



# City Manager Updates - August 22, 2025

## Goal 1: Ensure Fiscal and Organizational Stewardship of City Resources

### City Staff Vacancies

Current vacancies include:

- Sergeant which can be filled once a list is established and at the Chief's discretion
- Community Vitality Coordinator - this is with Ontario County and upon their approval of title the recruitment will begin

Current recruitments:

- Assistant City Manager: References are being checked.
- Lateral Transfers of Police Officers: We have received notice of two potential lateral transfers into the Police Department. Applicants are being reviewed.

### Request for Proposals

Governor Hochul just announced the award of funding for this study. As mentioned last week, the City was awarded funding by New York State Ag and Markets to create an engineering and design report around a Farmer's Market and Friends of the Farmer's Market program based on findings in the 2023 Farmer's Market study. This grant of \$50,000 will provide funding via a RFP for this work by a local engineering firm. The RFP has been released.

### Castle Street Reconstruction

We opened three bids for Castle Street reconstruction. We are still reviewing the estimated costs for this work from Brook to Main. The bids ranged from \$5.2M - \$4M.

## Goal 2: Promote Economic Development within the City

### Former OEO Site Development Team

City staff and council members met with the Development team that is working in partnership with the City for the site development on exchange street. The team will be moving ahead with public meetings in September and October, a charette at the Farmer's Market, and is on-target for the October or November Planning Board Meeting. In the coming months the development firm will be providing council with the official offer to purchase the property so that the designs that have been co-developed can continue to move forward towards financing.

### Dock Funding from NYS

Our funders at New York State continue to meet with staff to look at alternative uses of the funding originally purposed for the DRI, including replacing the docks. The challenge is the timing and ability to bid a project where we have already had two bids and no award. Staff will meet again with NYS on Monday to see what ways we can move forward. We are also working closely with our engineers at Edgewater to see how we can finalize these bids.

### **DRI Streetscape Closeout**

City staff are working with a contractor to closeout the remaining work on this project. It looks like work will commence in mid-September.

## **Goal 4: Develop and Implement Strategies to Create and Continue Dynamic Communications**

### **Budget Forum**

Adam and I will meet with Community Members on August 18 to discuss City Budgeting. The presentation from this session can be found here: <http://bit.ly/4IJU1pc>

If community members want to further discuss the process for creating a City budget they can reach out to Adam or I, and we are happy to chat with them. Don't forget, the 2026 City Budget will be presented on Tuesday, September 9 at 6pm.

### **Morning Radio**

I will be joining the Finger Lakes Radio group on August 27 at 8am for our monthly chat about events in the City of Geneva. Make sure to listen in!

## **Goal 5: Enhance the Quality of Life for City Residents**

### **Bus Shelter Concerns**

Staff from DPW, Recreation, GPD, and I met earlier this week to discuss concerns regarding the transportation hub in the parking lot off of Exchange Street. There has been some criminal activity and vandalism in this location. To ensure safety for everyone that uses the hub to seek transportation our teams came up with strategies for increasing safety. These include continual removal of trash in the area, signage regarding hours of use which aligns with the hours of the buses, removing power from the outlets in the area, and reviewing the need of cameras as part of our longer-term camera replacement plan. Some of these actions have already occurred and it seems they are already working to provide a more safe experience for everyone.

### **Vandalism at the Lakefront**

DPW staff cleaned up spray paint and damages to the Lakefront Park from the tunnel to the Welcome Center earlier this week. There was also damage to several Adirondack chairs that were thrown. The GPD is reviewing camera footage and looking to find the perpetrators.

### **Community Broadband Grant**

Community Broadband and the housing authority received ~\$200,000 from NYS Community to deploy hybrid fiber-fixed wireless networks to public housing properties in Geneva, offering service at \$10/month and Gigabit service at \$30/month for 10+ years. The City was not involved in this grant program.

### **Madias**

The owner has received one quote for demolition and is awaiting a second quote. We hope to have a demolition timeline sent to us by next week.

### **DPW Repairs and Improvements**

- Milling and Paving will begin on September 2 and continue through September 15.
- Fixed US flags throughout downtown
- Cleaned the storm ditch on St. Clair Street

- Coordinated shade structure panel replacements at the lakefront
- Removed electric line drops from the Lakefront event site
- Repaired 6 decorative street lights in the downtown
- We are continuing to repair street light outages at 47 locations.

## Upcoming City Meetings and Events

- ✓ September 3: City Council Meeting – 7pm, executive session at 6pm
- ✓ September 9: City Council Special Meeting – City Manager Budget Presentation
- ✓ September 23: City Council Special Meeting on Budget – 6pm