

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF GENEVA, NEW YORK

JUNE 4, 2025

**City Hall
2nd Floor Council Chambers
47 Castle Street
Geneva NY 14456**

COUNCIL MEETING STARTS AT 7:00PM

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- I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor, Steve Valentino
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Sale of City Owned Property – Conover Street
 - B. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2025 Program Year Applications
- V. PROCLAMATIONS
 - A. Juneteenth
 - B. Pride Month
- VI. PRESENTATION
 - A. Code Presentation – *Superintendent Braman*
 - B. April Budget Update – *Comptroller Blowers*
- VII. DISCUSSION
 - A. MAP Grant Selection Committee – *Councilor Pealer*
- VIII. SUPERVISOR UPDATE
- IX. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

This portion of the meeting is dedicated to correction of meeting minutes for the following Council session.

 - A. May 7, 2025 (regular council meeting) (p. 3)
 - B. May 13, 2025 (special council meeting) (p.12)

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is dedicated to receiving comments on any topics. The standard time limit for public comment is three (3) minutes.

XI. CITY MANAGER REPORT – *This portion of the meeting is dedicated to presentation of a report by the City Comptroller on non-action matters that have not been addressed elsewhere on the agenda.*

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

This portion of the meeting is dedicated to consideration of matters that have been previously considered by City Council. These include:

- A. Resolution - Sale of City Owned Property – Conover Street – City Manager Hendrix (p.13)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

This portion of the meeting is dedicated to consideration of matters that have not been previously considered by City Council. These include:

- A. Resolution – For Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Nomination and Corridor Management Plan Adoption – Director Venuti (p.16)
- B. Resolution – Setting a Public Hearing for the Sale of City Owned Property, 63 Gates Avenue – City Manager Hendrix (p.18)

XIV. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

XV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

This portion of the meeting is dedicated to presentation of reports by the Mayor and City Councilors on non-action matters that have not been addressed elsewhere on the agenda

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 7, 2025 – 7:00 PM
City Hall – 2nd Floor Council Room
47 Castle Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Presiding – John Brennan, Councilor at Large

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gillotte; seconded by Clr. Petropoulos
MOVED THAT council move to executive session at 6:27 to discuss
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-3 absent)

ACTION TAKEN by; Clr. Petropoulos, seconded by Clr. Moracco
MOVED THAT council exit executive session at 7:02pm
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-1 absent)

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Whitfield, Clr Moracco, Clr. Petropoulos, Clr Lavin
Absent: Clr. Grimaldi, Clr. Pealer, Mayor Valentino

3. PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Mt. Olive Church
- B. American Legion Auxiliary
- C. Public Service Recognition Week

4. DISCUSSION

- A. MAP Grant Selection Committee

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gillotte; seconded by Clr. Petropoulos
MOVED THAT this agenda item be tabled
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-3 absent)

5. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Lavin; seconded by Clr. Petropoulos
MOVED THAT the minutes of the March 24, March 25, April 2, April 5, April 17, April 21,
and April 28, 2025 Council Meetings be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-3 absent)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jonathan Taylor shared his concerns about Councilmembers slouching and appearing inattentive at regular and special Council meetings. He also expressed frustration at a member of Council that “blew him off” because he wasn’t living in the ward this Councilor represented. Mr. Taylor also called for transparency in the Board of Ethics. He encouraged Councilmembers to pay attention to presenters at special meetings.

Steven Kelly spoke about panhandling concerns that have been raised by some councilmembers. Mr. Kelly, a Certified Behavior Analyst, explained that restrictions on behavior in certain locations without offering solutions won’t change behavior. He further explained that punishment can’t teach behavior, the revolving door of justice will continue. He recalled that current laws do address aggression, and fines don’t help people who are already needy. He recommended a person-centered approach to address panhandler’s needs.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Hendrix provided the following report:

Goal 1: Ensure Fiscal and Organizational Stewardship of City Resources

City Staff Vacancies

The police department is in the process of offering a contingent offer to a candidate. If all background information goes well, the candidate will begin service at the end of May and attend the June Academy.

The two cost savings vacancies that are currently in place as part of the 2025 budget process are a sergeant and MEO to Laborer vacancy. An additional vacancy is being created with the departure of the Director of Planning and Economic Development on May 22 and Recreation Director on July 11.

To assist in reducing the total 2025 budget a rolling vacancy of at least two positions must be kept until at least ~\$200,000 of cost savings is achieved. As of May 1, \$87,000 of cost savings has been achieved.

Hiring for Seasonal Labor

We are still hiring seasonal laborers and recreation attendants. Please spread the word about these temporary positions at the Department of Public Works and Recreation Center. Applications are now open: <https://ontario-portal.mycivilservice.com>

City Staff Appreciation Week: May 5–10

This week, we recognize and celebrate the dedicated service of our City staff, who work tirelessly every day to support the community. Rain or shine, day or night, these individuals ensure the essential functions of city life continue smoothly.

City workers are the backbone of our daily lives — they provide clean water, maintain our roads, keep the sewer systems functioning, ensure public safety, fight fires, support education, and so much more. Their commitment doesn’t waver, even in times of crisis. In challenging moments, City leadership at every level, be it through title or personal leadership, rises to the occasion to safeguard our residents and maintain stability.

Please join us in thanking our City staff for their unwavering service and dedication to making our community a better place to live!

City Building Repairs

City Hall: The glass blocks have been installed throughout the basement of City Hall. Carpets were replaced throughout the building.

Fountains: Bicentennial Park's Fountain has been repaired and is running. NYSEG is working on a service upgrade for the fountain at Pultney Park.

Fire Department: A new roof will be installed this summer.

Long Pier Bathrooms: The bathrooms at Long Pier are being prepared to kick off the summer season.

Public Safety Building: The doors on the sally port will be replaced in the coming weeks as well as the gutters.

Trainings Attended by Staff

Fire Trainings:

Our firefighter is currently enrolled at the Fire Academy. Graduation is May 30th.

One firefighter successfully completed Code Enforcement Officer School.

Eight firefighters obtained certification as Respirator Technicians.

Internal training hours logged (YTD): 2,400

NYSCMA: The City Manager attended the New York State City/County Manager Association Conference. Conference sessions included areas targeted towards economic development, use of AI, and community engagement.

Supervisor Communications and Leadership Training: Judith Rowe met with the City Department Leaders, Supervisors, Deputies, and Lieutenants to develop practices to create better communications among our team members. This ½ day training was created for the City of Geneva Leadership staff and focused on building trust within the teams, communications preferences, and accountability in communicating.

nVeris Virtual Reality Training - 19 officers participated in this training. The training provides an immersive and realistic environment to help officers sharpen their skills in critical areas, including de-escalation techniques, crisis intervention, use of force decision making, and tactical scenario training.

NYS certified Master Instructor Training - Detective Dobies has begun the course work to become a NYS certified Master Instructor. Currently, there are only 2-3 Master Instructors at the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy.

Taser Instructor Re-Certification - Sgt Gentile and Officer Baskin completed their Taser Instructor re-certification.

Radio Antennas

The City will be placing Symmetrical Horn Antennas throughout the city. These antennas are utilized for wireless communication due to their ability to offer high gain, uniform coverage, and low interference, making them ideal for urban environments and high-density network deployments. They will assist our camera operations.

IDA Meeting on the GEDC

The Comptroller and City Manager met with the executive committee of the IDA to discuss the GEDC. The IDA just completed a study on the GEDC and based on the recommendations in the study are looking at what the plans may be for the future of the GEDC, including the potential of selling the building. This is

important to the City as we house DPW, a community kitchen, and storage within the building. As the IDA considers the future operations there are two main areas that will impact the City.

1. *Storage Facility.* We have been using a space at the GEDC for storage that will need to be demolished due to safety concerns our code department has regarding this building. The contract with the GEDC states that we will maintain the areas that we utilize and this could mean that we will need to pay for the cost of demolition. The cost is estimated at \$500,000.
2. *DPW Space.* We occupy 32,000 sq/feet for our DPW Department. The DPW space is rented at \$.38/square foot. While this is a great rate for the City, the IDA is reviewing their rental agreements and would like to move towards a more equitable rent. In our meeting the IDA discussed that the lack of this revenue from the City has made the management of the building difficult. They would like to change the contract to be closer to \$2-\$3 a square foot. The current cost is \$12,160 per year to \$64,000 to \$96,000. Market rate is \$4-\$12/square foot.

Operational Statistics for the Fire Department (Year to Date thru April 15, 2025):

- Total Calls: 773
- Code Inspections: 232
- Mutual Aid Responses: 16

Police Department March 2025 Statistics

- Calls for Service: 2,883
- Mental Health Calls: 22
- Domestic Incidents: 36
- Overdoses: 9
- Property Checks: 1,320
- Parking Tickets Issued: 87
- Traffic Tickets Issued: 158
- Overtime Hours: 206.25 hours

Fire Department Apparatus Maintenance/Updates

Fire Prevention/Special Operations Truck is now in service and operational. This truck will be utilized for the storm response trailer as well as code enforcement.

Annual Preventive maintenance has begun on all fire apparatus.

The Ladder Truck will be out of service for three days next week for warranty work.

Goal 2: Promote Economic Development within the City

Long Pier Extension (Formerly the Marina)

The re-bid for the long pier extension has been posted. The bids are due on May 15, 2025.

Future Focus on Planning and Economic Development and Recreation

The City Manager met with members of the departments of Planning and Economic Development and Recreation to review the 2025 Work Programs and align programmatic areas among the remaining staff as well as with those staff in departments peripheral to the departments, such as the Department of Public

Works. There is a lot of overlap between the two groups when it comes to community development work and areas for continued progress and growth. While there will be a transition with new staff members in both departments, I appreciate communities' patience as the staff work through the next phase of these important community services.

2025 ICMA Economic Mobility Cohort

The City of Geneva has been selected as one of fifteen cities in the United State to participate in the 2025 EMO Cohort. This opportunity will allow City staff to learn from evidence-based frameworks to help identify barriers unique to their communities, receive training from the creators of data tools and knowledgeable practitioners, and gain opportunities for peer learning. The grant includes \$20,000 to launch our initiative which will focus on aligning local resources with community-identified needs and developing supported, actionable pathways to economic opportunity for all. Our focus areas will be post-secondary education and workforce development, Housing and community development, and financial security. For information on the 2024 Cohort Cities visit [here](#).

Goal 3: Increase and Sustain Intergovernmental Relations with City Partners

Fire Department Shared Services

Held a quarterly coordination meeting with neighboring departments and town supervisors

Actively exploring expanded collaboration, including cost and resource sharing.

Developing a regional training calendar to share educational opportunities across all local departments.

Sewer and Water Fee and Rate Review

We have contracted with GHD Engineering, Architecture & Construction Services to study the water and sewer rates and fees. Additionally, the Comptroller is working on modeling the Town of Geneva Sewer rates within the City. This draft information may be helpful for GHD and City Council to consider as part of the larger rate study. The Town of Geneva has committed to financially supporting a portion of the costs associated with GHD completing the study.

School District Capital Projects

The City team is currently reviewing the West Street School project and working with our school partners to better understand the goal as approved by the School District vote. Together we hope to find solutions that continue to protect all involved entities. The concerns expressed by City Council and community members regarding the curve cuts are being evaluated by City staff as well as the safety changes this new configuration would impact. Staff met with the school district late last his month and requested additional information which was recieved this week. Staff will provding a briefing to council at an upcoming meeting.

NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (DHSES)

On Wednesday, April 16th the NYS DHSES conducted outreach in the City of Geneva. DHSES and members from the Police and Fire Department visited with downtown businesses, interacting with shop owners/managers, and building connections. DHSES has materials to hand out such as pens, posters, stickers, etc. regarding the work that DHSES does in the community. This is not a federal agency.

Goal 4: Develop and Implement Strategies to Create and Continue Dynamic Communications Regarding City Actions

Community Conversations

The May conversation will occur on May 15th at 8am at Monaco's Coffee with Special Guest Comptroller Blowers.

Fire Department Community Outreach and Education

- Senior citizen fire safety classes are underway. These classes are focused on prevention, home hazards, and emergency preparedness.
- 25 smoke detectors have been installed so far in 2025 through community assistance efforts.
- The Fire Department participated in the high school career fair to promote fire service careers.

Goal 5: Enhance the Quality of Life for City Residents

Department of Public Works

We have been in the process of sweeping the City streets as well as removing damaged trees from Castle Creek. The Water Treatment team posted the Water Quality report. Crews are in Pultney Park upgrading the electric service. The Castle Street Reconstruction – Main St to Brook St- NYSEG gas main utility work continues.

Resource Recovery Park Expansion

The Resource Recovery Park expansion pilot with the Town of Geneva began on May 1. Punch cards and recycling tickets are available at the City Clerk's office. This is a pilot program and we are contracting with the town via grant funding to

expand the services at 45 Doran Avenue. If the pilot proves successful we will continue to operate the program beyond grant funding and hope to also be able to utilize the Town Resource Recovery park for City residents.

Shade Tree Committee Tree Distribution

The committee provided 100 trees to community members at the Mission Zero Event – a collaboration between Geneva's Green and Shade Tree Committees.

Kayak Vendor

A request for proposals has been issued for a vendor to provide kayak services at the lakefront. The RFP closes on May 14, 2025.

Soccer Tots

Soccer tots has officially kicked off with nearly 50 participants. Soccer tots is for children ages 3-4 and held at the Recreation Complex on Monday evenings in May. Registration is available on the Recreation Website.

Recreation Summer Camp

Summer camp registration is now open for children ages 5-12. Camp runs July 7th – August 15th in ½ day or full day sessions. Information on summer camp can be found here:

<https://www.cityofgenevany.gov/259/Recreation-Department> and scholarships are available!

Youth Soccer

Youth soccer kicks off on June 9th and is for kids ages 5-8. Registration is now available.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Lavin; seconded by Clr. Petropoulos

**MOVED THAT Josh Kayn be appointed to the IDA, Michael Salotto be appointed to the Board of Ethics, and Maddie D'Amico be appointed to the LDC.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-3 absent)**

9. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Lavin; seconded by Clr. Gillotte

**MOVED THAT the agenda be amended to add a resolution to schedule a public hearing on the sale of city owned property
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye - Clr. Whitfield, Clr. Gillotte, Clr Lavin, Clr. Brennan
 Nay - Clr. Moracco, Clr. Petropoulos
MOTION CARRIED (4-2, 3 absent)**

10. RESOLUTION – Scheduling a Public Hearing on the Sale of Conover St.

Director West presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Geneva City Council has identified land known as Conover Street, and identified on the attached survey as Parcel A and Parcel B, as surplus real estate that is not serving a city goal, and

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva's adopted procedure for Purchasing Geneva City-Owned Real Property calls for quarterly review of offers for city property by the Property Acquisition and Disposition Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Property Acquisition and Disposition Committee did review offers received for Q2 of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Property Acquisition and Disposition Committee recommended that the City accept the offer that was submitted by Daniel McGowan to purchase the identified land for \$50,000 with the following stipulations and considerations:

1. Mr. McGowan should submit the standard property offer form
2. The sale should follow the City's policy of using a quit-claim deed and will be sold "AS IS" with no guarantees and full indemnification of the City
3. The City should carefully consider and identify all necessary the easements on the property for the NYSEG pump house, City infrastructure, and any additional infrastructure on the site; and

WHEREAS, the Daniel McGowan did subsequently submit the property offer form and agreed to the City's terms of sale, but lowered the offered sale price from \$50,000 to \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that this project is consistent with all existing local plans, the project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources, and the project supports local businesses in a manner that will attract, create, and sustain employment opportunities in Geneva; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council schedules a public hearing for June 4, 2025 at 7pm in the City Hall Council Chamber for the purpose of hearing public comments on the sale of city property as described above and in the purchase offer form submitted to the City and attached to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Geneva City Council intends to act as the Lead Agency for SEQR in connection with the sale of this property and instructs the City Manager to take all action necessary to notify potentially interested or involved agencies of the intent to act as lead agency and to seek comments on the potential environmental impacts of the sale of this City owned property.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Lavin; seconded by Clr. Petropoulos

MOVED THAT this resolution be approved

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-3 absent)

11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Lavin shared that he continues garbage watch on South Main Street, as the HWS school year winds down. A resident raised concerns about visibility of a stop sign at the Jay Street / Main Street intersection, perhaps being too far back. He reminded everyone that Hobart William Smith graduation is on May 18.

Councilor Whitfield offered thanks to Director West for his commitment to Geneva, and will be sorry to see him go. He thanked Director West for everything he's done for Geneva. Councilor Whitfield also thanked Director Sharman for his contributions to the City, and although he doesn't depart until July, he will also be missed.

Councilor Moracco shared details of the Town Hall meeting held at the library on April 5th. He thanked City Manager Hendrix for attending and answering numerous resident questions. He reminded everyone that the City Manager and Comptroller will meet with residents at Monaco's on May 15th at 8:00am.

Councilor Petropoulos thanked Councilors Grimaldi, Moracco, and Gillotte, as well as City Manager Hendrix for attending the April 5th Town Hall, and encouraged residents to visit the City Manager and Comptroller at Monaco's on May 15th at 8:00am. Councilor Petropoulos wished Director West fair winds and following seas. He then offered an update on proposed panhandling legislation, explaining that current legislation is sufficient, reminding people to press charges if they experience aggressive panhandling. The LDC met earlier in the day, and since Councilor Petropoulos was unable to attend, Director West provided an update to include that Liz Toner has been appointed as the new Executive Director, a new member was welcomed, and advisory seats were established. The LDC is looking for bankers who live in the City to join the board, and working with Drumstock on meeting fundraising goals, as well as lending some upfront financial support. Councilor Petropoulos shared that the OEO Site Meeting was cancelled last week, and the ZBA met about a variance requested for development at 218 Genesee Street. He noted that he's heard nothing on the Jackson Street development. On Sunday, June 8 the reenactment of Lafayette's visit and speech will take place at Pultney Park. Councilor Petropoulos offered moral support to Chief Eveland and the entire Police Department during this difficult time.

Councilor Gillotte wished Director West good luck, and thanked him for his positive projects and impact on the City. He thanked Director Sharman as well. The Police Budget Advisory Board didn't meet in April, but plans on presenting to Council in May. The BID Hometown Heros banners will go up next week, with flowers and flags to follow the week after next. First Fridays

are underway, with the first one on May 2nd being a success, call the BID to be a sponsor. Music Mondays will be held from 5-8pm in Bicentennial Park on June 16, July 14, and August 11. The BID's hanging basket sale fundraiser was a success. There are a few baskets left, contact BID if you'd like to purchase one for \$45.

Councilor Brennan shared that Tom Burrall donated \$675 in firewood sales for last month, and is closing in on \$16,000 in total donations to the City. The Historical Districts Commission had no meeting in April, but will meet in May.

12. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Petropoulos; seconded by Clr. Moracco
MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:43pm
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-3 absent)

Nicole Tillotson
City Clerk

THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 13, 2025 – 5:30 PM
City Hall – 2nd Floor Conference Room
47 Castle Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Presiding – Steve Valentino, Mayor

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Lavin, Clr. Brennan, Clr. Petropoulos, Clr. Moracco, Clr. Gillotte, Clr. Whitfield (arrived at 5:45)
Absent: Clr. Pealer, Clr. Grimaldi

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Petropoulos; seconded by Clr. Gillotte
MOVED THAT Council move to executive session at 5:30pm to discuss the employment history
of a particular person
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Petropoulos; seconded by Clr. Moracco
MOVED THAT Council exit executive session at 6:21pm.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Brennan; seconded by Clr. Gillotte
MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:22pm
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nicole Tillotson
City Clerk



Geneva City Council
Agenda Item Briefing

To: Mayor Valentino and the Members of City Council

From: Amie Hendrix, City Manager

Meeting Date: June 4, 2025

Item Title: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Action Required:

Approval of resolution

Background:

Upon reviewing the property interests of the City, it has been recommended that a paper street, known as Conover Street be sold to Daniel McGowan at a cost of up to \$40,000

Alternatives:

Council could choose keep the City owned property.

Financial Impact:

The parcel will go back on tax roll

Attachments:

Property survey

Resolution # 33-2025
Authorizing Sale of City Owned Property to Daniel McGowan

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva owns land known as Conover Street, and identified on the attached survey as Parcel A and Parcel B; and

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

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed private interest in this property; and

WHEREAS, if a proposal is determined to be in the best interest of Geneva residents, City Council anticipates the sale of the property to Mr. McGowan at a cost of no more than \$40,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geneva City Council, hereby and in due form, directs the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare and execute documents necessary to affect the sale of property known as Conover Street.

SURVEY MAP

Proposed R.O.W. Conveyance

Prepared for
Daniel A. McGowan
and
The City of Geneva

STATE OF NEW YORK
Conover Street

City of Geneva
County of Ontario

Conover St. + S. Main St. (ext)

Seneca Lake
Seneca County

Parcel 3
Area

0.471 Acres +/-
City of Geneva
Sewage Treatment
Tax # 119.8-1-8.11
Liber 385 Page 146
Map #37512

Parcel 4
Area

0.053 Acres +/-

Reference

- Map "Instrument Location Map of Geneva On the Lake" By LandTech- J. Sciarabba, NYS Lic. #050348
- Warranty Deed: Plumb to The City of Geneva Liber 385 of Deeds, page 146.
- Guardian's Deed: Harris to The City of Geneva Liber 384 of Deeds, page 406. Citing filed map #535 O.C.C.O. dated Dec. 21, 1933
- Subdivision Map Prepared for Daniel McGowan Surveyor: David J. Hanley Lic. #050379 Map #37512 O.C.C.O. dated Nov. 11, 2020.

Parcel 5
Area

0.120 Acres +/-

Certification

I, David J. Hanley certify to:

- Daniel McGowan;
- The City of Geneva, NY

That this survey was prepared on Feb. 27, 2024 from the notes of an instrument survey completed by me on Oct. 14, 2020 and from the reference documents noted hereon.

This title survey was prepared in accordance with the Minimum Standards of the Genesee Valley Land Surveyors Association adopted January 2017.

Proposed

David J. Hanley
N.Y.S. Lic. # 050379

Feb. 27, 2024

Date

Line Table

NUM	BEARING	DISTANCE
L21	S88°33'40"E	23.72'
L10	N88°33'40"W	45.55'
L9	N45°40'00"W	10.80'
L25	N 1°49'40"E	66.00'
L26	S3°28'20"W	73.40'

Curve Table

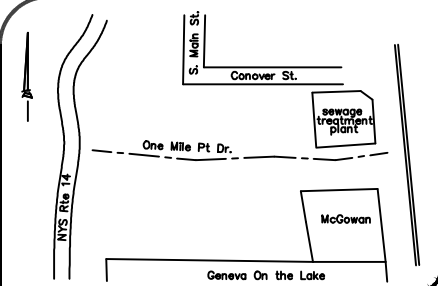
NUM	DELTA	ARC	RADIUS	BEARING	DISTANCE
C1	5°21'26"	66.02'	706.15'	N1°34'40"E	66.00'

Surveyor:

Dave Hanley L.S.

223 BRISTOL STREET #118E
CANANDAIGUA, NY 14424
585-526-6050

Scale 1"=80'



Location sketch
not-to-scale

NYS Rte. 14
South Main Street
99 feet wide

South Main Street (ext)

N/F Sharon P. Best
Tax # 119.8-1-7
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map #4881

Conover Street
(un-developed)
66' ROW

Parcel B
Area

0.658 Acres +/-

One Mile Point Road

Parcel 1
Area

1.225 Acres +/-

Parcel 2
Area

3.044 Acres +/-

Parcel 6
N/F McGowan
Tax # 119.8-1-8.200
map #16760, 9963
810/164

N/F McGowan 883/635 map 16758

Parcel 3
Area

0.471 Acres +/-
City of Geneva
Sewage Treatment
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Parcel 4
Area

0.053 Acres +/-

Parcel 5
Area

0.120 Acres +/-



**Geneva City Council
Agenda Item Briefing**

To: Geneva City Council

From: Joseph Venuti, Director of Public Works

Meeting Date: June 4, 2025

Item Title: Supporting the Proposed Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway (HTURB)

Background:

The Underground Railroad Consortium of New York State (URCNYS) is in the process of getting resolutions passed throughout New York State in support of the proposed 550-mile Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway (HTURB).

To gain eligibility for State Byway designation from NYSDOT URCNYS needs resolutions of support from local governments along the route. The Byway has the full support of NYSDOT. The route passes through the City of Geneva on Route 14 to the North (N. Exchange St, S. Main St), and Route 20 to the South and East (Lakefront Drive).

Click [here](#) to view a Google Map version of the route, the route is the purple line.

Financial Impact:

Potential to generate additional tourism traffic through the City of Geneva

Department of Engineering and Public Works

Joseph Venuti, Director of Engineering and DPW

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Resolution #34-2025
Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Nomination
and Corridor Management Plan Adoption

WHEREAS, the historic qualities of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, as described in the corridor management plan, and the surrounding areas have been appreciated and celebrated for over a century by the residents of New York State, as well as tourists, historians, artists, authors, and other visitors to the region; and it is this unique combination of the journeys of Harriet Tubman and those Freedom Seekers who traveled on the Underground Railroad that create the special sense of place that is vital in telling the New York story of the human desire for freedom and the historic sites they utilized during their journey to emancipation; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, composed of representatives of 22 municipalities along the proposed scenic byway route, committed to working cooperatively to protect and promote the historic, scenic, recreational, and economic well-being of the 544-mile Corridor throughout the state and agreed to pursue the nomination of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee, each of the 22 counties contributed to the development of this corridor management plan by encouraging public participation, confirming the vision and goals, and leading individual meetings of the Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, consisting of relatives of Harriet Tubman, descendants of Freedom Seekers, Harriet Tubman and/or Underground Railroad historians, representatives from state and federal agencies, has strengthened the historic integrity, representation, and the principles of the corridor management plan; and

WHEREAS, in the process of developing this corridor management plan, the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee has strengthened the bonds of inter-municipal cooperation, and the involved entities envision further benefit through scenic byway designation including sustained collaborative progress, increased funding opportunities for recommendations identified in the plan, enhanced partnerships with agencies responsible for the stewardship of resources along and adjacent to the byway route, and an improved visitor experience that interprets and promotes the corridor's intrinsic qualities and resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Geneva supports the designation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway which includes programs for stewardship and enhancement of the historic scenic byway and guidance to manage future activities along its corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Geneva will work in partnership with the other municipalities along the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway and local and regional stakeholders in order to support future Byway programs, economic development, marketing, and collaborate with these interested entities to explore opportunities for cooperation to realize the Scenic Byway goals.



Geneva City Council Agenda Item Briefing

To: Geneva City Council

From: David Hou, City Attorney

Item Title: Resolution to Authorize Lease with Option to Purchase 63 Gates Avenue – South Side (the “Property”) (vacant lot to the north of Cracker Factory, 35 Lehigh Street), tax ID # 90.20-1-11.

Action Required:

Approval of this resolution

Background:

The Property is a vacant lot that was part of the former Market Basket site at 63 Gates Avenue. The site was part of an environmental remediation project by the NYDEC, for which the City has ongoing obligations under the Site Management Plan (“SMP”). The adjacent lot at 35 Lehigh Street (the “Cracker Factory”) is an event space (weddings, banquets, etc.), whose owners wish to use the Property for additional outdoor event space. On January 1, 2025, the DEC approved of the proposed change of use for the Property to allow its use as now proposed.

Previously, on July 7, 2010, the City Council authorized a sale of the property to the Cracker Factory, but because of the environmental issues at the Property, the purchaser refused to assume some of the costs/obligations under the SMP at that time. It is our understanding that the Cracker Factory is now proposing a lease to purchase the Property, and that it is now willing to assume some of the ongoing costs/obligations associated with the SMP. What is currently proposed is that the City will continue to conduct ground water monitoring and the annual certification under the SMP, at its cost and expense, and the Cracker Factory will be responsible for compliance with all other terms and conditions of the SMP.

The current material terms being proposed by the purchaser are: i) a ten (10) year term; ii) annual lease of \$750.00 per year; iii) option to purchase the lease at any time for \$1.00, subject to approval by the DEC. The terms are still being negotiated.

Due the fact that the original approval in 2010 was for a contemplated sale of the Property, versus a lease with the option to purchase, and the addition of new proposed terms of the conveyance, this transfer should be (re)authorized by City Council to acknowledge the new terms.

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Resolution #35-2025

**SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY
63 Gates Avenue (90.20-1-11)**

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva has identified surplus real estate that is not serving a city goal; and

WHEREAS, the Geneva City Council has deemed that the property located at 63 Gates Avenue (90.20-1-11) no longer serves a public purpose and should be leased or sold to a private party; and

WHEREAS, previously, on July 7, 2010, the City authorized a sale of the property to the Cracker Factory, but because of environmental conditions at the Property, the sale was never completed; and

WHEREAS, the Cracker Factory is now proposing a lease with option to purchase the Property; and

WHEREAS, if a proposal is determined to be in the best interest of Geneva residents City Council anticipates a lease with the option to purchase this property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing for the lease with option to purchase 63 Gates Avenue will be held at the regular City Council meeting on July 2, 2025.