

TOWN OF GENOA REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 2022

The 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 June 8, 2022

Present Lorie Sellen-Gross, Supervisor Paul Wheeler, Highway Superintendent
 Cheryl Shields, Board Member Kevin Foster, Code Enforcement Officer
 Don Slocum, Board Member
 Brandon White, Board Member
 Joe Philip, Board Member
 Shannon Armstrong, Clerk

The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Lorie Sellen-Gross with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Visitors: Bob Ward, Jeremy Akin from Connect Gen.

Jeremy Akin gave a brief update of what the ConnectGen company is doing in the Cayuga County area. ConnectGen received a second award from NYSERTA. Accumulated capacity of 300 megawatts; which they feel will be an increased benefits to the local towns and jurisdictions. Plan to have summer office hours to have people come and talk about concerns and updates. ConnectGen is still in the acquisition phase.

Next, the Town Board continued reviewing agenda items:

RESOLUTION 44-2022 APPROVAL OF MAY 11, 2022 MINUTES

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Sellen-Gross, Slocum, Shields, White, Philip
 Nays 0

Resolved to adopt the May 11, 2022 minutes.

No Budget Transfers/Transfer of Funds

RESOLUTION 45-2022 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR’S FINANCIAL REPORT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Sellen-Gross, Slocum, Shields, Slocum, White, Philip
 Nays 0

Resolved to approve the Supervisor’s Financial Report through May 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION 46-2022 APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White, Philip
 Nays 0

Resolved to approve bills after including the R&L Mowing services, with the increased rates. R&L Mowing has been doing a great job at keeping the Town Hall lawn mowed. With the increase in the price of gas, they are raising their rates by 15%.

RESOLUTION 47-2022 **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE INCREASE IN MOWING PAYMENT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White, Philip
Nays 0

Resolved to approve the increase of 15% for per mow.

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for May 2022

Certified Copies (4)	\$ 40.00
Dog Licenses (14)	119.00 (\$119 total - \$16 Ag & Markets population control fund)
Building Permits (10)	890.50

Disbursements for May 2022

Paid to Supervisor	\$1049.50
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RESOLUTION 48-2022 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White, Philip
Nays 0

Resolved that the May 2022 Clerk's Report be approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Kevin Foster

May 16

- Contacted by Chris Drew about Lane rd. permit

May 18

- Office Hours
- Inspection Lane Rd Single wide trailer completed still need permits for mud room and deck
- Permit Renewal 22-26 Honoco Rd Steve Morse
- Permit For rebuilding out house 22-27 Honoco Rd
- Permit Renewal 22-28 1140 State Rt 34 John Underwood
- OTR 1058 North Street for roof on trailer collapsing
- OTR 868 Bartnick Road Porch roof collapsing
- Spoke with Mr. Morse head of Honoco Rd Association regarding the Code expectations for a fire lane also gave him a copy of Fire Code appendix D that outlines requirements for Fire Lanes

May 19

- Spoke with Nick regarding Building Lot requirements Atwater Road

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May 21

- Call from Joe Signor Footer Inspection at 2975 Blankley Road

May 22

- Inspected Footers at 2975 Blankley Road

May 23

- Call from Kevin Bangs about permits on Honoco Road

May 25

- Inspection Oberon drive
- Inspection 871 Fire Lane 8
- Answer several messages
- Spoke to Mike from Lake Homes about requirements on Honoco Rd
- Called Dan Green Town of Ledyard Code Officer. Explained some issues on Honoco Rd also talked about Fire Lane requirements and perhaps some solutions we both agreed there is no quick fix but it is addressable.
- Questions on Shed requirements
- Meet with Bruce Hall about Lake Frontage requirements and subdivisions
- Meet with Dave from King Ferry Hotel about progress

May 26

- Spoke with Melissa from REMAX questions on subdivisions and frontage requirements on Atwater Rd.

June 1

- Office Hours
- Rt 90 check on complaint of uncut grass
- Meeting with Dave from King Ferry Hotel
- Spoke with Bob from Lakeland Realty questions on property requirements
- Issue Permit 22-29 Michael Heary Renovation at 982 State Rt 34B

June 2

- Spoke with Joe Lester about 6 acres of land in King Ferry

June 3

- Contacted by William Earl about Honoco Road requirements
- Spoke to Ben Lakewood Homes regarding 987 Sharpsteen Rd

June 8

- Office Hours
- Spoke with Michel confirming setback requirements in Town Law
- Letter of intent to Repair 1058 North Street
- Spoke with Mr. Rameizi about needed repairs at 868 Bartnick Rd
- Issue Permit 22-30 for Shed Samuel & Lori Fortin 682 State Rt 34B
- Meet Matthew Knopp 8899 State Rt 90 about plumbing and electrical inspections
- File Form C-404 with U.S. Dept. of Commerce

ACCESSOR REPORT

Read by Shannon Armstrong

Sitting with the Rolls:

I had 16 hours available throughout the month of May including an evening and Saturday.

During this time the Tentative Assessment Roll was available for viewing & met with 6 property

owners. In addition to the hours above, I have had several phone conversations and email correspondences.

BAR:

The Board of Assessment Review met 5/31/22 4-8pm and heard 4 complaints. The final roll will be printed and available by Cayuga County Real Property July 1st and I will deliver to Town Hall. I have spoken to John Kelley from SDG regarding Outpost several times over the last few months and especially weeks. I will be meeting with him asap at his availability to get necessary updates for the fieldwork program.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Brandon White

The guys have finished hauling material for this year's paving projects. Paving of Tupper Road is scheduled for the week of June 20th. We have started cleaning ditches, filled some potholes and mowing roadsides. We helped Niles do their paving, we have started working on drainage issues on Sills Road. Water Department, Flushing of fire hydrants has been done. Chris McKane has taken and passed his Grade D water license. Pete and Paul attended New York Rural Water conference.

No Dog Control.

WATER REPORT

Shannon Armstrong

Total - 2,643,200 gallons

Average - 85,265 gallons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds – Joe reported that he will be fixing the window at the north end of the hallway. Cheryl said that the meeting room lights are on a timer. If the electric goes off the, the timer has to be reset.

Lori approached R&L Mowing about mowing the Palmer and Wilcox cemeteries. Sharpsteen Cemetery maybe another possibility. Still waiting to hear if R&L will mow these.

Swim Program – See chart below for the rates/employees who will be working for the swim program. The budget for this program is \$6000, and it is currently below budget at \$5117.25.

(chart)

RESOLUTION 49-2022 **SWIM PROGAM BUDGET**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White, Philip

Nays 0

Approval of the Swim Program budget as it is so far.

REV Summer Program, "The Fisherman and His Wife" will be held at Town Hall side lawn on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 11:00am.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

Brandon didn't attend the Tier 3 Training 4/27. He did refer to the checklist that we have. Plans to attend next year.

NEW BUSINESS

FEMA grant was submitted. This is for wash out of gully. The Mitigation Grant was also file; asking for money for a generator for the highway department and one for the town hall. There are 3 portions to these grants (2 generators and one for the highway washout). Our portion is a 10% match for what the grant is awarded at 90% FEMA, 10% Town of Genoa. The cost for the highway access road is \$26,488. For the town hall generator the cost is \$11,363 and for the highway generator the cost is \$11,261.

RESOLUTION 50-2022 APPROVAL OF TOWN PARTICIPATION OF 10% IN FEMA/HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White, Philip
Nays 0

Approval for the Town to spend 10% of Town funds on all three portions of the grants.

Sales tax is up 16%.

Guy Vanbenschoten contacted Lorie with the concern about the generating electric plants. Lorie got an email from NYS Legislature, and they are putting limitations on this.

Pam attended the Retirement System Updates training. There will be a reduction in the pension contribution that the Town contributes for the employees. A 33% return on the retirement fund. The Town's should drop down to 11.6%, which is what will have to be matched. The good news is the Town won't have to pay as much and will not have to deduct as much from employees.

RESOLUTION 51-2022 APPROVE THE NYSLRS RECORD OF ACTIVITY FOR CLAIR HEBBARD, COURT CLERK

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White, Philip
Nays 0

Approval to accept the standard NYLERS record of activity for the court clerk.

Cemetery Funds – The Genoa Rural Cemetery is hurting very bad. There is \$4100.00 set aside for mowing the cemeteries. Discussion was to give \$1500 to the cemeteries that isn't affiliated with a church.

RESOLUTION 52-2022 **CEMETERY FUND**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White, Philip
Nays 0

Approval to give Genoa Rural Cemetery and Maplewood Cemetery funding each to use towards mowing.

Mike and Jen Heary want to replace the Scenic Byway Route 90 sign on their property in the King Ferry corners. The Board agrees the Town will not be using taxpayers' monies to help pay for this. The Heary's are paying for the structure and the businesses will pay for their actual advertising panel. The GHA may possibly donate funds towards the sign structure.

The Cayuga County Local Solid Waste Management program had the Town complete a survey. What does the town have and use? They want us to make an appointment with them to see to review the survey and to see if we want to set up a recycling program.

Jeremy Atkin, from ConnectGen called to say that NYSERTA has given ConnectGen another 100 megawatts. Lorie relayed to Jeremy that we hope ConnectGen will engage with property owners they have already worked with and have signed up for this program.

Heather Garner sent Shannon a request to order more toner for a printer. We need to learn more about the usage of the toner, since there isn't a printer in the office Heather uses at have at the Town Hall.

RESOLUTION 53-2022 **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THE WESTERN STAR TRUCK**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White, Philip
Nays 0

Approval to purchase the new Town Highway truck for \$261,000, which we will receive in two years (2024).

The Board then went into Executive Session.

With no further business, on a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Slocum, the regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Shannon Armstrong, Town Clerk