

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

December 9, 2020

A Regular meeting of the Town Board of Genoa, Cayuga County, State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 1000 Bartnick Road, Genoa NY on December 11, 2020.

Present: Lorie Sellen-Gross, Supervisor Paul Wheeler
Cheryl Shields, Board Member
Don Slocum, Board Member
Chris Stout, Board Member (absent)
Brandon White, Board Member
Sue Moss, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Lorie Sellen-Gross with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RESOLUTION 108-2020 APPROVAL OF November 11, MINUTES

On a motion of Board member White, seconded by Board member Shields, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved to adopt the November 11, 2020 minutes

RESOLUTION 109-2020 APPROVAL TO TRANSFER FUNDS

On a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member White, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved to approve a transfer of funds

RESOLUTION 110-2020 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion of Board member Slocum, seconded by Board member White, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved to approve the November 2020 Supervisor's Financial Report

RESOLUTION 111-2020 APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Slocum, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved to approve the bills as presented

RESOLUTION 112-2020 **CLERK'S REPORT**

On a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Slocum, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, Stout, White
Nays 0

Resolved that the November 2020 Clerk's Report be approved

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for November 2020

Dog Licenses	\$ 56.00	(\$63 total - \$7 Ag & Markets population control fund)
Certified Copies	80.00	
Building Permits	1,340.00	

Disbursements for November 2020

Paid to Supervisor	\$ 1,476.00
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HIGHWAY REPORT

Brandon White

Jeff and Matt are almost done trimming trees and brush with our forestry head mower on most of our town roads. They have replaced the power steering pump, back brakes and put new tires on truck #1; serviced the mini excavator; put plow and wing on the grader. We also helped Ledyard a couple days paving their new salt shed.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Lorie Sellen-Gross

1. NYS Office of Real Property is still working remotely so finalizing reval numbers with them has been a bit challenging.
2. Will the Town Board consider installing a window with document tray in our office wall or door to provide informational meeting for property owners to discuss new values? I will need access to my records during these meetings.
With the covid-19 numbers increasing how will the changes in Assessment be handled if a closure is necessary?
3. Legislation has been notified to consider waiving the requirement to renew low income exemptions this year. The waiver is not being considered for Ag renewal exemptions. However, I will not be requiring any income or lease agreement attachment with RENEWALS.
4. New applicants will need to provide all required documents to determine eligibility.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Garner, Assessor

It was suggested that Heather use the Venice Town Hall for her Town of Genoa hours as they are putting a plexiglass window in her door so she can meet with residents. It was suggested that she

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put an ad in the paper suggesting residents can email, phone, or make an appointment to meet with her.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Lorie Sellen-Gross

The following is a summary of activity since the November 11, 2020 report:

- Issued seven building permits.
- Performed routine inspections on outstanding permits and site inspections for new permits.
- Office hours on Monday afternoons and by appointment.

Summary of building permits issued since the November 11, 2020 report:

#20-56	Willet Dairy	160 Mahaney Road	new doublewide.
#20-57	Willet Dairy	162 Mahaney Road	new doublewide.
#20-58	Bonnie Leitch	3781 Lane Road	replace 120 sq. ft. deck.
#20-59	Douglas Radcliffe	1131 Stewarts Corners Road	8' x 16' storage shed.
#20-60	Sally Siconolfi	269 Fire Lane #2	new single-family home.
#20-61	John P. Binns	961 State Route 34B	replace two overhead doors.
#20-62R	Thomas D. Addy	Creek Road	new single-family home.

Provided 2020 building permit information to Town Assessor to facilitate 2021 update to assessments for recent construction and improvements.

Provided update on town property maintenance issues and violations to Town Supervisor.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this report or Town Code Enforcement activities.

WATER REPORT

Sue Moss

Total - 2,556,000 gallons

Average - 85,200 gallons

Cheryl spoke to the Board about adding the water tax to the quarterly water district bills. Right now, the tax is placed on the Town and County tax bills which are mailed in January. The Board was not in favor.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

The Cayuga Hazard Mitigation Plan is done. There was not much participation in this project Cheryl is working on the local business listings on the TOG website

The Highway Department machinery inventory is due this month

Bob needs to turn in documentation for the returned water meter from Chet Ferguson

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 113-2020 **GRANT REIMBURSEMENT APPROVAL**

On a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Slocum, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved to pay two bills if reimbursement is approved

Board members were emailed a draft of the Solar Plan Law

The Town of Genoa qualified for the Comp Alliance Safe Workplace Award for its performance during 2019. A check for \$2699 was received. Comp Alliance also asked for a 3-year renewal term.

RESOLUTION 114-2020 **COMP ALLIANCE TERM RENEWAL**

On a motion of Board member Slocum, seconded by Board member Shields, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved to approve the 3-year renewal

RESOLUTION 115-2020 **AGREEMENT WITH HUNT FOR BAKERS BRIDGE REPAIR**

On a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Slocum, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved to approve the agreement with Hunt Engineers for the Bakers Bridge repair

The Association of Towns will be holding their Annual Business Meeting (virtually).

A delegate (Cheryl Shields) and alternate delegate (Don Slocum) were assigned.

RESOLUTION 116-2020 **ASSIGNMENT OF DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR AOT MTG.**

On a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Slocum, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved to assign delegate (Cheryl Shields) and alternate (Don Slocum) for the annual Association of Towns virtual meeting

RESOLUTION 117-2020 **APPROVAL FOR ATTORNEY AGREEMENT FOR 2021**

On a motion of Board member White, seconded by Board member Shields, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved to approve Guy Krogh as Town of Genoa attorney for 2021

RESOLUTION 118-2020 APPROVAL OF MOVEMENT OF FUNDS FOR DITCHER PURCHASED 5/2020

On a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member White, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved to approve movement of funds
\$28,000 will be moved from Surplus to Highway

RESOLUTION 119-2020 APPROVAL OF TRUCK PURCHASE

On a motion of Board member Slocum seconded by Board member White, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved to approve truck purchase (old truck with sander will be sold)

The Board will discuss a highway damage resolution at the year-end meeting on December 30.

A quote from a newsletter sent from NYS Comptroller DiNapoli:

After losing more than 1.9 million jobs in March and April, New York State saw steady gains, averaging over 174,000 jobs in each of the following five months. That progress nearly halted in October, when statewide employment rose by less than 11,000. That brought the State's job total to nearly 8.8 million, a cumulative increase of 881,000 since April—but, still, nearly 1.1 million below pre-pandemic levels in February.

From a regional perspective, New York City lost approximately 938,000 jobs in March and April, almost half the statewide total. As a percentage of February employment, however, the downstate suburban region took a sharper hit, experiencing a decline of more than 21 percent compared to 20 percent in the City and 18.1 percent in the rest of New York State. As of October, the downstate suburbs had recovered at a faster rate than the other two regions, recouping over 58 percent of lost jobs, as shown in the nearby chart. New York City saw only slight job gains in the month of October, while the rest of the State lost more than 14,000 jobs.

The Census Bureau sent a thank you note for the Town's participation in this year's census

Lorie updated the Board on the current COVID numbers

She received an email stating that the NYS Pension Fund has set 2040 as a net zero carbon emissions target

There will be a virtual Shared Services meeting on December 17 at 3 pm

The Town of Venice has asked to see our Solar Law draft. We may ask them to share payment of our lawyer fee for this

Because of COVID concerns and for everyone's safety, the Town offices will be closed to the public starting December 14. Residents can call the office (315)364-5505, email (genoatownclerk@gmail.com), postal mail or use the drop box on the building.

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The Town Year-End meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 30 at 5 pm at the Town Hall

The Town Organizational meeting and first Board meeting of 2021 will be held **virtually** on January 11, 2021 at 7 pm

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:20 pm to discuss personnel and insurance matters

RESOLUTION 120-2020 **EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion of Board member Shields seconded by Board member White, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White

Nays 0

Resolved to adjourn Executive Session at 8:30 pm

Paul mentioned that a payloader will need to be purchased during 2021

With no further business, on a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member White, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk