Minutes of the Geneseo Town Board Budget Meeting
October 1, 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:

Visitors:
Matt Tabak

Meeting Opening:
Supervisor Wadsworth convened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and led 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.

Open Public Hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2026:
Supervisor Wadsworth opened the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2026 and invited comments from board members and the public.

Budget Discussions:
There was a lengthy discussion about the tentative budget, which included the following:

- Looking at about a four percent increase over last year's appropriations.
- Appropriations for a new truck have been added.
- We will be using money from the equipment reserve fund for the purchase of a truck.
- We should keep a balance in AA1355.470 Commercial Review.
- Increased AA1355.100 to $60,922. We need to hire a new Assessor.
- Added budget line AA1355.102 for $10,920 for the Assessor Clerk position.
- Budget line AA8810.490 Cemetery Contractual increased to $30,000.
- Budget line AA1420.490 Attorney Services increased to $30,000
- Discussion of Water Rate increases
- Waiting to get details on health insurance plans.
- Discussion on how longevity pay increases will be paid.

Councilmember Mix discussed correspondence we received from a homeowner on Crossett Road about the new stop signs and would like to respond. He also discussed an email received from an out-of-town realtor regarding a SCAR hearing he attended with the Assessor.

Set the Public Hearing for the 2027 Preliminary Budget:
Councilmember Mix proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to set the public hearing for the 2027 preliminary budget on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 4:30 PM at the Geneseo Town Hall located at 4630 Millennium Drive, Geneseo, NY. 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 asked if anyone had questions or comments regarding Local Law No. of 2026. As there were none, the board took the following:

Close the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2026:
Councilmember Reitz proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Mix, to close the public hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2026. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2026:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Deming, to adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2026, entitled A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

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 - aye. No nays were recorded.

Executive Session:

Deputy Supervisor Griffo proposed the motion, which was seconded by councilmember Reitz, to enter executive session at 6:00 PM to discuss collective negotiations. 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 Deming proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Mix, to exit the executive session with no action taken at 6:34 PM. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Adjournment:
Deputy Supervisor Griffo proposed the motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Reitz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. The motion was adopted with the following votes: Wadsworth - aye, Deming - aye, Reitz - aye, Mix - aye, and Griffo - aye. No nays were recorded.

Ellen M. Zapf, RMC
Town Clerk