

THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Public Safety Building
255 Exchange Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Presiding – Steve Valentino, Mayor

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Regan, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Camera, Clr. Salamendra, Clr. Burrall, Clr. Pealer,
Clr. Noone, and Clr. Brimm

2. PROCLAMATIONS

- Larry Guerri
- Hobart College Hockey Team
- Coach Mark Taylor
- Will Czaplak
- 125th Anniversary - from Gov. Hochul
- Fair Housing Month

3. SUPERVISOR UPDATE

Supervisor Kennedy said he is still researching the strategic outlook for the post pandemic role of the county office buildings here in Geneva. He said that Workforce Development is having three workshops at the library: One-on-one Help with a Career Counselor, Wednesday April 12 from 3:30 to 4:30pm, Resume Glow-up, Wednesday April 19 from 3:30 to 4:30pm, and Get Ready to Interview, Wednesday April 26 from 3:30 to 4:30pm. He said that he, Supervisor Pruett and Supervisor Venuti continue to work on the County Parks and Recreation Master Plan. In June the Ontario County Planning Department and consulting engineers will be coming out to all of the municipalities to look for possible county parks.

Supervisor Kennedy said that the county is expecting to get opioid recovery funds, possibly in the millions of dollars along with guidelines for utilization. He will provide an update in the coming months. He announced that Victor Nelson and the Mount Olive Church were recognized for outreach during the pandemic to residents of color, and especially to residents in wards 5 and 6, to provide vaccinations and other health programs. Supervisor Kennedy said that due to outreach from a constituent in ward 2, the county has now adopted a resolution earlier this week in committee to go to the board next week to opt-in

to the State's Equitable Reverse Mortgage Assistance Program for seniors to keep them from losing their homes in foreclosure. He announced there will be a household hazardous waste day on April 22nd at the landfill. He noted that residents can drop off paints and paint thinners to Sherwin Williams at any time, up to five gallons per visit. Lastly, he said that the county is doing a request for proposals for a domestic terror prevention advisor. When asked if the new light at 5&20 and 247 would be on 24 hours a day and if it had a sensor, Supervisor Kennedy said he would need to look into that. He said he would look into Clr. Regan's request to bring an E-waste or hazardous waste event to our city. Clr. Camera added that the Salvation Army Store on 5 & 20 will take electronic waste. When asked if the parks and recreation plan was designed to establish new parks or if it was to enhance what we already have, Supervisor Kennedy said the county would maintain a designated county park, which Geneva currently does not have one. Clr. Gaglianese mentioned that our city is lacking handicap accessible equipment and playgrounds.

4. FOUNDRY UPDATE

Remedial Design

- Remedial design plans are in progress for 19 remaining properties located south of St. Peter's Church along Genesee, Geneva, and Tillman Streets. Meetings were held with owners of several of these properties to review remediation plans. The remaining meetings will be scheduled later this spring.

Remedial Construction

- Excavation of the block of six properties located along the west side of Genesee Street just south of Lewis Street resumed in mid-March. Excavation of this block is anticipated to be completed by mid-April, with restoration expected to be substantially completed before summer.
- Excavation of a block of nine properties located along the south side of Lewis Street, east side of Geneva Street, and north side of Tillman Street is anticipated to begin during the second week of April, with restoration expected to be substantially completed by mid-summer.
- Restoration activities at Genesee Park, including masonry activities and landscaping, are expected to resume this month and to be completed in late spring.
- Remediation of all other remaining residential properties is expected to be performed later in 2023. Remediation of the State Street staging area, located on the parcel just east of the railroad, is anticipated to be completed in 2024. Demobilization from the additional project staging area on Lehigh Street will also be completed in 2024.

5. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

MOVED THAT the minutes of the March 1st Council Meeting be approved

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Brimm

MOVED THAT the minutes of the March 22nd Council Meeting be approved

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Camera, Clr. Regan, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese,
Clr. Burrall, Clr. Noone, and Clr. Brimm**

Abstain – Clr. Pealer and Clr. Salamendra

MOTION CARRIED

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Schiller congratulated council for a super meeting last month noting that they worked together, compromised, and shared opinions. She said that the mayor's dad had said it is not enough to be aware but to be involved. She thanked councilors for being involved

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT

STORM CLEAN UP

Our teams continue to respond to the damage caused by the storm last week. Castle Creek breached over the banks, running down Main Street causing significant impact in downtown. Many properties were impacted by this overflow, including the DRI area. The 5&20 DRI Green infrastructure was significantly compromised, both streetscape and 5&20. As a note, there were no improvements made to the water/waste water system through our DRI work. Two of our lift pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant failed during the event, causing overflow. The over flow was contained and DEC has been notified.

Our Fire Department responded to 70 calls since the beginning of the event through Thursday morning. We have heard from residents requesting support in mitigating the water in their own homes throughout the city. While we have a responsibility to support the infrastructure that the city is responsible for and will continue to look at ways to improve our response during weather events, we are unable to support recommendations on how to best mitigate storm impact on private residences. Thank you to our teams who responded during the storm, who have supported, and continue to support the clean-up efforts. We had over a dozen employees respond during the event as well as over 40 volunteer firefighters join in on the response. Thank you to all for the services they provide the city.

PARKS AND FIELDS MAINTENANCE

Our staff will be maintaining all fields within the next few weeks. All of our parks and grounds are saturated, very soft and may not support vehicles or equipment on them at this time (ours or outside contractors).

Here is the current 2023 plan for ball field maintenance:

- Brook St. and Jefferson St. - outfields will be rolled, soil will be applied to infield areas and dragged.
- Jefferson will remain grass except for the bases, mound and batter's box. We have soil available.

- Nieder will remain grass. We have an idea for long term solution for Nieder, that will include relocating the ballfield to the north west side of the park to get away from poor drainage concerns in its current location. A new backstop will be requested as part of the 2024 budget process.
- Clark St., Gulvin and Ridgewood - these infields need to be turned and dragged and the outfields need to be rolled. Ridgewood has been dragged.
- All the parks, are currently muddy and wet and will most likely remain so for the next couple of weeks.

The wear and tear of having multiple teams use the infields for practice during this wet season will also damage our city fields. We encourage teams using the fields to please attempt to use outfields and side lots at this time.

Planned park improvements for 2023 include:

- Freshening up the stone dust trails at all parks
- Freshening up the wood chip playground mulch for all parks,
- Replacing the wood benches at Clark St.
- Restoring the basketball court surfaces at Nieder and Richards
- Installation of pickleball courts at Nieder

SALE OF CITY PROPERTY

The City owns several properties which are used for a variety of purposes. Our team is reviewing our city owned properties and will recommend practices on ways we can dispose of City property, which may include auction, bid, private sale, or RFP and how the city determines when a property should be disposed from City ownership.

RECRUITMENT

Chief of Police: The test was given to five individuals on March 26. Results are usually returned between 90-120 days from the date of test. If three internal candidates successfully complete the test, then we will only have the ability to interview the candidates from the internal list, as the list is then considered a mandatory list. If less than three internal candidates successfully test (score above 70) then the external candidate list is viable for use. I do not have a list of candidate's names at this time. Once the results are received, interviews will be held in a panel format as well as community presentations by the 2-3 top candidates. The current Chief is set to retire in summer of 2023.

Assessor: The current salary for this role is \$75,500 - \$80,000. The Assessor is a joint position shared via contract with the City of Canandaigua and we will work together on the interview process. The Assessor is a management, non-competitive position, which means there is not a test for this position.

Director of the Planning and Economic Development Department: This is currently posted and the search is ongoing for this position. The posted salary for this position is \$72,500 - \$82,700. There is not a test for this position. Once the candidate pool is closed an internal and external team will work together to interview the selected candidates. The members of the panel will include representatives from IDA, LDC, RLF, County Economic Development, School District, Colleges, and internal staff members.

Currently, the Comptroller, City Manager's Office, and staff from the PED Department are sharing city responsibilities related to the work of this position. Applications are due on April 21, 2023.

[Junior Engineer](#) – This position is now posted on the Ontario County Civil Service site. Applications are due by April 30, 2023.

[Engineer Technician](#) – This position is also posted on the Ontario County Civil Service site. Applications are due by April 30, 2023.

COMMITTEES

An internal staff team has begun the review of committees, boards and commissions that support the city. At the May council meeting, staff will bring forward a recommendation of ways to revamp our city committees. We are currently looking at the number of committees, the engagement of the committee members, the ways the committees interact in the community, and the ways the committees support the work of the city. Additionally, staff are preparing information on ways that City committees may be able to access City funding, at the discretion of council, for committee activities.

Food Truck Ordinance

Staff from the Clerk's office, Planning and Economic Development department, Buildings and Code Enforcement unit, and the City Manager's office, met earlier this week to discuss food trucks in the city. The team will create a draft policy with areas for the members of council to explore and debate based off of other policies in surrounding communities. As part of the June council meeting, we will provide an overview on the areas we explored and how the proposed change in ordinance would impact (both positively and negatively) the city. From the Council discussion, we can revise the draft ordinance and allow for public comment at the July council meeting as part of the first reading of the draft ordinance.

City Manager Hendrix thanked council for their one-on-one meetings with her to discuss focus areas for 2023. She noted that twenty-two different topic areas came up.

Clr. Gaglianese told the city manager that the city needs to fast track the food truck ordinance and find weed control solutions before the summer is over. He questioned why it is so hard to fill positions in the city such as the Assessor and Economic Development Director. He said that we need to work with the Town of Geneva on the water problems we are having during rain storms as he feels their extra buildings are creating the problems. He asked if there are funds from the State. Clr. Gaglianese asked if we have an adequate amount of road patrol staff with the upcoming hiring of a new police chief in order to use less overtime in the police budget. City Manager Hendrix noted that there are officers currently in the academy who will not be ready to go on their own for months.

Clr. Regan said that council needs to have work sessions to try and accomplish more. Mayor Valentino told council to request work sessions if they have topics to discuss. Clr. Noone said he would like a work session in May to discuss food trucks with an ordinance in June. Mayor Valentino told councilors to send him their available times.

Clr. Salamendra noted that these conversations are not following the rules, saying that topics can be added to the agenda for discussion. If councilors want something done, they need to add it to the agenda so other councilors can be prepared.

When asked about the MAP grant administration decision, City Manager Hendrix told everyone we have selected an administrator, and they will begin next Friday.

Clr. Camera said that the problem council has had with some of the work sessions is council jumps in without staff research. He said that staff knows this better than anyone, and they can do the work and get council to a clear resolution so council doesn't waste time.

Clr. Pealer said he would like to have the capture of rainwater investigated, he would like to see the spring park maintenance cycle coincide with Easter Break, and he wondered why food trucks were now a topic for discussion. City Manager Hendrix explained to council that staff had put the food truck discussion on hold due to finite resources. If the food truck discussion needs to be moved to the front of the line, then something else will need to wait.

8. UPDATE ON THE ZONING PROCESS

City Manager Hendrix told council that a SEQRA on the first part of the zoning process was done in November 2020 and the referral was initiated to Ontario County. In 2021 and 2022, many changes were made, and a draft document will be uploaded and sent to everyone by the end of the week. She noted that a work session may be needed to discuss the edits before the final draft goes to Ontario County. She recommended a work session in May, and public comment will be needed. Clr. Burrall requested a paper copy of the plan.

9. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY

City Manager Hendrix presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva owns real property located at 30 Castle Street (104.43-2-3); and

WHEREAS, the Geneva City Council has deemed that the property no longer serves a public purpose and should be sold to a private party; and

WHEREAS, staff is reviewing private interest in this property; and

WHEREAS, if a proposal is determined to be in the best interest of Geneva residents, City Council anticipates a sale of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing for the sale of the above referenced property be held at the regular City Council meeting on May 3, 2023.

City Manager Hendrix told council that the City of Geneva owns 0.015 acres of real property located at the rear of 30 Castle Street which no longer serves a public service and could be sold to a private party. This is scheduling a public hearing May 3rd which is required for the sale of city owned property. She said she will include a survey in the next agenda.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese
MOVED THAT this resolution be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2023 SEWER FUND BUDGET FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT REPAIRS

City Comptroller Newcomb presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva Waste Water Treatment Plant has incurred several significant equipment failures since January 2023 and

WHEREAS, the City Staff have completed all internal repairs possible and the existing 2023 budget cannot accommodate the additional cost to maintain operations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geneva City Council, hereby, and in due form, does amend the 2023 Sewer Fund Budget as follows:

REVENUES:

Add

APPROPRIATION FROM SEWER FUND BALANCE NOT TO EXCEED \$280,000

EXPENSES:

Add

Sewer:

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES NOT TO EXCEED \$280,000

Comptroller Newcomb told council that since January 2023 the Waste Water Treatment Plant has experienced several emergency equipment failures including the conveyor belt and the Amwell drive at the treatment facility, the bar screen at the high flow facility and the SCADA computer alarm system upgrade. Fortunately, City Staff have been able to complete significant repairs internally for

recognized cost savings, the additional cost for replacement equipment and install will be covered by this budget amendment.

Clr. Pealer questioned why we were not bonding for this, and Comptroller Newcomb said we have enough cash at the moment and would not need to pay interest or issuing costs. Mayor Valentino said he would like to see what percentage is left in the fund balance.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Camera; seconded by Clr. Brimm

MOVED THAT this resolution be approved

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Camera, Clr. Regan, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Noone, Clr. Burrall,
Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Salamendra, and Clr. Brimm**

Nay – Clr. Pealer

MOTION CARRIED

11. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR UPFITTING NEW FIRE CHIEF VEHICLE

City Comptroller Newcomb presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva Fire Department, utilizing surplus funds from the sale of a Ladder Fire Truck previously marked as surplus, purchased a new vehicle for the Fire Chief to allow for the replacement of the Deputy Fire Chief vehicle and

WHEREAS, the cost to upfit the vehicle for operations is not covered in the current 2023 budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geneva City Council, hereby, and in due form, does amend the 2023 General Fund Budget as follows:

REVENUES:

Add

APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND BALANCE

NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000

EXPENSES:

Add

Fire:

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000

Comptroller Newcomb said the current Deputy Fire Chief vehicle has required significant repairs over the last several years and has reached a point where the cost of maintenance exceeds the benefit of investing in the vehicle. Utilizing \$40,000 received from the previously planned sale of a Ladder Fire Truck, the city was able to purchase a new utility vehicle for the Fire Chief. In order for the new vehicle to be operational on calls, it requires equipment upfitting estimated to cost around \$35,000.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese
MOVED THAT this resolution be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

12. RESOLUTION INCREASING THE MEMORIAL BENCH FEE

City Comptroller Newcomb presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva implemented a fee of \$2,000 to cover the cost of memorial benches purchased and placed around the City Parks; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the materials for the bench, memorial plaque and concrete pad have increased over the years. Staff has determined a fee increase to \$3,750 is required to cover the cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geneva City Council, hereby, and in due form, does amend the Memorial Bench Fee to \$3,750.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these fees shall be effective immediately upon approval.

Clr. Regan told everyone that her father walked at the lake. She said that he needed to rest frequently and came up with this bench idea, so she called the DPW and they worked with them.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Camera; seconded by Clr. Regan
MOVED THAT this resolution be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

13. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 215 ENTITLED "LICENSING OF OCCUPATIONS"

City Manager Hendrix presented the following ordinance for first reading:

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Geneva, NY that Chapter 215 entitled "Licensing of Occupations" of the City of Geneva Municipal Code be amended as follows:

1. Article I, section 215-6 (A) is hereby amended to read:

"Such application shall be accompanied by a cash deposit or payment bond with sufficient sureties in the sum of \$7,500, which must be approved by the City Attorney, and conditioned for the faithful observation of the laws of the State of New York and this chapter and all other applicable local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of the city."

2. Article I, section 215-7 is hereby amended to read:

"Upon the filing of the application, bond and information as provided in the previous sections, the City Clerk may upon his approval of such application and payment to the City Clerk of the license fee hereinafter provided, issue to the applicant a license to engage in the business of auctioneering. No license shall be refused except for a specific reason and for the protection of the public safety, good order and morals. All licenses shall be numbered in the order in which they are issued and shall state clearly the dates of issuance and expiration of the license, the fee paid and the name and address of the licensee. No applicant to whom a license has been refused shall make further application until a period of at least three months has elapsed since the last previous rejection, unless he can show that the reason for such rejection no longer exists."

3. Article I, section 215-8 is hereby amended to read:

"The fee for this license shall be determined by the Geneva City Council during budget discussions. No license shall be used by any other person other than the original licensee, and any holder of such license who permits it to be used by another person and any person who uses such license granted to another person shall be guilty of a violation of this article."

4. Article II, section 215-14 thru 23 entitled "Barbers" is hereby repealed

5. Article III, section 215-24 thru 31 entitled "Hairdressing and Cosmetology" is hereby repealed

6. Article IV, section 215-32 thru 37 is hereby renumbered to Article II, section 215-14 thru 19.

- a. New section 215-14 titled "Licenses Required" being amended to read:

"No person shall carry on or engage in any of the trades, occupations or businesses hereinafter specified within the city without first procuring a license from the City Clerk."

- b. New section 215-16 (A) (1) titled "Trades, occupations and businesses specified" is being amended to read:

“Before a license shall be issued under this subsection, the licensee shall file with the City Clerk a bond in the penal sum of \$500 with surety or sureties to be approved by the City Attorney conditioned for the faithful observance of all applicable ordinances of the city”

- c. New section 215-16 (A)(2) titled “Trades, occupations and businesses specified” is being amended to read:

“The fee for the aforesaid license shall be determined by the Geneva City Council during budget discussions.”

- d. New section 215-16 (A)(3) titled “Trades, occupations and businesses specified” is hereby repealed

- e. New section 215-16 (B) is being amended to read:

“Junk Dealers. In considering any application for a license under this subsection, the City Clerk shall consider the general welfare of the city and the proposed location within the city where the licensee intends to carry on the business of junk dealer, and the City Clerk may refuse to grant such license in any case where he or she deems the issuance of such license would be contrary to public interests and the general welfare. The fee for the aforementioned license shall be determined by the Geneva City Council during budget discussions.”

- 7. Article V, section 215-38 thru 40 is hereby renumbered to Article III, section 215-20 thru 22, section 41 is hereby repealed, and section 42 and 43 are renumbered to 23 and 24.

- a. New section 315-21 titled “License Required” is hereby amended to read:

“License. It shall be unlawful for any person, associate, partnership or corporation to engage in business as a scrap processor unless such scrap processor shall have complied with the provisions of this article and obtained a license to do so from the City Clerk. Each license shall expire on June 30 of the year next ensuing.

- b. New section 315-22 titled “License application” is hereby amended to read:

“Application for a license hereunder shall be made in writing to the City Clerk, by the person to be licensed, on forms to be furnished by the City Clerk. The application shall contain such information as to name and address of the applicant and such other information as said City Clerk may reasonably require. The fee for said license shall be determined by the Geneva City Council during budget discussions.”

- c. New section 315-23 (B) entitled “Records” is hereby amended to read:

“Such records shall be available for inspection by local, county or state law enforcement officials or other officials having jurisdiction.”

- d. New section 315-24 (A) entitled “Penalties for offenses” is hereby amended to read:

“Each violation of this article by a scrap processor shall be a violation subject to a fine of not more than \$1000, unless such violation shall be willful, in which event it shall be a misdemeanor except,

however, the scrap processor shall not be liable for any violation of this article by a seller, his agent, or a purported seller or agent.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately and in accordance with law.

City Manager Hendrix told council that this section of the code was passed in 1968 and last updated in 1982. Since then, the city no longer issues Barber and Cosmetology licenses, and they are now issued by the Department of State. Additional changes are included for renumbering purposes and transferring issuing authority from the City Manager to the City Clerk.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Brimm
MOVED THAT this ordinance be approved for first reading
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

14. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 335-17 ENTITLED "PARKING, STANDING AND STOPPING RESTRICTIONS"

City Manager Hendrix presented the following ordinance for first reading:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York that Chapter 335, entitled "Vehicles & Traffic" of the City of Geneva Municipal Code be amended:

WHEREAS, the current section 335-17, entitled "Parking, standing and stopping restrictions" Indicates On the north side of William Street: No parking from a point 50 feet easterly from the east curb line of West Street to Nursery Avenue. On the south side of William Street, there are no restrictions.

WHEREAS, the City Director of Public Works recommends that correct no parking here to corner distances be established in this area.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDAINED, as follows:

Section 335-17 of the Geneva City Code, entitled "Parking, standing and stopping restrictions." be and the same is hereby amended to include the following:

William Street

On the north side:

No parking from a point 75 feet easterly from the east curb line of West Street. Blocking of the driveways to houses Number 242 and 246 William Street will not be allowed.

On the south side:

No parking from a point 60 feet westerly from the west curb line of West Street.

City Manager Hendrix told council that no parking here to corner signage have been in place at William Street and West Street intersection for many years, but the city ordinance did not correctly identify the signage locations. With the recent addition of stop signs, the Director of Public Works recommends that No Parking Here to Corner signs be properly installed and identified at William Street and at West Street to safely control vehicle traffic at this intersection.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Camera
MOVED THAT this ordinance be approved for first reading
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

15. BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Noone
MOVED THAT Donald McGuigan be reappointed as the Nester Hose Fire Commissioner
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Noone
MOVED THAT Michael McWilliams be reappointed to the Recreation Advisory Board
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Clr. Gaglianese mentioned that there are several boards and commissions lacking in filling seats along with some non-functioning members. He said that the Police Budget Advisory Board needs to fill two seats, and he is working on that. Clr. Camera asked if he could get copies of the applications to review.

16. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Clr. Brimm said that the Housing Authority met this past month and reported their stand-alone sites as well as complexes to the county for the housing piece.

Clr. Gaglianese said that the Planning Board met in March to review a site plan and architectural review for 210 Washington Street and a subdivision application combining three lots owned by the City of Geneva into one. The Police Budget Advisory Board met in March to get an overview of the budget process by the comptroller, and they are working on their recommendations. He thanked the cleanup crews who worked long hours during the storm.

Clr. Salamendra said that March 31st was Trans Day of Visibility and is a day where we remind ourselves to stand up for trans lives all year long. This year is especially important as we watch trans people and their rights come under further attack. She said that we must call out and condemn the violence and the rhetoric that incites the violence especially when it comes from a position of power. She said that a

constituent brought to her attention that another council member made bigoted statements on his Twitter page, and she wants to make it clear that he does not speak for all of council. She said that she stands with trans people and they have the right to be comfortable in their bodies, get the care that they require and feel safe in their communities. She would like Geneva to rise up against hate and say that trans lives matter.

Clr. Camera said that he is looking for this to be a trans welcoming community and for them to feel safe here. He thanked the city manager for her letter to Norfolk Southern and the excellent report on parks and recreation saying he would like it on the website. He also thanked her for the flood report, and he thanked all of the efforts of the DPW, Fire Departments and volunteers. He said he would like to figure out a way to advise residents what they can do. He said that his family took low-cost action in their basement after a flood. He said that Earth Day will be celebrated in Seneca Falls on April 22nd with a rally that the Seneca Lake Guardian people have organized at Waterloo Container. They will rally and protest to urge Gov. Hochul to close the state's largest landfill, Seneca Meadows on schedule in 2025. This landfill is one of the biggest environmental threats to the Finger Lakes, burping out harmful climate busting emissions and producing millions of gallons of toxic chemicals that get dumped into our state waterways annually. The group is also calling on the state to develop comprehensive zero-waste legislation to effectively phase-out the need for solid-waste landfills. The advocates will be joined by elected officials, business owners, and community members, and the rally will take place at Waterloo Container with the landfill towering 280 feet high in the backdrop. He said the campaign continues to gain momentum, with major environmental players like the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the Sierra Club, Environmental Advocates of New York (EANY) and the New York Public Interest Group (NYPIRG) backing it. Local farmers will be donating food to be prepared and served by local chef Peggy Aker. Annie Burns of the famous Burns Sisters along with Doug Robinson and Harry Aceto will perform live music. He said at 11:30 there will be a number of speakers: Yvonne Taylor, Barb Reese, Michael Warren Thomas, Rich Swinehart, President and CEO Waterloo Container, Steve Churchill, Janet Aaron, Skaneateles Town Supervisor, and Clr. Camera as well.

He said that the DEC's solid waste management plan for beyond 2030 draft has been released and they are taking comments until May 15th. They also have a question-and-answer section on their website.

Clr. Regan said she hopes we can be a welcoming community to all people. She said that the Mission Zero event sponsored by the Green Committee will be April 22nd at the Recreation Complex from 10:00-2:00. She said the Shadetree Committee will be giving away free trees, there will be free tours offered of the solar homes, there will be composting demonstrations, advice on heating/cooling your home more efficiently, and other fun activities. She said that council passed a resolution regarding a heat smart program and they needed permission from the city to send out ads. She said she met with them and the Town of Geneva and have filed the paperwork to officially begin this program. There will be a launch early in May at the Geneva Community Center, and they will also be at Mission Zero. Clr. Regan said she attended a webinar on solid waste management. She attended a NYSEG presentation with the city manager to learn what residents can do when seeing an escalation in their bills. She said the Green Committee is having a meeting for people interested in weeding this Saturday for the HWS Day of Service from 10:00-2:00. She announced that the 125th Celebration was a success with the final event held at the Smith Opera House, a reception and fireworks. She noted there are still a few "I was here in 1898" signs at city hall. She said that Linda Robertson will continue her column in the Finger Lakes Times for the rest of the year comparing 1898 with today.

Clr. Pealer said that the Recreation Board did not meet but he had an update from the Recreation Director.

- The Recreation Department wants to congratulate the 2023 NCAA Ice Hockey Champions Hobart Statesman back from going undefeated at home this Season. Thank you to the players who came home and immediately helped us install the Turf for Spring Recreation Programming.
- We had a very Successful Easter Egg Hunt with over 100 kids and owe a thank to Geneva YMCA and Geneva Reads for providing support.
- Thank you to the community member's that helped clean up Jefferson St baseball diamond.
- Our Spring Break Recreation Camp April 3-7th was a success with over 30 week-long participants and all are looking forward to coming back for the summer.
- Coed Adult Soccer starts tonight 7:45-9:15 every Wednesday thru June 14^h
- Adult box lacrosse starts tomorrow 4/13 7:45-9:15 Drop ins welcomed.
- Soccer Tots for 3-4-year-olds are open and the first session is May 8th at 5:45pm
- Summer Youth Soccer leagues for 5-6- and 7-8-year-olds is open deadline May 26th
- Adult Co-ed Softball signups are open. Play will begin June 6th We are in search of Umpires please contact us if you're interested.
- Free Pickleball in the parks demo will be Sunday May 21st from 10-11am at Brook St. All ages and abilities welcomed.
- Summer Recreation Camp will start July 5th all registration information can be found on our website. Scholarship opportunities are available. Any questions please email Amy aosterhout@geneva.ny.us or give us a call 315-789-5005

Clr. Pealer said he had comments from residents about the weeds and the black light posts being corroded and needing paint.

Clr. Burrall thanked Supervisor Kennedy for his thorough update and Pat Schiller for her public comment. He said that with summer coming, there will be an increased demand for blood, so residents can donate blood at the following places: April 20th at the VFW in Waterloo from 1-6pm, April 21st at the Hall Fire Department from 1-6pm, April 24th at the Presbyterian Church from 1-7pm, April 28th at Geneva General Hospital from 10-3pm, and May 2 at DellLago from 1-6pm. He said the BID welcomed three new board members; Chad Lahr, Kelsey Journal, and Mark Fabianis. Their annual dinner was held March 28th at Bella's where they presented the new Charles Bauder Award for Exceptional Service to Geneva. Charles Bauder was a founding member of the BID in 1986. Clr. Burrall announced that the Garlic Festival planning is underway with 30% of the funding collected. Cruisin Night will be June 2nd. He said the BID is geared up with advertising for summer help for weeding and maintenance. He said the BID welcomed new businesses in the downtown: Anorah Restaurant on Castle St., Grounded – a coffee shop on Castle St, Murphy's Market next to Twisted Rail on Exchange Street, a smoke shop on Exchange across from Hampton, Btk Ink - tattoo place on Exchange, and Botanica La Santissima religious gift store on Castle St. Clr. Burrall said that at the Mission Zero Event the Shadetree Committee will be giving away 100 free trees at no cost to the Department of Public Works. Residents will have a choice of 4 different varieties. He noted that young families planting trees is a wonderful education for children. He said that his recent firewood sales brought in \$175 for the Comptroller. He gave a shoutout to a couple members from the Shadetree Committee who will be driving to Maryland to pick up the 100 trees to save the \$900 shipping cost. Lastly, he said that the committee has three openings.

Clr. Noone said that he, Bob Ohman, and some others are planning a tribute to John Salone on opening day at the Red Wings Field on June 3rd at 7:00pm. He will have more details coming soon.

Mayor Valentino thanked the city manager for a very informational update. He gave a big thank you to staff and volunteers on the cleanup after the recent rain. He said that the development taking place in the Town of Geneva did not have specific standards for water retention, and that changed around fifteen years ago so now any development now needs water retention either above ground or underground. He said when the county redid Pre-Emption Road, there was a major redo to try and control the rush of water coming down the hill.

17. ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese
MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:20pm
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Lori Guinan

City Clerk