**Minutes of the Geneseo Town Board Meeting**
**September 9, 2026**

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**Members Present:**
William Wadsworth, Town Supervisor
Robert Deming, Town Councilmember
Gary Mix, Town Councilmember
Margaret Reitz, Town Councilmember (arrived at 4:37 PM)
Ellen M. Zapf, RMC, Town Clerk

**Also Present:**
Daniel Levey, Highway/Water Superintendent
Larry Levey, Deputy Highway/Water Sup.

**Absent:**
Matthew Griffo, Deputy Supervisor

**Visitors:**
Ben Smith and Matthew Tabak

**Meeting Opening:**
Supervisor Wadsworth convened the meeting at 4:30 p.m., with Councilmember Deming 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:**
Councilmember Mix proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Deming, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2026, meeting. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - absent, Mix - aye, and Griffo - absent. No nays were recorded.

**Approval of Abstract #9 of 2026:**
Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Mix, to approve Abstract #9 of 2026:

| FUND | AMOUNT |
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| GENERAL A VOUCHERS | $60,022.30 |
| GENERAL B VOUCHERS | $21,224.97 |
| COMMUNITY ESCROW CM VOUCHERS | $0.00 |
| HIGHWAY DA VOUCHERS | $36,850.49 |
| HIGHWAY DB VOUCHERS | $23,675.74 |
| SW6 CAPITAL FUNDS | $0.00 |
| CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (H1) | $29,494.03 |
| SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT VOUCHER (SL) | $616.86 |
| SEWER DISTRICT #1 (SS1) | $236.12 |
| WATER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE VOUCHERS (SW0) | $15,694.08 |
| SPECIAL ITEMS (H2) (SW5) | $0.00 |
| FIRE CONTRACTS (SF) | $175,499.00 |
| ENGINEERING (SW1) | $0.00 |
| TOTAL | $363,313.59 |

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

**Accept the Town Clerk's Monthly Report – August 2026:**
Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Mix, to accept the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for August 2026.

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| Supervisor for General Fund | $ 7,304.00 |
| Supervisor for Part Town Fund | $ 1,960.00 |
| Livingston County Treasurer for Dog Licenses | $ 112.00 |
| NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program | $ 34.00 |
| New York State Department of Health | $ 135.00 |
| TOTAL | $ 9,545.00 |

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

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

Supervisor Wadsworth welcomed Ben Smith of 4183 Rockwall Drive, who has requested to be added to a water district.

Supervisor Wadsworth stated that now that the town board has received the request, they will need to provide Mr. Smith with the costs involved, including a planning report. The town would advise Mr. Smith of the cost before making any decisions to move forward.

**Discussion - Water Loss Relief Requests:**
Supervisor Wadsworth stated that the town has received three water loss requests. The town has a standard water loss policy that states that if a resident loses water, the town will charge the cost of the water plus 20%.

Supervisor Wadsworth discussed revising the water loss policy to require a minimum of 4000 gallons lost to qualify for the water loss program.

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

Supervisor Wadsworth stated that the board should adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2026 to exceed the tax cap for the 2027 budget. This is a precautionary measure in case this needs to be done. The board will need to hold a public hearing.

Councilmember Reitz spoke to the board about the Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee. Three objectives she would like approval for are

- If the town is interested in membership, what are the town's thoughts on including planning and ZBA board members? Should members be appointed at the organizational meeting in January?
- Thoughts or comments on the matrices. Are these priorities of the town board?
- How public do we want the Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee meetings to be? Do we want the meetings open to the public, with official agendas and minutes?

Supervisor Wadsworth stated that many of the objectives of the committee could be included in the master plan for the town and would make them more legitimate.

**Set the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2026 – Exceed the Tax Cap:**
Councilmember Mix proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Deming, to set the public hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2026, on October 1, 2026, at 4:45 PM at the Geneseo Town Hall located at 4630 Millennium Drive, Geneseo, NY.

**Town of Geneseo**
**Local Law No.2 of the year 2026**

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Geneseo as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent**

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Town of Geneseo to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

**Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override**

The Town Board of the Town of Geneseo, in the County of Livingston, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 4. Severability**

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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

Supervisor Wadsworth would like to change the September 23, 2026, budget meeting to October 1, 2026, as he will be out of town.

**Change the September 23, 2026, Meeting Date:**

Councilmember Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to move the September 23, 2026, meeting to October 1, 2026. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - absent. No nays were recorded.

**Executive Session:**

Supervisor Wadsworth proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to enter executive session at 5:17 PM to discuss collective negotiations, inviting SEIU Representative Matthew Tabak. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - absent. No nays were recorded.

**Exit Executive Session:**

Councilmember Mix proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Deming, to exit the executive session with no action taken at 6:10 PM. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - absent. No nays were recorded.

**Adjournment:**

Councilmember Reitz proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Deming, to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 PM. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - absent. No nays were recorded.

Ellen M. Zapf, RMC
Town Clerk