from local farmers before further action is taken.

Moratorium Discussion – Battery Storage and Data Centers:
Supervisor Wadsworth stated that battery storage is addressed in the Town's Solar Local Law and is not currently permitted within the Town of Geneseo.

Councilmember Reitz reported that another municipality recently adopted a local law defining data centers within its zoning regulations and did not include them as a permitted use in any zoning districts.

It was noted that there is currently a statewide moratorium on data centers.

The Board discussed the matter further and suggested that additional research be conducted and that the Town Attorney be consulted for guidance.

Open Items – Town Board:

Adjournment:
Deputy Supervisor Griffo proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Mix, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Ellen M. Zapf, RMC
Town Clerk