Minutes of the Geneseo Town Board Meeting
August 12, 2026

Members Present:
William Wadsworth, Town Supervisor
Matthew Griffo, Deputy Supervisor
Robert Deming, Town Councilmember
Gary Mix, Town Councilmember
Margaret Reitz, Town Councilmember
Jodi Deming, Deputy Town Clerk

Also Present:
Daniel Levey, Highway/Water Superintendent
Jacob Zoghlin, Attorney

Visitors:
Assessor, Ken Pike, David Parish, and Matthew Tabak

Meeting Opening:
Supervisor Wadsworth convened the meeting at 4:35 p.m., with Deputy Supervisor Griffo 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.

Executive Session:
Deputy Supervisor Griffo proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Mix, to enter executive session at 4:36 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person, inviting Attorney Zoghlin. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Exit Executive Session:
Deputy Supervisor Griffo proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to exit the executive session with no action taken at 4:46 PM. 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 Minutes:
Deputy Supervisor Griffo proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Deming, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2026, meeting with corrections. 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 #8 of 2026:
Councilmember Mix proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to approve Abstract #8 of 2026:

FUND	AMOUNT
GENERAL A VOUCHERS	$58,167.75
GENERAL B VOUCHERS	$462.56
COMMUNITY ESCROW CM VOUCHERS	$788.98
HIGHWAY DA VOUCHERS	$9,517.68
HIGHWAY DB VOUCHERS	$35,594.01
SW6 CAPITAL FUNDS	$0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (H1)	$62,624.33
SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT VOUCHER (SL)	$0.00
SEWER DISTRICT #1 (SS1)	$228.49
WATER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE VOUCHERS (SW0)	$125,117.64
SPECIAL ITEMS (H2) (SW5)	$0.00
FIRE CONTRACTS (SF)	$0.00
ENGINEERING (SW1)	$0.00
TOTAL	$292,501.44

There was discussion regarding paying for lunch for a member of the Board of Assessment Review. The Board noted that this is not Town policy and did not wish to establish a precedent for paying for meals.

Voucher #636 was amended from $516.00 to $500.00. Voucher #694 for Underberg & Kessler was removed.

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 Budget Transfers:
Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Griffo, to approve the following budget transfers.

Transfer from:
AA.2705.000.000 Gifts and Donations $5,000.00
AA.5999.000.000 appropriated Fund Balance $1,657.83
Transfer to:
AA.1220.210.00.00 Supervisor Contractual – Computer/Software $6657.83

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

Supervisor for General Fund	$	8,524.50
Supervisor for Part Town Fund	$	7,654.00
Livingston County Treasurer for Dog Licenses	$	108.50
NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	$	39.00
New York State Department of Health	$	450.00
TOTAL	$	16,178.50

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

Accept Supervisor's Report for June and July 2026:
Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to accept the Supervisor's Report for June and July 2026. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - absent, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Conesus Lake Association – Use of Long Point Park Boat Dock:
Supervisor Wadsworth stated that the Conesus Lake Association has requested permission to dock its safety boat at the Long Point Boat Dock during the summer months. The Board discussed several concerns regarding the request, including:

- Whether the dock would need to remain available to other organizations;
- Potential liability issues;
- The fact that Long Point is a public beach;
- Whether docking the boat could limit or diminish public access;
- The potential cost to repair the dock if it were damaged; and
- The need to determine appropriate terms and conditions if permission were granted.

Councilmember Deming will speak with Andy Ernst of the Conesus Lake Association regarding the request.

Supervisor Wadsworth stated that, pursuant to recently enacted New York State legislation, towns are now required to accept donations designated for dog shelters. He explained that the Town Board must adopt a resolution identifying the organization that will receive these donations.

Because the Town contracts with Livingston County Dog Control for animal control services, Supervisor Wadsworth recommended designating Livingston County Dog Control as the recipient of these donations.

The Board took the following action:

Designate Livingston County Dog Control as the Recipient of Accepted Donations:
Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to designate Livingston County Dog Control (Livingston County Sheriff's Office) as the animal shelter utilized by the Town of Geneseo and the beneficiary of voluntary contributions made through the Town of Geneseo dog licensing program.

WHEREAS, the Town of Geneseo issues dog licenses pursuant to Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law; and

WHEREAS, recent amendments to New York State Agriculture and Markets Law require municipalities issuing dog licenses to provide applicants with the opportunity to make voluntary contributions to an animal shelter selected by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Geneseo recognizes the valuable services provided by Livingston County Dog Control, operated through the Livingston County Sheriff's Office, in protecting public safety, enforcing dog control regulations, and caring for stray and surrendered animals within Livingston County; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to designate Livingston County Dog Control (Livingston County Sheriff's Office) as the animal shelter utilized by the Town of Geneseo for purposes of receiving voluntary contributions collected through the Town's dog licensing program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board further desires that all voluntary contributions collected through the Town dog licensing program and deposited into Revenue Fund A2705, "Donations & Gifts – Animal Shelter," be remitted annually to Livingston County Dog Control (Livingston County Sheriff's Office) during the month of August;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Geneseo hereby designates Livingston County Dog Control (Livingston County Sheriff's Office) as the animal shelter utilized by the Town of Geneseo for purposes of New York State Agriculture and Markets Law relating to dog licensing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any voluntary contributions collected by the Town of Geneseo through its dog licensing program and deposited into Revenue Fund A2705, "Donations & Gifts – Animal Shelter," shall be turned over annually during the month of August to Livingston County Dog Control (Livingston County Sheriff's Office) in accordance with applicable law and accounting procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and to update dog licensing forms and procedures accordingly.
The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Change the November 11, 2026, Meeting Date:
Councilmember Mix proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to change the meeting date from Wednesday, November 11, 2026, to Wednesday, November 18, 2026, as November 11 is Veterans Day and the Town Offices are closed. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Discussion – Assessor's Report:
Supervisor Wadsworth invited Assessor Ken Pike to address the Board regarding his experience and observations of this year's re-evaluation process.

Assessor Pike provided the Board with a copy of his resignation, effective September 24, 2026. He also provided a spreadsheet showing recent property sales in the Town of Geneseo since the 2026 final tax roll was released. The information indicated that homes are selling at prices higher than the increases reflected in the recent re-evaluation.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the re-evaluation process, including how assessment information is communicated to property owners.

The Town Board thanked Mr. Pike for his service to the Town of Geneseo.

Accept the Resignation of the Assessor:
Councilmember Mix proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Deming, to accept the resignation of Assessor Kenneth Pike with regret, effective September 24, 2026. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Approving Expenditures to Recruit a New Assessor:
Deputy Supervisor Griffo proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to spend up to $3000.00 to recruit a new Assessor. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Open Items – Town Board:
Supervisor Wadsworth thanked Mr. Parish for his generous donation to the Town of Geneseo in memory of his father, former Town Historian David Parish. The funds will be used to purchase new office furniture and a New York State flag.

Supervisor Wadsworth stated that the Chair of the Geneseo Boy Scouts Committee has requested approval of plans submitted by Hop Sing and Phyllis Barbarito to place a bench in Gateway Park, between the gazebo and Lakeville Road, in memory of Kathy Ragan. The Boy Scouts would construct and install the bench as a general service project. The project would include installing concrete footings and planting some of Mrs. Ragan's favorite flowers.

The Board discussed the following concerns:

- The type of bench and materials to be used;
- Responsibility for the future maintenance and upkeep of the bench;
- Whether the Town's mowing operations would be able to access the area around the bench;
- Having the Boy Scouts work with Highway/Water Superintendent Daniel Levey to obtain approval of the bench design and proposed location; and
- Contacting the Town's insurance agent to determine whether the Boy Scouts may install the bench.

Approval of Moving Forward with Bench Donation:
Deputy Supervisor Griffo proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to allow the Scouts to build & donate a bench to the town under the supervision of the Highway/Water Superintendent and with the approval of the insurance agent. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Councilmember Reitz stated that she had distributed updates from the Safety Committee to the Board members for their review and discussion at the next meeting.

Councilmember Reitz also revisited a previous discussion about adopting a local law to address data centers and cryptocurrency facilities. The Board agreed that the proposed legislation should be forwarded to the Town Attorney for review.

Councilmember Deming reported that requests for proposals were sent to four companies to obtain quotes for consulting services to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Only Colliers submitted a proposal, with a quoted cost of $33,500.00. Councilmember Deming will forward the proposal to the Board members for their review.

Shop Steward Matthew Tabak addressed the Board regarding renegotiation of the union contract for Town Highway Department employees. He distributed copies of the requests being made by the Highway Department employees for consideration.

Executive Session:
Councilmember Reitz proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Mix, to enter executive session at 6:25 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person, inviting Attorney Zoghlin. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Exit Executive Session:
Councilmember Reitz proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Deming, to exit the executive session with no action taken at 6:50 PM. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Allow Underberg & Kessler to Represent the Town of Geneseo on the Four Article 7 Actions:
Supervisor Wadsworth proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Mix, to allow Underberg & Kessler to represent the Town of Geneseo on the four Article 7 actions taken against the town. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Adjournment:
Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Mix, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Jodi Deming
Deputy Town Clerk