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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 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. Noone, Clr. Burrall, Clr. Camera, Clr. Brimm, and Clr. Pealer

Absent: Clr. Salamendra

2. PUBLIC HEARING - LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX CAP

Mayor Valentino opened the public hearing at 7:02pm and with no one appearing to speak the mayor closed the public hearing at 7:03pm.

3. 2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION

1. Finance: How much money was spent on grant writing in 2023?

This question was asked last meeting, which the comptroller answered, saying that the approximate year to date amount spent on grants has been \$23,000. She added that they've also utilized services that provide donations for assistance with grant writing without being charged. The city manager said that over 2 million in grant revenue has been submitted if they were to all be received.

2. Finance: Revenue from Sewer listed under G-2374: Sewer Services, other government, what is included in that?

The comptroller explained that they include the shared agreements with the Town of Geneva and the Town of Waterloo. The city manager added that the numbers fluctuate because they are a percentage of the total sewer fund or the total water fund.

Clr. Regan said there is a perception that people in the town aren't paying as much for water as city residents, so she wanted clarification as to how they can be certain it is a fair payment. City Manager Hendrix said the way it is subsidized looks different because we charge the town as a whole and then they bill their residents whereas we bill our residents directly. She assured that the payment would still be a fair share but the town may be helping their residents with some subsidies. The city manager also said that the increases happen at the same time so if one goes up so does the other due to litigation with billing other municipalities. This ensures no one unjustly increase the rate to pay for more than the fair share. She said a study they're

looking at is evaluating the capacity of the water and wastewater to determine rate adjustments. The mayor said they've been trying to create transparency between all residents, adding that the town now pays a percentage for capital improvements.

Clr. Pealer asked if the towns are carrying a portion of the capital improvements or the city's debt when capital improvements are made. He said he was under the impression it was our debt so if capital improvements are paid for out of pocket or our levy then it won't be covered. The city manager said she believes it isn't all narrated in the agreements but overall, the approach is to work together, and assured they've been a contentious partner. Clr. Pealer asked if every negotiation is different as far as the percentage and the city manager said she doesn't believe so.

3. Finance/CM: Follow up on Senior Exemption

The city manager said in order to make a change, to match the school and county, a local law would need to be passed. She said she's worked with the assessor and they recommend doing it in a lump sum. The excepted amount is approximately 1.12 million dollars with an increase of \$446,000 from the current exception of \$666,000. She explained if we were to go to this over time, we'd need to adjust with increases to assessed values so with a larger assessment there would be a larger exception. In other words, there would be a lot of variables and this method wouldn't be recommended by staff. She reminded everyone that seniors often receive social security each year, but don't receive large increases annually, and the assessment must use the gross amount before the deductions. This is important because this sometimes causes people to lose their exemption if they exceed the allowed amount, so she explained the longer this is prolonged the longer they would not have that exemption. Another thing she suggested is looking at this later in 2024 because due to being in the middle of a reassessment which will bring the tax rate from the current 78% equalization rate to 100%. In theory, with that would mean more funding, which could all be implemented in 2024 but it would have to be done prior to May 1st to go into immediate effect. She said if that is the route taken then it would be taken out of the fund balance with future budgets built off with that deficit in mind.

The mayor said he understands the complexity and while he isn't a fan of a 5.5% tax increase, he would like to see a static look. He said he hopes they take a look at helping seniors with their exemption rates. The city manager reminded everyone that the tax rate will decrease when the equalization reaches 100%.

Clr. Gaglianese brought up a separate question, asking if the city has an agreement with LaBella, since many big projects often do. The city manager said the director of Public Works has been meeting with them about what will be provided when the project concludes and what will happen with the sites they're using.

4. Planning and Economic Development: What is the use of the innovation kitchen? What was the additional programming money that was not funded for? (page 35 in the budget)

David began by explaining that the innovation kitchen is a 5,000 square foot commercial kitchen in the GEDC building. He said the space, which is leased from the IDA, was renovated by the city with the creation of a kitchen to allow food-based-businesses to have a space to start in and grow. His understanding is the shared space became housed by Real-Eats who grew quickly and essentially used all the space due to their success. He believes the issue was that there was no program in place, to find more businesses, and create a calendar to ensure everyone has time to use the space. He feels it was intended to, and still has the potential to, provide education while supporting and guiding small business owners. He said it's currently an underutilized space and this has created its own problems, like with equipment, due to not being used

frequently enough. He sees it's as an asset for the community and economic development so he wants to create the program it needs by bringing in someone to manage the space and help the businesses grow. He acknowledged doing so takes money and he feels its worth thinking about because the space won't meet its goals of growing businesses unless there's a program to do so.

The mayor said he likes the idea, asking roughly what the \$20,000 would be used for? David answered it would be for personal and explained it wouldn't be a whole year worth but maybe for the last quarter of a year to work with a partner or non-profit who has connections to get the program running. The mayor agreed with David that it should be kept on the table to consider, if not this year, in future years.

5. BID: "Funding Request" — was this money that was actually awarded? (page 20 in the budget)

City Manager Hendrix explained the 2024 budget has \$90,000 for contractual support and \$15,000 for economic support to the BID which is the same amount that was put in the 2023 budget. She said the BID was asked to make a 12% reduction, like all other city departments, but they were able to be held harmless at the same amount despite their full request being \$4,000 more.

Clr. Gaglianese asked, since events are growing, would they need more money to maximize the events? Catherine replied that she doesn't feel it is enough and explained that they've grown a significant amount in the last three years. She said she tries to push money that is donated toward spots where they are lacking funds such as advertising. The city manager added that the BID money is set up so the \$90,000 goes to the maintenance, DRI, flower baskets and the economic development money is the \$15,000 such as work projects and advertising.

6. BID: In 2023, we moved to reimbursement for the BID, where are they on spending of the funds we have provided?

City Manager Hendrix explained this process is where they spend the money and the city reimburses them, and added that there are also pilot and special assessment agreements which are not done on reimbursement. She said the through the third quarter of this year the city has reimbursed \$63,124. She added we've also provided the \$15,000 for economic development support in a lump sum payment due to the transition. Catherine added that those funds help her pay for her team, so they can have a third employee to do social media and marketing.

7. BID: What is the mission of the BID? While appreciating their support, what is their primary function?

The city manager said their mission statement is on the website and explained they promote the City of Geneva through the taxation of properties within specific districts who pay an additional assessment, along with city funds, to promote businesses downtown. Catherine added the number of properties dropped to 164, after losing solar village, which became single family residences.

Clr. Pealer asked if the lakefront park is included in the BID district. Catherine answered that 41 Lakefront Drive is included due to a big push for lakefront development in 1986, as is the rest of the lakefront according to the map that was drawn but there isn't anything to assess. Clr. Pealer asked if the BID can use it as a space when planning events and Catherine answered that it is a possible space to use but they go through the city to request permission like any other organization.

Clr. Regan said she's seen an expansive presence of BID due to their work with the buildings and grounds in Geneva along with an increase in events. She feels the events provide a lot for the city and they have been exceeding their mission statement. She asked if they feel as though they need more money for events or if they have adequate funding. Catherine replied that they can always use more funding to have a better and broader reach so every little bit helps. She said they're becoming more involved with the New York State Tourism Industry, the county, the Erie Canal, and I Love NY to put Geneva on the map. Clr. Regan proposed the question of whether the \$15,000 for events in the recreation department budget could be shared between both since they're related.

Clr. Pealer asked how prepared and successful is BID at event planning for downtown Geneva? Catherine said she is nervous with the reduction in the overall assessment while working hard to bring more funding in and spread it out. She stated that they're very good at planning and holding events but once they're bigger, like the garlic festival, it costs more due to command centers, department of health, and much more planning. She said the garlic festival cost roughly \$48,000 to put on this year and she estimates it costing between \$70-80,000 next year. She feels torn whether that's where to put their time and money or instead focusing on smaller events that bring the community together.

Bob Stivers said he likes to look at the BID and city as collaborators because they work together to give the city what they want. He said a study was done in 2008 which created a plan to get a large amount of people downtown, marketing downtown businesses, maintain events, and beautify downtown. He feels its grown and they've made the necessary steps like renovating housing downtown and that needs to continue to happen. He believes the shortfall is in the budget because it doesn't allow for extra people to help run the events. He said they've done extra tasks like helping to clear snow, which is usually a city responsibility, in order to make the events great. He stated they're asking for the money to do things the city needs done and the more that is reduced the more the amount they can provide is reduced. He expressed thanks to the city for what they've done and reiterated that their request is for what they can do to help the city. Catherine added that 37 new flower beds were added due to their efficiency and they are going to look for ways to continue that so the city can stay beautiful and thrive.

9. Police: It appears that we will exceed overtime pay budget line in 2023, as I recall happened the year before. What is the plan to reduce overtime?

Chief Colton began by agreeing that they anticipate coming close to or above the budgeted amount for overtime this year. He explained overtime is allocated in a joint effort with the two lieutenants, four current sergeants, and himself. He said as of September 30th the department has collectively logged 3,059.5 hours. Of that approximately 1,729.5 hours was for staffing levels to ensure safe conditions, 159.5 hours were for mandatory court appearances, 517 were used for officers at the end of their shift (who were required to stay to finish their duties), and 143.75 were fully funded through grants or HWS. Another 326.75 was accrued through special events with the city or other agencies. He said there currently 29 police officers employed, from him down to the recruits in the academy, but out of those there are only 24 actively working. Out of those 24 some are administrative (chief, lieutenants, and sergeants), detectives, and the rest are police officers. He stated the department is down 5 positions, not because they aren't funded but because they haven't been filled. Due to the fact some positions aren't currently filled, some officers are out on long term sick leave, and some recruits are still in training, he said that the department is down approximately 1/3 of their staffing. He added that once that changes the overtime will drastically decrease but right now with shortages overtime is

high in part because they're operating a 24/7 business. The city manager added that even if the positions were filled there would still be an overtime budget for the other various pieces he just mentioned.

The comptroller added that the vacancies in the salary line, for the positions that are budgeted for but not filled, are used to offset some of the overages in the overtime line. She said this was done in 2022 and will also be done for 2023.

Clr. Camera asked if the Chief had a sense for whether the overtime numbers would be less, more, or the same in 2024. Chief Colton said he predicts they would be about the same.

Mayor Valentino said he values the officers work after their shift is over to complete what is needed and asked what the impacts would be if they did not do so. The Chief answered that reports can take 15 minutes to an hour to complete and need to be done promptly especially if it is a serious crime in order for the detectives to take it over.

Clr. Burrall asked what types of court appearances require an officer to appear? Chief Colton answered that there are different types of hearings and even a traffic trial requires numerous trips to court before a trial is set. He explained that while he works days many of his personal work nights so they have to come in during the day rather than doing it during their shift. He explained that one case may have numerous court appearances, because a felony may need a preliminary hearing, then two to three hearings, then grant jury and a final trial. Clr. Burrall thanked him and expressed how difficult it is to budget overtime since there is no control over it. The mayor added clarification that not all court cases take place in the public safety building, and the chief agreed, saying they may need to go all the way to Rochester or Seneca County.

8. Police: There is an increase in the line for firearms. Are we replacing older units or something along those lines? (page 31 in the budget)

Chief Colton began by explaining that the line item is very broad, and doesn't just include firearms, but also ammunition and less lethal equipment like bean bag shotguns, Tasers and their cartridges. He said they are required to train on these items, with a certain number of rounds and time, and many of the items are getting outdated and becoming non-functional. He added that the \$20,000 is historically the amount that has been budgeted for, and he feels it is not enough, because prices are continually rising with new technology. He gave a recent example, saying he found out what he thought was a one-time cost for their body cameras, turned out to be a reoccurring cost every year, and New York is now saying most things are mandatory.

Clr. Gaglianese brought up the Police Budget Advisory Board's suggested requests, one of which supported Chief Colton's proposal for 1.5 vehicles, while allowing two older vehicles to be sold at auction to ultimately purchase two new vehicles for the police department. The Chief said historically they've always tried to get two marked patrol vehicles per year. He explained there are currently 9 marked patrol vehicles, which are driven 24/7 for 365 days a year which adds up to approximately 12,000 miles per month total. Since the cars can get such high milage he said they've frequently been practicing rotating vehicles in and out to maintain and increase their life. He added that once they hit about 100,000 miles they usually got rid of them, due to the constant stopping and going, but now a couple cars have 150,000 miles on them. He feels that is not safe and in his opinion 2 cars is a necessity, adding that if he can't get two this year, he'll likely need three next year. He compared the cars to the officers, saying they can't just buy a car and have it upfitted in a week and ready to go, it takes about 6 months to a year from time of purchase until they're on the road just like a new officer.

Chief Colton said ultimately, he feels the vehicles are one of the most important pieces of equipment they have and it wouldn't be safe for the officer or civilian if they can't rely on their vehicle to get to a call. He said there's currently 4 cars that could be sent to auction this year and with that money he anticipates they could upfit a car without affecting the taxpayers.

The comptroller added that the car wouldn't be coming from the operating budget but rather pulling \$70,000 out of the equipment replacement plan in the 2024 budget. She said the cost for one car in 2022 was roughly \$98,000 which includes the vehicle and the upfitting. Therefore, she stated the \$70,000 is factoring in a conservative estimate of 25,000-30,000 from the vehicles that can be sold at auction. She said there is potential equipment reserve available if council wanted to explore an additional car but the proposed budget is for one vehicle.

Clr. Noone asked, if council were to budget for an additional car at the \$98,000, would there be an impact to the tax rate? The city manager said it depends on where they want to pull it from, and if they pulled from the reserve fund there would be no impact. The comptroller said there is currently \$425,893 in the equipment reserve to use in the general fund and she could figure out what that would do to the tax rate. Clr. Noone asked if the 2 vehicles would be better than 1.5 and the chief answered that it would be.

Mayor Valentino said he is a fan of the equipment amortization fund because it has saved millions of dollars over the years rather than needing to get loans or bonds. He said after the purchase the fund would be left at \$355,893 and feels it would be less of an impact to taxes but more of an impact to the fund. He said it is important to look at the impact of not doing so and what the maintenance costs will be down the road. He feels the way to look at it is turning them over sooner for a better turnover rate rather than driving them into the ground if the cost makes more sense.

Clr. Burrall asked if the purchase of a patrol car is subject to state bid at a fixed cost, which the chief said it is, and that they know the exact cost to replace a car. Chief added that the vehicle they're looking to purchase is \$48,000 and the extra money is the cost to upfit it with things like a computer and lights. He said those upfitting costs aren't subject to a fixed cost but based on who he feels it would be best to bring it to. The city manager said there are a few other fixed costs because they've been bid out already through fixed agreements.

Clr. Noone made a motion to move \$98,000 from the equipment fund to purchase another car for the police department.

Clr. Pealer asked what has been done to ensure the best car has been found to get the most for our money and durability. Chief Colton said the unmarked cars can be a normal civilian vehicle which only cost \$21,000 per car at state bid but marked patrol cars must be pursuit rated. He explained it must be a police-certified vehicle with certified speedometers to pace vehicles and the market for these cars has gone up and become more limited. He said the Ford Explorer is the cheapest they can get and they've proven to hold up over the years, so that is what they're looking to purchase with the approved budget amount.

Clr. Regan asked if, with Clr. Noone's motion, the chief could still take the money from the sale of older vehicles and use that toward this second vehicle. The city manager explained that the money from those sales is already budgeted in for the one vehicle in the current budget, and therefore accounted for, so with Clr. Noone's motion it would use the equipment reserve line to add an additional vehicle. She said if council were to decide to not use the equipment reserve line, and instead increase the tax rate it would increase by roughly 20 cents.

Clr. Gaglianese asked if the vehicles that are going up for auction could cause the chief to still be shorted on a vehicle if they don't profit what we anticipate to get for them. The city manager explained they're basing it off what has been done in the past year, saying most vehicles have done better than anticipated, and the comptroller agreed that this is a conservative estimate. Clr. Gaglianese said he fully supports Clr. Noone's motion and feels when it comes to safety for the police officers and citizens it is wise to get these new cars.

Clr. Burrall asked what the balance is for the equipment fund and what is roughly removed annually? The comptroller said the beginning balance is \$425,893 for 2024 and they average \$50,000 to \$125,000 that comes out a year. She also said they were conservative this year in an attempt to keep the balance up. The mayor asked, moving forward, how will future equipment purchases be affected by buying the car this year. The comptroller said, as the chief indicated, that there will be other vehicles requested each year but theoretically the second vehicle would be pulled from the 2025 plan. The city manager added, what could also be done, is plan when building the 2025 budget and it will need to be reviewed then. She said it is important to look at capitol plan and equipment reserve to ensure money is being put in as its being taken out.

Clr. Camera said he supports the motion and feels the vehicles are needed now so they should be bought now. Clr. Burrall agreed with Clr. Camera and said it is a great time to put used cars on the market and used car prices are at an all time high.

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

MOVED THAT that \$98,000 from the equipment fund be taken out to purchase another car for the police department

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 – 1 absent)

10. Recreation: Outside Contractor 4028 was dropped from the budget, what was this used for? (page 36 in the budget)

City Manager Hendrix explained that the outside contractor is the line which was moved to the planning and economic development budget to do the recreation analysis. She said the vision is to have the full staffing time so the funding has moved to the planning and economic budget to assist the recreation department with that analysis.

11. Recreation: Events Budget Line 4112 - what events are covered in this line? How do we measure success on these events? If they occurred in 2023, what are the metrics? (page 36 in the budget)

Dave Sharman explained the Senior Gold Program was funded last year through council's support, in addition to their budget, and in partnership with the YMCA. This year, through August there's been over 2,000 uses with 90 participates, and ever-growing interest. The city manager made it clear it isn't exactly an event line, but rather for the program that Dave explained.

12. Recreation: What is the status of the pickleball courts for the current year? Could additional money be moved to put in two new courts in 2024 from other lines?

City Manager Hendrix noted that capitol plan does show additional funding for pickleball courts but not in 2024. Dave explained that they have found a local contractor and they're looking to join a cooperative purchasing organization which allows them to take the one bid from that contractor rather than needing 3 bids. He said pickleball is ever growing, and he receives weekly calls asking where the courts are, but right now

they're taking a back seat for the size and scope of the project. The pickleball court would possibly be at Neider Park as he says there is parking available there and other parks have seen more recent upgrades and added amenities.

Clr. Camera asked about a request for 4 pickleball courts on page 47 in the budget. Dave explained it was a capitol request, based on his wish list, but was not put in the budget. Clr. Camera then clarified that in the proposed budget there is currently nothing for pickleball and Dave answered that he's correct because they're using what was money in the 2023 budget to build the two pickleball courts in 2024.

Dave explained two pickleball courts aren't necessarily cost effective, as they're about the size of one tennis court, but the demand is present so they want to get something into the park. He hopes that will spark community outreach to council that more money should be spent on more courts in the future. Clr. Pealer said the public demand is there so the current actions are appropriate.

Mayor Valentino asked what the surface usually is on a pickleball court? Dave said it is asphalt encased like a tennis court and it could be done with concrete too but typically it is asphalt for the cost.

13. Recreation: Is there an operating budget for the ice rink? What is the cost vs. expenses?

City Manager Hendrix handed out a paper with the rink revenue and expenses (page 27). She said a piece to note is the rink is a year-round facility but some of them align more with the ice season (such as concessions).

Clr. Gaglianese asked if the recreation complex cooling tower has been completely replaced? Dave answered that a new evaporative condenser was back in November or December but it isn't the complete refrigeration system.

Clr. Regan asked, on page 38, what happened to the implementation of an e-bike/ scooter share? Dave said, while he wasn't a part of the initial conversations, but it has been rejuvenated and they're working with the same company. He hopes to get some information to council relatively soon, as there has been great success in similar size cities, and he feels it would be extremely beneficial. The city manager added that they still need to review what our current ordinances allow or don't and where they can be permitted.

Clr. Noone noted the redesign of the dog park is listed and he feels the dog park looks terrible. He feels it is simply dirt and he's spoken with Dave about either moving it or making it look better. He asked what Dave imagined a redesign to look like and include with the \$12,000. Dave answered it would be upgrading as is, since dog park is very popular, and he does wish there had been more thought put into the project initially. He recognized that it serves a purpose and people enjoy it but noted it is built on a hill and it is tough to grow grass even with the drainage installed. He noted that many dog parks have turf areas but the price would be too much to include so the money would likely go to redesigning gate areas and installing an electronic gate system and adding a couple more amenities in the park.

City Manager Hendrix noted that the \$12,000 that Clr. Noone is referring to was not funded in the 2024 budget, but there is currently about \$500 to help repair the pieces that are there. She reiterated the \$12,000 would be a redesign of the existing park rather than a full redesign or change in location. Dave agreed, adding that it would eliminate the time and resources it takes to complete little tasks like changing nuts and bolts, when other things could be taken care of instead.

Clr. Gaglianese mentioned there are many parks with large parcels that he feels could be turned into dog parks and he feels that should be pursued. He said there are more dogs in Geneva than he's ever seen. Clr. Pealer agreed that he fully supports utilizing other park space for dog parks. He feels it will tie into the rejuvenation of the parks and bring vibrance and more use. He also agreed with Dave that the space next to the recreation department could be enhanced in a different use like a bike/ skate park. He said it could bring revenue into the rec center for rentals just like ice skates. Dave agreed and said they should work with a planner to determine what's needed and would be best suited for that space. Clr. Pealer hopes for the planner to potentially have a design or plan for what that space could be used for by next summer. The city manager said there was a parks plan presented which suggested a dog park in every park so she sees these ideas being built on in the future.

Clr. Burrall asked if the dog park has an admission fee since Dave had mentioned an electronic gate. Dave explained that there is a fee and when that is paid, they receive a code to use to enter the park. Clr. Burrall asked if non-residents pay a different fee which Dave agreed they do since there are resident and non-resident fees. Clr. Burrall asked where that revenue is shown and the city manager answered that the rink revenue chart does not include everything for the recreation department, only the rink facility.

Clr. Gaglianese also mentioned that last year during budget they pushed off getting a new van for the recreation department so he wanted to know the status. Dave said the van has since been retired after over 20 years and they've taken a hand-me-down truck from another department since they try to have two vehicles. He said the other van they just got, which is a 2014, is needed to transport children in for summer programs efficiently. He feels they can manage for another year but he doesn't think they can wait more than that especially since they are difficult to get so timeliness is a factor. City Manager Hendrix added that they have put 65,000 in equipment reserve to take out in 2025 for a 15-passenger van in the next budget.

14. Recreation: Was the ice edger funded in the past? If so, why wasn't it purchased?

Dave explained the current ice edger, which is a gasoline operated small engine, was purchased in 2010 and has a shelf life of 8-10 years. He said they're looking at an electric option since these engines put out more emission than a 4-cylinder passenger car so the facility would additionally have safer air. He feels it is an important piece of equipment for their operations and just as important as the ice resurfacer.

The mayor asked if we've asked HWS to reach out to alumni since they just raised over 1 million dollars in 24 hours. Dave said they haven't explored that yet but there are some ideas for other fundraising that may arise.

15. Recreation: What is the plan for an online ticketing system? Why has this been unable to occur since first funded in 2021?

The city manager first answered that they've pulled the funding this year because they've been rolling it over while waiting for it to take effect. She said they started to have training in the current year but they found the system that they initially thought would have everything needed is not the right system. She feels they need to reevaluate what a system looks like and work to have credit card offering be received online. She said, rather than guessing a price, they're going to do research and then bring forward information and propose a budget adjustment. She further explained that the system would allow people to register online and

purchase annual passes online and pay with credit card. Dave feels it is a place they need to get to but the other system wasn't the right fit.

16. Recreation: What recreation programs are being offered in 2024?

17. Recreation: For recreation programming, what was the service delivery (number of participants) and programs offered so far in 2023?

The city manager said that Dave provided council with a written document answering both questions 16 and 17. Dave added that for approximately 10 years they hosted touch-a-truck, and last year BID helped double the size of the event in terms of vendors, which is a partnership he appreciates. He said they finally funded the summer recreation program, running for 6.5 weeks, with 55-60 kids each week. Additionally, the last 4 weeks they piloted an afternoon program which had about 15-20 kids. He said their goal is to make it as low cost to the community as they possibly can so if it costs about \$20,000 to run, they make roughly \$20,000 in revenue. On the other hand, he said some programs are completely free, like touch-a-truck and the Halloween parade, but the summer program has the goal of revenue offsetting.

Clr. Gaglianese said he can attest that the summer program was needed since the YMCA and Boys & Girls Club were overwhelmed and he feels it can be a big success down the road. Dave agreed, saying it can be expanded, and its important for it to be in the budget.

Clr. Camera asked for a ballpark for the total number of participants in the summer program. Dave said he believes it was 74 total children. Clr. Camera then asked roughly how many days those 74 children are participating in, which Dave explained it is a weekly program so they could sign up for a week or for all 6.

18. Recreation: Is there an annual report for recreation that provides the information above?

Dave said this came up recently and he found an annual report from the early 1970s thanks to Historic Geneva. He said that's not to say they haven't been done since then but he thinks its something important for them to do. He feels it would be beneficial for the community and council to see that information especially before budget season.

19. Recreation: What is the recreation department's plan for revenue generation? How has this been done in 2023 and what will be done in 2024?

Dave said while many of their programs are free, they do incur costs in order to provide these services to the community. As he had previously spoken about, the summer program they planned out costs based on the number of kids, with snacks, training staff, first-aid supplies, and more. He also mentioned the rink, saying that depending on the users for the rink their rates have changed between 9-12%. He said past budgets haven't included the insurance costs within the city so they've been added back in and he feels they're important. They raised their rates prior the ice season starting but they try to keep it as low cost as possible, and he feels their rates are competitive and right where they should be.

The mayor asked if there was a lot of extra ice time available to rent and Dave responded there isn't much left as they're pretty much booked from 7am-10pm. Clr. Brimm asked if they've looked at a scale for the hourly charge since a kid's program wouldn't be destroying the ice as much as a college team. Dave said they do look at that and the colleges do pay more because they're using more water, ware and tare on the equipment and facility. He added that their fees increase the same amount for all prices though, so the youth hockey pays less, but the prices are raised across the board each year.

Clr. Pealer asked if this question was asked by a councilor, saying he sits on the board, and he feels they don't get enough members that come to meetings to hear about the needs of the recreation department. He said it is unfair to ask them how much revenue they generate because no other departments in the city are asked this. He stated they are providing a service and it comes from the money that they agree to provide so they should instead ask what services are provided. He doesn't want the focus of recreation to be a revenue generator rather than a service that the community can benefit from.

Clr. Pealer asked what funds are needed for pickleball and if the \$12,000 was being asked for to fix the dog park even though it may be moved? Dave answered that he agreed it would make sense to pause the money for the dog park for now, and if they need more money to maintain the dog park he could ask, but they don't need to put that much in if its going to be moved. He said neither way is wrong but his opinion would be to hold off on maintaining if plans are being made to move it. The city manager added that vision to move it was the reason the \$12,000 was not included in case they found a more applicable use for it.

Clr. Pealer went back to his point about profit from the recreation department, saying he doesn't want the only activities focused on to be ones that are paid for. He said people are looking for events that are a return of investment on their taxes as opposed to an extra cost. He is glad the goal for many programs is to be zero cost and hopes more move in that direction.

Clr. Noone asked if there was limited time for open skate to the public in reference to the mayor's previous question about available ice time. Dave explained there is a regular schedule set aside for open skate which hasn't changed much over the years. He said the only change has been when William Smith became a varsity program and needed evening games and they only affect about 8-10 sessions for the whole season. He added that it still benefits season passholders because they can go to the games for free. Dave said he feels the games are beneficial in other ways too because they generate tax revenue and people who go downtown for the event often to do things like go out to dinner. Dave assured public skate is extended during holiday hours and it is guaranteed every Saturday and Sunday there's public skating and Friday nights if there are no home games. Clr. Noone said he feels its fantastic they protect the time for the community to use the facility and not just the organizations.

Clr. Camera asked if the revenue was roughly \$340,000 a year and expenses are \$370,000 per year and if the city is absorbing that \$30,000? Dave replied that he was correct but there are benefits of that money to provide free events. City Manager Hendrix explained, while this is one of the few departments collecting revenue and has a revenue model, it doesn't mean that is the goal of the department.

Clr. Gaglianese asked if there has been talks between Dave and the city manager about upgrading the skating rink facility. Dave said the needs are discussed daily or weekly but there's no definitive plan of what they may look like. He said the upgrades are something that would need to be talked about over the next 1-2 years with council's help to meet the communities needs. The city manager added that there are several upgrades incorporated over the next few years in the capital improvement plan. She feels there is a lot to be discussed and a lot of options to look at how the recreation department develops in the future.

Clr. Gaglianese mentioned he feels the recreation facility is an amazing place to have a birthday party. He said it fits a large group of people, they provide pizza, and he feels not a lot of people know about it but they do a great job.

Clr. Pealer said the summer program cost \$20,000 for 66 kids for a couple weeks and asked if anyone would consider using the general fund to pilot a general program expanding this to full days. The city manager said it isn't a full day summer camp program since it would have different costs and liabilities but rather an

extended day with a break for lunch. Clr. Gaglianese said he hears the number one problem with these programs is they don't work well with working hours to drop off kids or pick them up before the work day ends. The mayor said he feels the request should be to evaluate the program to improve or enhance for next year. Dave explained the pilot for this year provided the option for either morning program or morning and afternoon. The city manager feels what Dave is doing will meet the community needs and clarified they will be offering a full day.

Clr. Camera added that he hopes conversations are being had with other recreation entities in the city to integrate all the programs together so all schedules can be known and available.

20. Recreation: Dasher Board advertising hasn't been invoiced since August 7, 2017. Will this again be a source of income?

Dave began by saying, while this has taken a backseat due to being short-staffed, it is a revenue generator. He said they paused in 2020 when businesses were closed but feels they need to bring it back since there are approximately 8 spaces that would be viable. He explained the market is about \$750 annually with a \$150-200 cost and said the graphic cost passes to the businesses. He feels they could generate about \$3,500 per year in revenue off the program.

Clr. Pealer asked if they needed any help from council with startup costs? Dave said they usually take it out of their publications budget and the comptroller helps to reallocate those funds back so there is no impact on the budget.

Clr. Brimm asked if they've considered charging a premium for the current teams and organizations that have their spots on the upper-level media box and using some of the free space up top? Dave explained the mezzanine was built by the colleges for their media and scouting purposes so they have the two main spots and then community organizations go up along side which is usually what fits.

Clr. Gaglianese said he feels a similar issue with signage is outside and he wants there to be a sign so people out of town know what it is. He's experienced that people often can't find the building, despite being in front of it, and he doesn't understand why there's never been one.

Lastly Clr. Regan asked a separate question as to what events the line item for \$16,000 covers in the recreation budget?

The city manager explained it all goes toward the YMCA program.

21. City Manager: What is the dredging frequency provided by the army corps of engineers?

City Manager Hendrix explained the army core of engineers said we are allowed to dredge 400 cubic yards of sediment to a maximum bottom elevation approximately between 440.1 and 438.1. She also said the sediment would be placed on a temporary onsite location to be analyzed and we will monitor/ conduct annual maintenance dredging as needed.

Clr. Camera asked if she knew the approximate cost and she said while Joe had provided it last meeting, she didn't remember it off the top of her head. She added that the maintenance dredging may not need to be conducted if the levels are met when monitoring.

22. CM/DPW: We have a grant with the town of Geneva, how we are using the Sustainability funding for yard debris pick-up? (page 26 in the budget)

City Manager Hendrix said they received a grant with the town to look at sustainability and one piece is doing yard waste pickup. She said the typical program goes through the end of June but now it's been extended to go through the end of the year. She said the funds have been used for employing seasonal workers and they're looking into additional ones as the program continues. She added that they're looking at ways people can contact the city to have it picked up and ensuring the size requirements are met since they don't pick up large logs or full trees. Leaf bags are still being provided at city hall and that will continue.

Clr. Camera asked what funds were given by that grant. She didn't have the total but said its about \$13,000 for just the debris piece for two years.

Clr. Brimm asked if we've been working to expand the hours since people are often at work when closed-loop is open. The city manager said they're in the process of renewing the agreement up to an additional year and they're looking at an hour change or shift but that hasn't been determined yet as they're still negotiating.

23. City Manager: 2023 Work Projects are heavy on "studies" and "assessments," as opposed to more programming. Some items seem more like to-do list items, rather than work programs. Why is this the case?

The city manager said this was the first year that work projects were incorporated into the budget book and she'd like to get into providing more metrics for them to look at. She said staff is now working on their work projects for 2024 and she thinks the reason a lot of studies and assessments are done is because they've been trying to maintain rather than look around at the big picture. She stated that this was a step at building the foundation before moving forward to make changes.

Before adjourning Clr. Pealer asked why the appendix with the breakdown on independent salaries was not included like usual. The city manager explained, since they're in the process of negotiations, the salaries are listed by department. The mayor said the salaries are public knowledge so it makes good sense not to have them but they'll be available. City Manager Hendrix added that they're moving to have a budget that similarly resembles other cities and most have them by department which is also how we've done it prior to 2019.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:27pm

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 – 1 absent)

Nicole Wright

City Clerk



BUDGET 2024

Questions Submitted for October 18, 2023

1. Finance: How much money was spent on grant writing in 2023?
2. Finance: Revenue from Sewer listed under 2374: Sewer Services, other government, what is included in that?(Page 53)
3. Finance/CM: Follow up on Senior Exemption.
4. Planning and Economic Development: What is the use of the innovation kitchen? What was the additional programming money that was not funded for? (page 35)
5. BID: "Funding Request" — was this money that was actually awarded? (page 20)
6. BID: In 2023, we moved to reimbursement for the BID, where are they on spending of the funds we have provided?
7. BID: What is the mission of the BID? While appreciating their support, what is their primary function?
8. Police: There is an increase in the line for firearms. Are we replacing older units or something along those lines? (page 31)
9. Police: It appears that we will exceed overtime pay budget line in 2023, as I recall happened the year before. What is the plan to reduce overtime?
10. Recreation: Outside Contractor 4028 was dropped from the budget, what was this used for? (page 36)
11. Recreation: Events 4112 – what events are covered in this line? How do we measure success on these events? If they occurred in 2023, what are the metrics? (page 36)
12. Recreation: What is the status of the pickleball courts for the current year? Could additional money be moved to put in two new courts in 2024 from other lines?
13. Recreation: Is there an operating budget for the ice rink? What is the cost vs. expenses?
14. Recreation: Was the ice edger funded in the past? If so why wasn't it purchased?
15. Recreation: What is the plan for an online ticketing system? Why has this been unable to occur since first funded in 2021?
16. Recreation: What recreation programs are being offered in 2024?
17. Recreation: For recreation programming, what was the service delivery (number of participants) and programs offered so far in 2023?
18. Recreation: Is there an annual report for recreation that provides the information above?
19. Recreation: What is the recreation department's plan for revenue generation? How has this been done in 2023 and what will be done in 2024.
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Full Time Equivalents	2023	2024
City Clerk	2.25	2
City Manager	2	2.75
Comptroller & Assessor	5.5	5
Department of Public Works	48.5	50.5
Fire Department	21.5	21.5
Human Resources	2	1.75
Information Technology	1	1
Planning and Economic Development	2	3
Police Department	36.5	36.5
Recreation	3	3
Total FTE	124.25	127

City Clerk Office (2 FTE)		
1	City Clerk	Nicole Wright
0.25	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	<i>Eliminated in 2024</i>
1	Deputy City Clerk	Alicia Jean

Recommended 2024	2 FTE
Total 2023	2.25 FTE

City Manager (2.75 FTE)		
1	City Manager	Amie Hendrix
0.25	Special Projects Coordinator/Confidential Secretary	Erica Collins; reduced from 1 FTE to .25 in 2024
0.5	Community Engagement Coordinator	Vacant; to be created in 2024
1	Safety and Compliance Officer Pilot	Vacant; to be created in 2024 for 3 years (temp)

Recommended 2024

2.75 FTE

Total 2023

2 FTE

Comptroller & Assessor (5 FTE)		
1	Comptroller	Stefanie Newcomb
1	Deputy Comptroller	Kelly Doeblin
0.5	Assessor	Tina Rados; shared with Canandaigua
1	Senior Account Clerk	Kari Wright
1	Finance Clerk II	Deborah Boggs
0.5	Finance Clerk II	Hailee Higgins; Reduced to .5 in 2024 and shared with PED

Recommended 2024

5 FTE

Total 2023

5.5 FTE

Department of Public Works Staffing (50.5 FTE)		
Engineering (3 FTE)		
1	Director of Public Works	Joe Venuti
1	Engineer Tech	Eliminated in 2024
1	Junior Engineer	Kevin Reed - Begins service on 10/16
1	Administrative Assistant	Jackie Lavoie
Code Enforcement (4.5 FTE)		
1	Planning & Zoning Coordinator	Neal Braman
1	Code Enforcement Officer	Brian Kelly
2	Code Enforcement Officer	Kevin Benjamin
3	Code Enforcement Officer	Vacant - interviews completed, in process of hiring
0.5	Administrative Assistant .5 FTE	Lauren Karlsen
Water Administration (7 FTE)		
1	Supervisor	Lou Bohrer
1	Assistant Supervisor	Dave Barnard
1	Sr. Water Maintenance	Jeff Greco
1	MEO	Devin Perry
2	MEO	Mike George
3	MEO	Will be vacant in 2024 with retirement of M. Jones
1	MEO Trainee	To be created in 2024; New position
Highway and Sewer Maintenance (14.5 FTE)		
1	Supervisor	Steve Horton
1	Assistant Supervisor	Mike Karweck
1	Auto Mechanic	Joe Osterhout
2	Auto Mechanic	Bruce DiFederico
1	Auto Mechanic Trainee	To be created in 2024, replaces 1 current MEO
1	MEO	Daryl Soccia
2	MEO	Christ Tiebalt
3	MEO	Frank Quataro
4	MEO	Carl Meeks
5	MEO	Vaughn Nelson
6	MEO	Patrick Mahoney
7	MEO	Rob Tapscott
8	MEO	Mike Hutton
9	MEO	Steve Parker
10	MEO	Vacant - interviews completed, in process of hiring
0.5	Electrician	Dave Gillotte
Buildings and Grounds (9 FTE)		
1	Supervisor	Tim Higgins
1	Assistant Supervisor	To be created in 2024; New position
1	HEO	Vince Augustine
1	Building Maintenance Worker	Darrick Russ
2	Building Maintenance Worker	To be explored in 2024; Not currently funded
1	MEO	Matt Long
2	MEO	Frank Pane
3	MEO	Bailey Wayne
4	MEO	Derrick Grillone
1	Laborer	John Carroll
Water Treatment Plant (4 FTE)		
1	Plant Operator	Kevin Munt
1	Assistant Operator	Allen Roloson
2	Assistant Operator	John Davies
1	WTP Operator Trainee	Kyle Horan
2	WTP Operator Trainee	To be explored for 2025; Not currently funded
Waste Water Treatment Plant (8.5 FTE)		
1	Plant Operator	Nick DeMaria
1	Assistant Operator	Jason Preston
1	Lab Technician	Alison Laszarus
1	WWTP Operator	Antohny Marino
2	WWTP Operator	Kevin Scherbyn
3	WWTP Operator	Ray Steffennegan
1	WWTP Trainee	Jason Young
1	WWTP Trainee	Josh Jones
0.5	Electrician	David Gillotte
Recommended 2024		50.5 FTE
Total 2023		48.5 FTE

Fire Department (20.5 FTE)		
1	Chief	Del Parrotta
1	Deputy Chief	Mike Bucklin
1	Firefighter	Alex Wheeler
2	Firefighter	Alexander Walbridge
3	Firefighter	Andrew Wayne
4	Firefighter	Brandon Wayne
5	Firefighter	Chris Campbell
6	Firefighter	David Tennies
7	Firefighter	Francis McGuigan
8	Firefighter	James Bucklin
9	Firefighter	Joe Passalacqua
10	Firefighter	John Guinan
11	Firefighter	Kyle McCormack
12	Firefighter	Kyle Shane
13	Firefighter	Matt Giardino
14	Firefighter	Micheal John
15	Firefighter	Nicholas Raplee
16	Firefighter	Thomas Benjaminh
17	Firefighter	Thomas Dicostanzo
18	Firefighter	Zachary Farrell
1	Administrative Aide	Anne Alimo
0.5	Administrative Aide	Lauren Karlsen

Recommended 2024

21.5 FTE

Total 2023

21.5 FTE

Human Resources (1.75 FTE)		
1	Human Resource Director	Jennifer Slwyka
0	Human Resources Manager	Reimagined in 2023
0.75	HR/CM Administrator	Erica Collins

Recommended 2024	1.75 FTE
Total 2023	2 FTE

Information Technology (1 FTE)		
0.5	Network Analyst II	Petr Premyslovsky; shared with Canandaigua
0.5	Computer Services Assistant	Zachary Smith; shared with Canandaigua

Recommended 2024	1 FTE
Total 2023	1 FTE

Planning and Economic Development (3 FTE)		
1	Director	David West
1	Special Events Coordinator	Elizabeth Toner
0.5	Finance Clerk II (Grant Administrator)	Hailee Higgins; New in 2024 shared with Assessor
0.5	Community Engagement Coordinator	Vacant; New in 2024 Shared with CM

Recommended 2024	3 FTE
Total 2023	2 FTE

Police Department (36.5 FTE)		
1	Chief	Matt Colton
1	Lieutenant	John VanSavage
2	Lieutenant	Ron Eveland
0.5	Parking Enforcement Officer	Ted Slwyka
1	Administrative Assistant	Taylor Shane
2	Administrative Assistant	Shannon Parrotta
1	Sergeant	Dave Felice
2	Sergeant	Nick Bielowicz
3	Sergeant	Sebastian Gentile
4	Sergeant	Jay Bucklin
5	Sergeant	Vacant - Cannot be filled until more PO are hired/trained
6	Sergeant	Vacant - Cannot be filled until more PO are hired/trained
1	Police Officer	Aaron Douglas
2	Police Officer	Allen Smith
3	Police Officer	Brett Hall
4	Police Officer	Dan Hickey
5	Police Officer	Dillon Hudson
6	Police Officer	Eric Davids
7	Police Officer	JD Winter
8	Police Officer	Jennifer Lloyd-Hutchinson
9	Police Officer	Jennifer Perry
10	Police Officer	Jesse Cole
11	Police Officer - Detective	Jordan Dobies *
12	Police Officer	Mike Schugars
13	Police Officer	Mike Tapscott
14	Police Officer	Nick Shannon
15	Police Officer - School Resource Officer	Randy Grenier (SRO)
16	Police Officer - School Resource Officer	Raul Arroyo (SRO)
17	Police Officer	Richard Baskin
18	Police Officer	Shannon Anderson
19	Police Officer - Detective	Steve Vine *
20	Police Officer - Field Training	Walter Quintanilla (FTO)
21	Police Officer - Field Training	Joshua Moyer (FTO)
22	Police Officer - Academy	Gunnar Dalton (Academy)
23	Police Officer	Vacant - Interviewed, Pending Evaluations
24	Police Officer	Vacant - Interviewed, Pending Evaluations
25	Police Officer	Vacant

Recommended 2024

36.5 FTE

Total Staffing 2023

36.5 FTE

FTO = This officer has completed the academy and is in field training.

Academy = This officer is in process of completing their initial training at academy.

SRO = School Resource Officer

* = These officers are also detectives

Recreation Department (3 FTE)		
1	Director	David Sharman
1	Recreation Assistant	Amy Osterhout
1	Maintenance Mechanic	Aaron Palmieri
	Seasonal Employees for Summer Rec and Complex	Up to 30 Seasonal Part Time People are hired annually

Recommended 2024	3 FTE
Total 2023	3 FTE

Senior Exemption Rates

Exemption Percentage	Ontario County Max Income Level	GCSD Max Income	City Max Income Level
50%	15,500	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
45%	16,499.99	\$ 16,499.99	\$ 13,499.99
40%	17,499.99	\$ 17,499.99	\$ 14,499.99
35%	18,499.99	\$ 18,499.99	\$ 15,499.99
30%	19,399.99	\$ 19,399.99	\$ 16,399.99
25%	20,299.99	\$ 20,299.99	\$ 17,299.99
20%	21,199.99	\$ 21,199.99	\$ 18,199.99

	Rink Expenses		
	Year	Year	Year
	2019 Rink	2021 Rink	2022 Rink
<u>Revenue</u>			
Concessions	21,549	12,464	27,955
Contracts (HWS; Club; School)	126,442	130,580	156,319
Passes/Rentals/General Skate	76,410	39,989	72,250
Revenue Total	224,401	183,033	256,524
<u>Expenses</u>			
Salaries	133,142	100,927	111,859
Benefits	22,346	19,993	25,725
Other Costs (Equipment, Materials, Publicity, Concessions, Bldg Maint)	44,215	39,973	51,079
Utilites and Insurance	67,385	67,320	73,308
Expense Total	267,088	228,213	261,972
Profit/Loss	(42,687)	(45,180)	(5,448)



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FOR CITY COUNCIL – POLICE

QUESTION

It appears that we will exceed overtime pay budget line in 2023, as I recall happened the year before.

ANSWER

In 2023, the department's overtime pay is projected to align closely (or slightly above) with the budgeted line amount. The allocation and management of overtime is a collaborative effort, overseen by the Chief of Police, the Detective Bureau Lieutenant, the Road Patrol Lieutenant, and the Sergeants.

As of September 30th, the department has collectively logged 3059.5 hours of overtime. A significant portion of this overtime, amounting to 1729.5 hours, was necessitated by staffing levels to ensure a safe working environment for our officers and optimal service delivery to the public.

Court appearances mandated 159.5 hours of overtime for off-duty officers. An additional 517 hours were logged when officers had to extend their shifts to handle various types of complaints. Special details funded by grants or reimbursements accounted for 143.75 hours. These details encompass initiatives such as Stop DWI, HWS details, Buckle Up New York details, among others. Special events in the city contributed to an additional 326.75 hours.

Currently, our department employs 29 Police Officers. However, only 24 are actively working. One officer is attending the Police Academy, two are in training, two are on long-term injury leave. This does not account for the 5 vacancies our department currently has. This is 10 Officers less than a fully staffed department. Once our department is fully staffed, we anticipate a significant reduction in the 1729.5 hours allocated for staffing coverage and special events, leading to a substantial decrease in overtime pay.

QUESTION

There is an increase in the line for firearms. Over doubled in 2023 - Are we replacing older units or something along those lines?

ANSWER

The Firearms Line, despite its name, serves a broader purpose than merely facilitating the acquisition of firearms. It is a comprehensive resource for procuring various types of equipment essential for law enforcement, including but not limited to ammunition, Tasers and their cartridges, Less Lethal Bean Bag Shotguns and their projectiles, batons, and all associated accessories and maintenance supplies.

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In the upcoming year, we have identified a critical need to upgrade our current stock of Tasers, which have become outdated and are becoming obsolete. This initiative aligns with our commitment to equip our department with the most effective tools to ensure public safety.

Moreover, we foresee an increase in firearms and less lethal training in 2024. While this will necessitate additional expenditure, it is a strategic investment aimed at significantly reducing city liability.

Historically, our annual budget allocation for the Firearms Line has been approximately \$20,000. The utilization of these funds has varied from year to year. However, we are committed to ensuring that the allocated budget for 2024 will be judiciously used for the betterment of our department and the citizens we serve. This proactive approach underscores our dedication to continuous improvement and public safety.

Recreation Programs

The City of Geneva Park system boasts of over 12 different parks, ranging from small pocket parks nestled in our local neighborhoods to an expansive lakefront park with several miles of walking trails along Seneca Lake.

Parks which currently have playground components included:

- Brook Street
- Gulvin
- Jefferson
- Lakefront
- Nieder
- Richards Parks
- Ridgewood / McDonough
- Washington

We also have Clark Street Fields which hosts softball and lacrosse games.

Lakefront Park Frisbee golf course

Pultney Park

Glenwood Cemetery

Genesee Park

Youth

Skating Lessons 15 Participants

Beginner Hockey 38 participants Spring of 23

Birthday parties at the Rink/Turf

Easter Egg Hunt 65 families

½ Summer Recreation Program 74 different families averaging 55-60 per week for 6 ½ weeks f

Full day pilot 4 weeks 15 Kids per week

Youth summer soccer league 65 Kids 5-8 years old

Soccer tots 6-week program 3-4 years old 31 participants

Bike Rodeo Police department

Host Geneva Generals Youth Hockey over 100 Games and 175 Practice hours

Frisbee Baseball Clinic 16 kids

Kickball days in the Parks 24 Participants

Youth Lacrosse for the month of April and May 90 Players

Adults

Adult co-ed indoor soccer league 60 adults participated averaging 23 a week

Adult co-ed softball back in 2024

Adult Hockey League 61 different participants

CPR/AED & 1st Aid instruction Back in 2024

Frisbee Golf Course upgrades.

Family / All ages

Nancy Curvin Theatre Group 6 shows 155 people
Concert in Lakefront Park in partnership with the St peters choir every August
Halloween Window Painting Contest 26 Businesses 75 Students
Ball Bin Pilot program. We gave away around 214 pieces of sports and exercise equipment
Halloween Parade 2022 over 400 hundred participants
Halloween costume contest 120 participants 90 families
Public Skating 170 open skate times 15500 uses between one-time customers and pass holders.
40 Individual Skating passes and 83 Family season passes totaling 362 people
Hosting Hobart and William Smith colleges for 24 NCAA regular season contests and 5 NCAA playoff contests.

Events and Partnerships

Geneva Community projects
Kanasaga Kennel Club dog show
YMCA Easter Egg Hunt
Green Committee Earth Day Event.
Senior Gold Program as of 8/31 just under 2000 visits to the YMCA with 90 participants in the program.
BID Touch a Truck over 500 Participants
Columbus Day Skate 165 people and
125th Anniversary of Geneva free skate 270 participants
Hobart and William Smith colleges
Historic Geneva
Police/ Fire/ DPW
Geneva Frisbee Golf
Geneva City School District
Geneva Reads
Geneva Family Fun Festival 2 Day Festival at the Complex

2024 Additions

Full Day Summer Rec. program
Kickball Leagues
Coed Adult Softball league
An Agreement with Semi Pro Lacrosse league Seneca lake serpents
Pickleball footprint and expansion
Afternoon Summer Recreation program and expand scholarship opportunities
Supervised Free play in the parks
Frisbee Golf Tournaments/leagues
Family movie night
Bike/ Scooter share presentation and implementation.
Expand community partner's
Exploring Adult Volleyball