

Civic Association Meeting Minutes

November 24th, 2025

2025 Board Members Present:

President-Rick Hancock
Treasurer- Mary Bielenberg
Secretary-Doreen Hancock

Attendees: Cheryl Munde, Laura Uhlenkott, Rick and Linda Schellenger, Jake Dennler, Earl and Carol Bennett, Kristi McPherson, John Svancova, Suzanne Hanson, Lisa Schacher & Nolan Glueckert

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by President Rick Hancock.

Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

Approval of Minutes. Kristi motion/Cheryl 2nd

Treasurer Report-Mary Bielenberg. Report accepted-Rick S./Linda 2nd

Innovia Heart & Soul Grant- Nolan spoke extensively about the grant and the parameters required. 2 year process. There will need to be a coordinator and committee that works through the process. \$5000 is awarded the 1st year to a designated project. Literature and additional contacts are available for other communities already involved in the grant process. Nolan is willing to return with more information if requested.

Consolidated Fund Bulk Mailing- Rick S. reported all 3 routes had received the mailing and so far, \$4700 + and additional \$100 would go directly to the Fire Dept. Some were mailed back to City Hall. The mail was given to Rick S. at the meeting, and he will add those donations to the fund.

Trunk or Treat Recap- Rick H. An additional 5 pizzas were purchased on top of the original order because it ran out during the event. All water purchased was used. Thank you to Jessica, Jamie, and Taylor for serving and cooking pizza at the event. The community really liked, "The Slice Girls."

Gayle Anderson requesting electronic payments for Community Day vendors & fillable online application to be posted to the Civic section on the City Website. More research and information needed. Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

City Christmas Lighting Update- Rick H. The City Lighting was moved to December 7th with the children's party from 4-6PM. Cheryl will coordinate the party with a budget of \$300. Bill Krick will play Santa for

pictures after the lighting. There will be crafts, cocoa, and cookies. Cheryl will get volunteers to assist during the party, donating cookies and for set-up & clean-up.

Lighting Contest- Rick and Doreen will take pictures and create the community poster. The deadline for entries is December 14th. The community will vote this year on social media, at City Hall, and at Roaming Grounds. Prizes for 1st (\$100) 2nd (\$75) 3rd (\$50) will remain.

City Lighting Funds Request- Walnut Street candy cane light displays cost \$120 per cane to redo the lights to LED and replace the garland. There are 9 candy cane displays that need to be updated. Rick H. made a motion for Civic to match the city for \$500. Kristi 2nd. Motion Passed.

Community Thanksgiving- Suzanne is planning for 100 people to attend. Dinner will be held with her family at the fire hall on November 29th from 4-8PM. She has ham, multiple sides, desserts, and a coloring area for kids planned. Suzanne plans to have a to go station organized and delivered by Kristi. She calculated it will cost around \$1200 for food and \$300 for the fire hall rental. Lisa suggested she ask the community on the Genesee forum to donate leftover decor to decorate the space. Kristi motioned Civic donate. Much discussion on how much and what was available. Kristi amended the motion to specifically donate \$500. Mary added that receipts will need to be submitted to the motion for the funds. Motion 2nd by Cheryl. Motion has passed. Discussion about the potential for dinner to continue in the future.

Genesee Choir- Lisa shared that a community choir had been formed. Currently there are 8 members which plan to sing at the lighting ceremony. Discussion about future involvement with reoccurring events Civic plans. They meet Mondays at 6:30 PM at the Neyen's Center; children are welcome.

Genesee Food Bank- Mary shared that the food bank is in need. They need more canned food. There was a request for 25 turkeys and some additional last-minute ones. There is an account set up at Wells Fargo for donations. Thanksgiving baskets were handed out tonight. Mary motioned to donate \$300. Carol 2nd. Motion has passed.

Re-Election Discussion- There are no term limits. Nominees must be submitted to the secretary no later than December 25th, 2025. Doreen Nominated Laura Uhlenkott for Secretary, and Kristi McPherson for Treasurer. Both agreed to be considered.

Discussion about raising dues for 2026- Mary motioned dues stay at \$10. Kristi 2nd. Motion has passed.

Community Days Planning- Discussion about keeping the date (2nd Saturday in June) the same for 2026.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:49 pm