

ANNUAL REPORT FOR TOWN OF GENESEE PLAN COMMISSION

JANUARY 1 thru DECEMBER 31, 2024

Serving on the Plan Commission in 2023 were: Brett Engelking, Joe Turzynski, Bob Christiansen, Jennifer Buck and Michael Toole from January through December. Town Board Supervisor Charlie Ross was the representative on the Plan Commission from January through March 2024. Town Board Supervisor Rick Braun was the representative on the Plan Commission from April through December 2024. Sharon Leair served as Chairman for the duration of 2024. The Town Planner/Administrator, Jeffrey Herrmann, was present for all Plan Commission meetings in 2024. Rachel Workman was Plan Commission Secretary from January-December 2024.

The Genesee Plan Commission met 10 times in the year 2024

There were four (4) Public Hearings.

There were three (3) applications for a Hobby Kennel during 2024. The Plan Commission recommended approval on all three (3) of them.

Ten (10) Site Plans/Plan of Operations were applied for in 2024 and all ten (10) were approved.

One (1) Conditional Use was applied for in 2024. One (1) Conditional Uses were approved

There were three (3) Certified Survey Maps applied for in 2024. Two (2) were approved and one was withdrawn. There was one (1) land transfer approved in 2024.

There were two (2) rezones that were approved and one (1) Zoning code amendment in 2024

There were zero (0) conceptual land divisions reviewed. Three (3) residents were approved for number of accessory buildings and two (2) structures in excess of 1,600 square feet in 2024.

There were two (2) waivers approved in 2024

There was one (1) special event consisting of three (3) days approved in 2024

There was zero (0) land altering activity approved.

There was one (1) subdivision development approved in 2024

Fees: Zoning Permit Fees -\$16,500.00 for 2024

Other items which were reviewed during the year are recorded in the Town of Genesee Plan Commission minutes. All other records are kept in the Town of Genesee Offices at S43W31391 Hwy. 83, Genesee Depot, WI 53127 and are available for review during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rachel Workman

Deputy Clerk

**GENESEE RECREATION
2024**

The Town of Genesee had eight adult softball teams and three little league baseball teams. The amount of teams is pretty much the same as previous years. The town baseball fields were used almost every night. We also kept the soccer fields busy with fourteen teams.

To help defray upkeep costs, we rented the fields out on the open dates. The teams that rented fields were Waukesha Firebirds, Catholic Memorial Jr Crusaders, Waukesha Blazers, KM Junior Lasers, Bats Academy, Black Widow, Wales/Genesee Lions Club and Velocity. Field rentals for baseball fields were \$28,700, We also collected park reservation fees of \$6,290.

As always I would like to thank the Town Board and Park Committee for all their cooperation in keeping all the playing fields in excellent condition. I would also like to thank all the coaches, referees, umpires, volunteers, Genesee Rebels Baseball Team, the Wales/Genesee Lions Club, the Genesee Athletic Association and the ground crews for all their help.

Respectfully,
Dennis Michaelis

Genesee DPW and Parks 2024 Annual Report Mike Berg / Co Writer Jeff Gryzkewicz

January:

- 2024 began with a large snowstorm that dropped 27" of snow over the course of several days. This was followed by a week of sub-zero degree weather that made for difficult road clearing conditions.
- Construction on the new DPW building continued through the cold. The foundation was built and the steel frame started.
- Plans for outfitting the new building began.
- Later in the January there was an ice storm that caused the roads to turn to glare ice.
- Trees that fell during the snowstorms were cleaned up and pushed back.
- The Welcome to Genesee sign was put up.
- Truck #81 was found to have had a cracked cylinder head among other things broken. All repairs were done in house.

February:

- The 4th full-time DPW crew member was hired.
- Metal Welcome signs were installed at Town borders.
- New street signs with the train logo were developed.
- The 2024 road program was put out for bid.
- Construction of the DPW building progressed. The door for the wash bay was installed in the wrong spot, but was corrected.
- Pressure tanks were replaced, and some plumbing work was done at the Fire Station.
- 3 small snow events with little accumulation happened. Salt was applied. No plowing.

March:

- Town equipment maintenance was done.
- The construction of the DPW building progressed. Many of the components for the building were ordered. These include:
 - Truck hoist.
 - Brine maker.
 - Forklift.
 - Floor scrubber.

- Extensive clearing was done on Dable Rd.
- A 7" snow storm occurred on March 9-10.
- Park pavilions were opened for the season.
- DPW crew installed the Orb Rocker at Town Park.

April:

- Road shoulders were repaired from plow damage.
- Road patching began.
- Brush and tree clearing was done.
- The concrete was poured in the new DPW building. The crew installed the hydraulic truck hoist.
- The brine maker was installed in the new building.
- Mike and Jeff attended the inaugural road clinic put on by the Wisconsin Towns Association.
- Recreation season began. The crew of 4 seasonal employees began on April 1.
- Shelter reservations were abundant, largely being booked through the end of the summer.

May:

- The 2024 road program was won by Wolf Construction. Old Village Rd west of 83, and Ridgefield Rd were resurfaced.
- Roadside mowing on collector roads began.
- Asphalt patching and tree clearing and brushing continued.
- A rain and wind storm caused significant tree damage.
- The main construction of the new DPW building was completed, with just a small punch list left to complete.
- Parking lot lights and a toilet were repaired at the Fire station.
- Curb was put in at the Town Hall.

June:

- Delivery of the Western Star tandem and Peterbilt single axle chassis were taken. Both went to Burke to be outfitted with plow equipment.
- The new DPW facility was officially completed. The DPW crew began moving in.

- Landscaping was done on the berm at the Town Hall, as well as sealcoating on the parking lot.
- Construction of the Sunset Park bathroom pavilion began.
- Woods Rd had extensive asphalt patches done.
- The forklift and floor scrubber were purchased for the new DPW building.

July:

- Holiday Rd had extensive asphalt patching done.
- The Town developed new road signs with the train logo on it. We began installing these along county highways, and where the old ones were faded.
- DPW installed a new bulk fuel cell at the park making fueling of trucks and equipment more efficient.
- Several intersections in the Town, many at County highways, were brushed back for visibility. Waukesha County's roadside brushing operation has been scaled back which resulted in excessive in the county right of way. In order to ensure safe and visible intersections, the Genesee DPW took on some of this. A good example is Boettcher Rd and Sunset Dr. Town road intersections such as Road GE and Fox Hollow were also brushed back.
- Trees were trimmed extensively. The focus is on low hanging branches that can be a hazard to tall vehicles, as well as exposing the road to more sun. Taking some of the weight off the tree is also critical to it's health. Mature oaks such as those on Woods, Highview, DT, and Brandybrook must be maintained not just for their benefit, but for the health of the road. The acidity from Oak trees results in road deterioration directly below them. An example of this is on Depot Rd in front of Town Park.

August:

- Old Village Rd was resurfaced as part of the 2024 road program. There has been an ongoing concern from several residents on Old Village near Church St regarding drainage issues. The ditches on Church St and heading west on Old Village had not been working largely due to the blockage of the cross culvert that drains most of the water from the area over to the property north of Old Village Rd. Because of the age of the development, there were no official drainage easements establishing jurisdiction for us to work out side of the right of way. We could not ensure positive drainage within the right of way. We developed a plan with Mark from SEH to create an area for the water to drain. We cleared a 350' stretch of all vegetation, then opened up the end of the culvert. We graded the entire right of way, effectively creating a reservoir for Old

Village's water to drain and evaporate. We then opened up the ditch at the corner of Old Village and Church St. It appears to have solved the problem.

- We extended the culvert and regraded the ditch on Fox Hollow at Road GE.
- The DPW crew worked on setting up the new DPW shop with the oil and fluid transfer systems.
- Several trees were cut down on Holiday Rd.
- A new well pump and pressure tank was put in at the Town Hall.

September:

- The ditch grading on Pheasant Run was completed to Redtail Ct. The
- The mini excavator went in with a hydraulic issue. It turned out to be the main hydraulic pump. This was covered under warranty.
- Budget numbers were put in for 2025.
- The bathrooms at the Sunset Park pavilion were painted.

October:

- The Town Hall got a new front concrete sidewalk approach. This was the final improvement to the property in 2024. The goal was to make it more presentable for the election.
- Genesee Preserve off Saylesville Rd was having drainage and erosion issues stemming from the original development. Throughout 2023 and 24, construction dirt and debris had eroded into the ditches coming down Preserve Ct and Ancient Oak. During large storms, rainwater would overtake the ditch and erode the intersection to the point that the asphalt had begun to break away. We regraded the ditch on the east side of the intersection, installed erosion control turf reinforcement mat, and built an asphalt curb to redirect the water. This seems to have solved the problem.

November:

- Parks transitioned for Winterization.
 - All Soccer nets & Baseball training nets removed for winter
 - Lines painted on fields to identify outlines for spring
 - Garbage cans and parks tables brought in for storage
 - All water lines shut off and Winterized

- Final application of fertilizer applied
- All park equipment brought back to sunset park for storage
- Minor outdoor lighting repairs at Town Hall
- Road sides mowed throughout Town
- Trouble spots of overgrowth at intersections were brushed back by Mini Excavator and flail attachment
- All Plow trucks we outfitted with snow removal equipment and inspected
 - Truck # 33 Engine Oil Pan replaced
 - Truck # 34 Engine Oil Leak and repaired
 - Truck # 81 had wiring issues that were addressed
- Plow markers in Routes were placed in curves and other areas
- Snow event on Nov 21st. All trucks dispatched for removal and salting

December:

- New DPW building had the following installations
 - Locker room finalized with the construction of lockers and material storage. All work performed by DPW staffing
 - Washer and Dryer installed.
- Plowing
 - 1 full dispatch plow and salting
 - 2 full dispatch salt only
 - Production of approx. 4000 Gallons of Salt Brine
 - Trial run of salt brine on collator roads & some subdivisions
- Road Work
 - Trees Trimmed on Brandybrook Rd
 - Road DT removal of forestry debris from deadfall and utility trimmings
 - Street Signs Replaced throughout Town
- Park Repairs
 - Curb Stop installed at New Pavilion for water source (Sunset Park)
 - Lighting repairs to older pavilion as photo cells no longer functional and many lights were not working. (Sunset Park)
- Truck Repairs
 - Truck 81 Repairs to front headlights, replacement of plow blades,
 - Truck 34 Repairs to fuel system leak on Manifold, replace fuel lines, repairs to Wing mount bushings worn out.

- Truck 33 Replacement of front shock, hydraulic couplers for front plow system, Transmission Flush
- Contacted 4 vendors for quotations for a track skid steer. Caterpillar was awarded business
 - Caterpillar
 - New Holland
 - Bobcat
 - John Deere

2024 Annual RSW Report

Town of Genesee

- The Town continues to excel at recycling. In 2024 the Town recycled 265.5 pounds per capita. The WI DNR recycling requirement is 106.6 pounds per capita per year.
- John's Disposal would like to thank the Town of Genesee for their wonderful recycling efforts.
 - Our main recycling education tips are as follows: Empty, flatten, and recycle all cardboard boxes. Any Styrofoam should be placed in the trash. Flat cardboard boxes run through the recycling conveyors best, and flat boxes allow for less space used in the recycle cart.
 - Plastic bags should not be placed in the recycling cart as these actually cause issues with our conveyors. We have to stop the conveyors regularly to cut out plastic bags that get wound up! We recommend reusing plastic bags, and/or returning them to most grocery stores which accept them. (Plastic bags can be recycled when they are separated purely-- they cannot be recycled as a part of single stream recycling.)

Jaleesa Jolly
Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Building Inspection Report 2024

Summary of Permits Issued

The following is a summary of all permits issued in the Town of Genesee by Lake Country Inspections, LLC. These are permit totals between the dates of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 . The total value of construction, as reported on the building permit applications is \$28,421,271.74. The total amount of permit fee's collected is \$238,073.18 with the Town retaining \$59,518.30, and \$178,554.89 paid to LCI.

	2024 Totals	2023 Totals	2022 Totals	2021 Totals	2020 Totals
<u>Total Permits</u>	<u>521</u>	<u>572</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>536</u>	<u>522</u>
New Single Family Homes	17	14	21	16	6
New Comm Structures	8	9	2	10	1
Additions	4	4	7	8	8
Remodeling	39	33	45	56	55
Accessory structures	39	39	19	33	30
Pools	6	6	8	6	6
Permits by Type					
Building	158	162	178	165	128
Electric	212	240	271	222	222
HVAC	68	79	160	89	119
Plumbing	80	89	142	59	83
Re-inspection fee	11	7	13	0	5
Commercial Occupancy	2	2	2	1	2
Razing	2	8	5	1	1



LAKE COUNTRY FIRE & RESCUE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 12, 2025
TO: SHARON LEAIR, TOWN CHAIRMAN
FROM: MATTHEW FENNIG, FIRE CHIEF
RE: TOWN OF GENESEE 2024 REPORT

Lake Country Fire and Rescue (LCFR) is pleased to present the 2024 Annual Report to the citizens of the Town of Genesee. Before presenting specific data regarding emergency responses, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Chairman Leair, the Town Board, and the residents of the Town of Genesee for their continued support and leadership throughout 2024.

We recognize the challenges and complexities of discussions surrounding staffing and appreciate the thoughtful dialogue that has taken place. LCFR remains committed to balancing the transition from a paid-on-call staffing model to a career model while ensuring that fire and emergency services remain both effective and financially sustainable.

Through our network of Fire Chiefs across Wisconsin and the nation, we continue to learn and adapt to the evolving landscape of fire service staffing. Many departments are facing the same transition challenges, and we remain steadfast in our mission to provide high-quality emergency services while maintaining affordability for our communities.

LCFR continues to work closely with our partners and the Wisconsin Policy Forum to address funding formula challenges, with the goal of resolving these issues by the 2026 budget.

Fire and Emergency Services Investment

The Town of Genesee's investment in fire protection for 2024 totaled **\$658,765**, which provided:

- **Primary service from a fully staffed fire station**
- **Secondary service from a second fully staffed fire station**

For comparison, if the Town were to operate its own independent fire department, costs would likely exceed **\$2.5 million** annually. The benefits of regional consolidation are evident, as this approach allows for expanded service coverage at a significantly reduced cost.

Looking ahead, as the staffing plan continues to develop, Town residents will eventually receive primary service from **three fully staffed fire stations**, still at a fraction of the cost required to independently staff a single station. This critical aspect of service efficiency is often overlooked in broader political discussions.

Operational Highlights - 2024

Staffing Enhancements

- **Three waves of full-time hiring** in 2024 increased total line staff to **28 full-time members**.
- **Part-time employees and interns** continue to play a crucial role in maintaining daily staffing levels.
- A **full-time Training Chief** and **Emergency Vehicle Technician** were hired, both of whom are available to respond to incidents while fulfilling essential support roles within the department.

Emergency Response Statistics

In 2024, LCFR responded to **385 incidents** within the Town of Genesee, categorized as follows:

- **250 Emergency Medical Calls**
- **3 Building Fires**
- **3 Natural Gas Leaks**
- **1 Vehicle Fire**
- The remaining incidents consisted of various fire service and emergency responses (see detailed chart below).

Notable Incidents

- **March 27th:** LCFR responded Vehicle vs tree accident requiring extrication
- **May 21st:** Structure fire as the result of a lightning strike
- **June 5th:** Motor Vehicle accident with serious injuries
- **July 14th,** Large Natural Gas Leak at commercial property
- **August 5th,** Motor Vehicle Accident with serious injuries, followed by structure fire later in the day
- **August 19th,** Dump Truck Fire
- **September 2nd,** LCFR Crews deliver a baby at Station 37
- **October 6th,** Motor Vehicle Accident with serious injuries
- **October 27th,** Head on motor vehicle accident with serious injuries

Distribution of incidents by Month

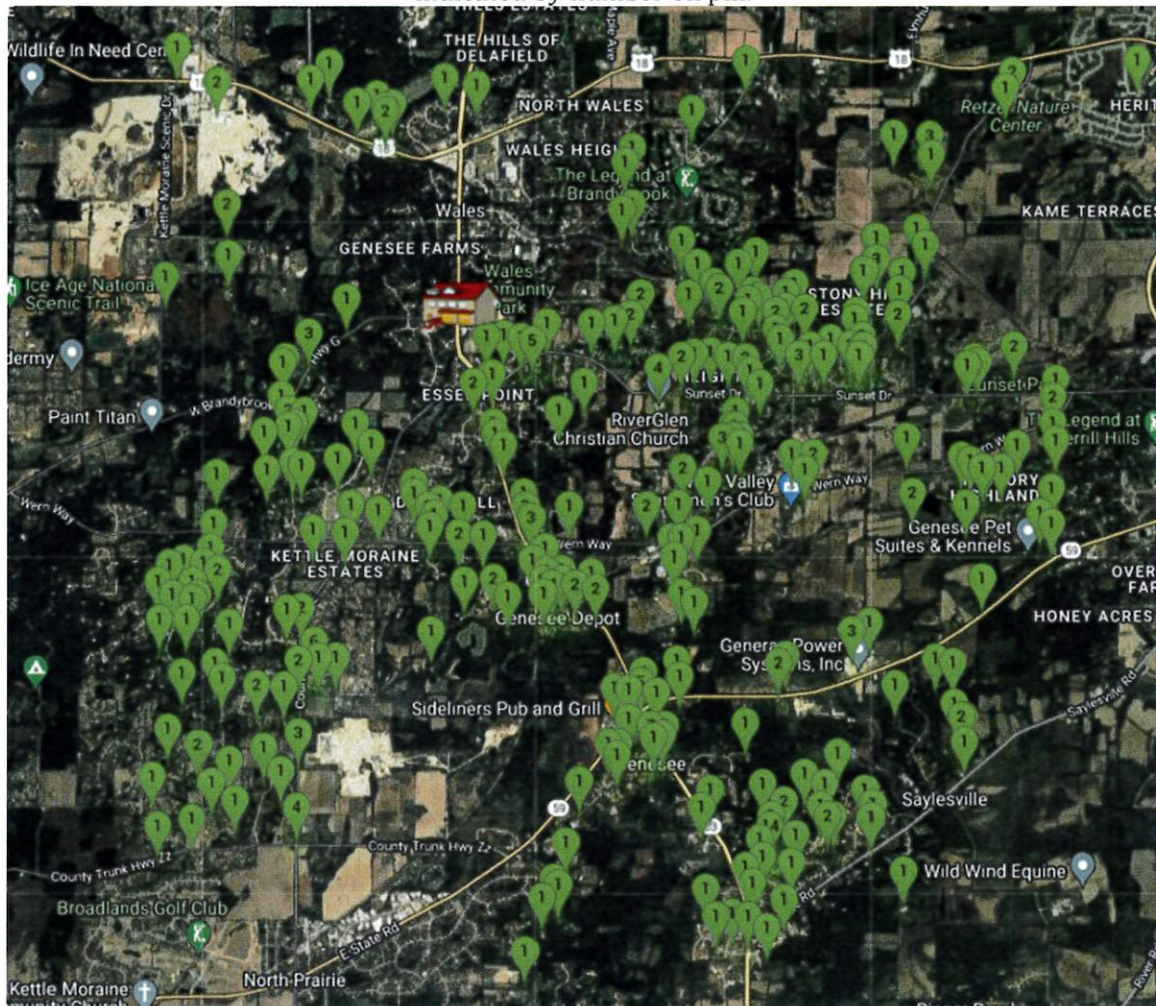
District	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Genesee	53	29	32	34	33	32	29	34	34	32	19	24	385
Total	53	29	32	34	33	32	29	34	34	32	19	24	385

Increase in incidents in January secondary to major winter storm

Distribution of incidents by type

Incident Type	Genesee	Total
Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	250	250
Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	4	4
Dispatched and canceled en route	17	17
Public service assistance	43	43
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	24	24
Combustible/flammable spills & leaks	3	3
Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other	1	1
System or detector malfunction	6	6
Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	4	4
Service call, other	1	1
Good intent call, other	1	1
Natural vegetation fire	2	2
Accident, potential accident	1	1
Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up	1	1
Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)	11	11
Structure Fire	3	3
Wrong location, no emergency found	6	6
Outside rubbish fire	3	3
Mobile property (vehicle) fire	1	1
Animal problem or rescue	2	2
Person in distress	1	1
Total	385	385

Distribution of incidents. Each pin represents an incident, locations with multiple responses indicated by number on pin.



Heat Map of incidents (Town of Genesee only), brighter color indicates higher frequency

