

**TOWN OF GENESEE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING IN PERSON AND ZOOM
MARCH 10, 2025
MINUTES**

Chairman Leair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Leair, Town Board Supervisors Ross, Braun and Tesch. Also present were Administrator/Planner Hermann, Public Works Superintendent Berg and Clerk Treasurer Majeskie. Supervisor Morris called in for the closed sessions.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was said.

Public Comment

At this time residents can address the Town Board on one or more topics for up to 3 minutes with time extensions at the Town Chairman's discretion. In connection with non-agenda items, no action will be taken except for possible referrals to individuals or committees. No comments will be received at this time for matters that will be or have been the subject of a public hearing. The proper time for such comments are during the public hearing. This agenda item is limited to a total of 30 minutes, and speakers are heard in the order they sign up, if time is available.

Danial Weber S15W31895 High Meadow Lane, spoke in favor of the ATV/UTV Ordinance.

Discussion/Action- Certified Survey Map for Marc and Ella Wilson. The property is described as Lots 6 & 7 Sutton Ridge, being a part of the NE ¼ of Section 7, T6N, R18E, Town of Genesee, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. (GNT 1465.007.001 & GNT 1465.006)

Braun made a motion to approve the CSM with the conditions in Herrman's report dated February 16, 2025, seconded by Ross. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action- Request for a waiver from showing the Steep Slopes on the CSM for the land added to the Marc and Ella Wilson property. The property is described as Lots 6 & 7 Sutton Ridge, being a part of the NE ¼ of Section 7, T6N, R18E, Town of Genesee, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. (GNT 1465.007.001 & GNT 1465.006)

Braun made a motion to approve the waiver, seconded by Ross. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action – Prosecution of Violations- Brian & Theresa Baltz W289S4736 Rockwood Trail (GNT 1538-974)

Mr. Baltz did apply for the zoning and building permits. Ross made a motion to have out attorney write a letter to Mr. Baltz giving him 90 days from today to fully complete the project and have the building inspector sign off on it. If it is not completed and signed off on in the 90 days the attorney will start legal proceedings, seconded by Braun. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action – Prosecution of Violations - Mae Investments W302S1591 Brandybrook Road (GNT 1449-994)

Attorney Michael Van Kleunen on behalf of May Investments joined the Town Board at the table. Herrmann told the board that we had received a landscape plan from Mr. Widman regarding the

property. Herrmann has taken a look at the plan, and it still does not comply with what he would like to see out there. Mr. Widman has some construction equipment out there and inside his accessory structure. His neighbor is concerned that he is running a business out of there. Other neighbors think he is running a business also. Ross stated that they are also burning materials on the property. Herrmann wants the property cleaned up and back to a residential property. Mr. Widman does not live on the property to Herrmann's knowledge. There are storage areas where there are rocks and landscape materials that should all be removed from the property. The property should be restored. If he wants to use it for the storage of his personal vehicles that is fine but he can't operate the business from this property per our zoning code. The zoning permit stated that this cannot be used for commercial use. The property is zoned A-5 mini farm district. Herrmann passed out some pictures of the property. Attorney Van Kleunen said this started as a neighbor dispute, and that they have tried to work with the neighbor and address some of the concerns. They presented a landscape plan to the neighbor, that was not acceptable to the neighbor. He will acknowledge that there is some equipment on the property but that is equipment is within A-5 district. Attorney Van Kleunen is unclear what zoning code his client is violation. He doesn't think that the presents of equipment stored and perhaps leaving or coming on the property on occasion translates that there must be a commercial use. They will continue to try to work with the neighbor. Herrmann said zoning code does not allow for the commercial equipment and the employees coming there and getting equipment and leaving. Leair said there are lumber deliveries delivered to the property. There are multiple neighbors complaining. Attorney Van Kleunen asked if they could get a zoning code amendment. Leair said that the suggestion to refer this to the Town's attorney is a good idea and would recommend that to the board. Ross made a motion to turn this over to our attorney, seconded by Braun. The motion passed 4-0.

Reports

Clerk Treasurer-Meri Majeskie

Discussion/Action-Bills to be presented

Ross made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Braun. The motion passed 4-0.

Chairman-Sharon Leair

WTA Legislative Updates

Chairman Leair said they are looking for an increase in transportation aids 3% in 2026 and 2027. \$50,000,000.00 was put in agricultural road improvement program for the proposed budget. If a budget can't be agreed upon for the State it stays the same. They are working on fixes for EMS. They also want to work on extraterritorial so there is more flexibility in Towns. We are supporting a bill called rehired annuitants.

Public Works-Mike Berg

Discussion/Action - Purchase of Jib Crane for DPW building.

The Board discussed the purchase. Tesch made a motion to have this purchase put on the 2026 budget to be reviewed at that time, seconded by Ross. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action - Sale of the old New Holland roadside mower

Berg said he could put this on Govdeals or Wisconsin surplus to try and sell this old piece of equipment because we just purchased a new one. Ross made a motion to approve the sale, seconded by Braun. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action - Purchase of LED message board for road work.

Ross made a motion to put this on the 2026 budget for review at that time, seconded by Ross. The motion passed 4-0

Discussion/Action - Award the 2025 Road Program

The recommendation from Short Elliott Hendrickson was for Wolf Paving Inc. Wolf Paving Inc was the lowest bid. Ross made a motion to award the 2025 Road program to Wolf Paving Inc, seconded by Tesch. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action – Request for The Waukesha Blazers Club and Raised Grain brewing Co. to sell beer from a Traylor near the shelters at Sunset Park during the tournament and authorizing underage persons to be on the premise for which the license is issued for June 27, 28 and 29 ,2025

Ross made the motion to approve Raised Grain Brewing Co to sell beer at Sunset Park with a license from , Seconded by Braun. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action - Request for Temporary Class “B” Beer Retailers License - Genesee Rebels Matt Demarias- Agent

Ross made a motion to approve the license for the Genesee Rebels, seconded by Braun. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action- Set date and time for Liquor License Hearings June 9, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Ross made a motion to approve the date and time for the liquor license hearing, seconded by Tesch. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action – Change the Annual meeting time to 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2025

Ross made a motion to approve the time change for the annual meeting to 5:00 p.m., seconded by Tesch. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action – Budget amendment for the 2024 budget to move \$45,000.00 from 21-57000-800 to 10-52200-823

Tesch made motion to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Ross. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action - Contract for Nextiva phone system.

Clerk Majeskie got a reduction in price for the new contract for the phone system. The Board could have either a three- or five-year contract. Braun made a motion to approve a five-year contract, seconded by Tesch. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion - Chapter 428 of the Town of Genesee Code of Ordinances Parks and Recreation.

Herrmann asked the Board questions clarifying what the Board wants in the Ordinance. He will make changes and bring it back to the Board for approval.

Discussion - ATVs/UTVs Ordinance

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Discussion/Action – Policy to not send out tax refunds under \$5.00 unless there is a request in writing.

Clerk Majeskie wanted to know if the Board was interested in having a policy to not send out tax refunds under \$5.00 unless there is a request in writing. Many people do not cash the small checks. The Board wanted to know the costs of mailing out a refund.

Discussion/Action-Minutes to be approved- Town Board agenda February 10, 2025, Special Town Board agenda February 14, 2025 and Special Town Board agenda February 27, 2025

Ross made a motion to approve the February 10, 2025 minutes, seconded by Braun. The motion passed 3-0. Chairman Leair abstained. Ross made a motion to approve the February 14, 2025 minutes, seconded by Braun. The motion passed 3-0. Chairman Leair abstained. Ross made a motion to approve the February 27, 2025 minutes, seconded by Tesch the motion passes 4-0.

Discussion/Action-Approval of Assigned Funds balance sheet as of 12/31/2024

Tesch made a motion to approve the assigned funds ending 12/31/2024, seconded by Ross. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action-Operator Permits applications Patricia Sanger and Sarah Kraemer from Ella's Public House LLC

Ross made a motion to approve the operators permits, seconded by Braun. The motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence

Majeskie will be emailing out A memorandum of understanding for Countywide damage assessment services and operating procedures from the County. This will be on the agenda next month.

Supervisor Morris joined the meeting by phone

Chairman Leair read the two closed session notices

Ross made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Braun. Roll call vote: Tesch aye, Chairman Leair aye, Ross aye, Braun aye and Morris aye.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Town Board will enter, by roll call vote, into a Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85 (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, (Town employees).

The Board will enter, by roll call vote, into Closed Session pursuant to State Statute 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Lake Country Fire & Rescue Contract)

Morris made a motion to go into open session, seconded by Ross. Roll call vote: Braun aye, Ross aye, Morris aye, Tesch aye and Chairman Leair aye. The meeting went into open session at 8:45 p.m.

Discussion/Action- following closed session, the Town Board will convene into open session and may take such action as it deems appropriate regarding the matter discussed in closed session

No action taken.

Adjourn

Tesch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ross. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meri Majeskie, WCMC
Town Clerk Treasurer