

Civic Association Meeting Minutes
February 23rd, 2026

2026 Board Members:

President - Rick Hancock
Vice President - April Baumgartner
Treasurer - Kristi McPherson
Secretary - Laura Uhlenkott

Attendance: Doreen Hancock, Stephen Yacoubian, Bill & Jenelle Krick, Mary Bielenberg, Carol & Earl Bennet, Linda & Rick Schellenger, Nyla Roach, Jessica Smith, Cheryl Munde, Suzanne Lisonbee-Suancavo, Jermy Remucle, Verna Studer, Sonya Bramwell

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Introductions

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bill K. and seconded by Mary B. to approve the previous meeting minutes with an amendment noting that the 1st place winner of the Christmas Lighting Contest was awarded \$75, not \$150.

Treasurer's Report

Kristi McPherson – Report presented by Mary Bielenberg in Kristi's absence.
Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Bill K. and seconded by _____.

A suggestion was made to email the meeting minutes ahead of time for members to review. It was noted that minutes cannot be published until they have been approved.

Consolidated Funds

Rick H. reported that \$800 in the "Where Most Needed" fund needs to be distributed and voted on. A motion was made by Doreen H. to allocate the funds as follows:

\$100 – Community Closet
\$100 – Sharing Tree
\$100 – Food Bank
\$500 – Ambulance Fund

Motion was seconded by Carol B. and approved.

Old Business

Civic Covered Wagon

Rick H. reported that the association is still looking for a storage location for the Civic Covered Wagon.

Easter Egg Hunt

Jessica discussed plans for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 4th and requested use of the Senior Center for the event.

Donation drop-off locations will be:

Past Time
P1FCU

In past years, the Civic Association has donated \$300 to support the event. A suggestion was made to increase the donation to \$400 this year.

Motion made by Cherly M., seconded by Mary B., to donate \$400.

New Business / Action Items

Large Flag Replacement – Senior Project

Stephen Yacoubian shared that his senior project involves raising funds to replace the large flag at the ballfields and requested a donation from the Civic Association.

The request was tabled until the next meeting, pending his presentations to the City of Genesee meeting and the Recreation Board meeting.

Community Days 2026 Planning

The following items were discussed and/or voted on:

Theme (approved): Small Town Roots / Big American Spirit

Grand Marshals (approved): Mary & Ralph Bielenberg

Reunion Mary B., Nyla R., and Jess will coordinate the reunion.

The proposed location is the Fire Hall, with a possible earlier start time to allow more time before the Community BBQ.

Community BBQ: Discussion included improving the layout, possibly adding outdoor setting, and the need for additional volunteers.

Additional Community Days Planning

Jessica will contact Nez Perce representatives about participating in Community Days.

Earl will present on the history of the Nez Perce and the history of Genesee.

Committee Chairs needed

Non Profit Vendors

Volunteers/sign-up sheet locations - P1FCU, PNW, Past Time, Hair Salon & Senior Center

Mercie White - Touch a Truck - was not present

Civic Dunk Tank - Painting

Phillip Dionne volunteered to paint the Civic Dunk Tank and requested \$200 for paint supplies.

During discussion, it was suggested that the Civic logo be incorporated into the design. The final design will require approval before painting begins.

Motion made by Rick H., seconded by Chery M..

Community Donations

Suzanne S. agreed to coordinate fundraising for community donations. Bill K. and Rick S. will provide information from previous years.

Dunk Tank - Repair & Use Request

Rick H. approved **James Mader** to use the Dunk Tank in April for the **Lewiston LC Valley Hockey group**. The one-time rental fee will be waived in exchange for repairs that James is making to the tank.

Motion made by **Rick H.**, seconded by **Doreen H.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm