

TOWN OF GENOA REGULAR MEETING

March 8, 2023

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 March 8, 2023.

Present Lorie Sellen-Gross, Supervisor
 Cheryl Shields, Board Member
 Don Slocum, Board Member
 Joe Philip, Board Member
 Shannon Armstrong, Town Clerk

Absent Brandon White, Board Member

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: Anton Parseghian; Reported on some of the programs that are available for funding in Cayuga County. Anton is willing to help with ways to help with funding and improvements in our town.

RESOLUTION 24-2023 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FOR 2/8/2023 REGULAR MEETING

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

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

Resolved to accept approval for the February meeting.

RESOLUTION 25-2023 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR’S FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

Resolved to approve the Supervisor’s Financial Report for February 2023.

RESOLUTION 26-2023 APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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

Resolved to accept the approval of the February bills as presented.

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for February 2023

Certified Copies (8)	\$ 80.00
Marriage License (0)	\$ 00.00
Dog Licenses (5)) control fund)	\$ 61.00 (\$11.00 to Ag & Markets population
Building Permits (4)	\$ 400.00

Disbursements for December 2022

Paid to Supervisor	\$ 541.00
Paid to NYS Health Dept. for Marriage Lic.	\$ 00.00

RESOLUTION 27-2023 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

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

Resolved that the January 2023 Clerk's Report be approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT –

Kevin Foster Submitted

My report for March Board Meeting is as follows,

February 9

- Email on 622 RT 34B

February 10

- Questions on 181 Mahaney road

February 15

- Office Hours
- Received inspection reports for Septic and Electrical Rose Atwater Rd
- Meeting at New Store in King Ferry preliminary for occupancy
- Respond to FOIL 181 Mahaney Rd (23 Bell circle)
- Spoke with attorney about subdivision Rt 34B
- Inspection Fire Lane 5 Briant
- Inspection Komoroski Home

February 16

- More information on subdivision Rt34B

February 17

- Meet with Mr. Shaw received survey map for County filing

February 19

- Stopped in Office to stamp maps and mail to attorney

February 21

- Call from Ani regarding building permit for Underwood Rt 34

February 22

- Office Hours
- Call Ms. Goodalle about property on 483 Powers Rd regards to Tiny Homes

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- Research property information and history of violations Ferguson Rt 90 spoke to supervisor on same
- Issue Operating Permits to King Ferry Winery for 4-28,5-26,6-30 and 9-1 also note the Times for these events has changed so they end at 9pm as opposed to 10pm

March 1

- Office Hours
- Spoke with Greg about Roof Permit requirements Mahaney Rd
- Spoke with Ivan about renewal of permit 999 Rt 34B and that the CC Health department had limited the occupancy due to septic.
- Filed additional paperwork found on Ferguson property Rt 90
- Called Mr. Lasher building porch without a permit.
- Renew Permit 22-03 change to 23-06 999 Rt 34B

March 6

- Attend Cayuga County Code Officers Meeting

March 7

- Call from Duane from CC Health requesting information on when inspections are due for housing at Turek Farms Mahaney and Rt 90 Locations

March 8

- Office Hours
- Meet resident regards to a permit for deck with roof
- Review Emailed permit request for Manufactured Home 3011 Blakley Rd
- Prepare monthly Report

ASSESSOR REPORT

As of March 1, we have been able to add 22 new low-income senior exemption recipients (along with 4 whose income was too high for this year but I will be tracking them in the future in case the income scale increases slightly.) While I was against the postcards when it was first announced, I am glad that we sent them out. They created a lot of phone calls and the end result was that we were able to get a lot of needy seniors' property tax relief – mostly off the county taxes. In addition, the publicity about the low-income senior exemption added 14 more Enhanced STAR recipients.

I have sent out letters to all of the 2022 Building Permits to confirm their stage of construction and to mostly introduce myself. Before I showed up at their property, I wanted to reach out to let them know that I would be stopping by just so that they are aware of my intentions. I don't like to invade people's privacy but I still have a job to get done so it's a balancing act between those two needs. So far, I have had a great response from the public in helping review these permits.

I have reviewed the PDC (Pre-Decision Collaboration) documents provided by the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services. Based upon these figures, the Level of Assessment will drop to 88% of full market value. Once I hear what the other towns will be declaring, I'll provide that in a future update. It is without question that maintaining 100% full value assessments is the most fair and equitable way to assess property but it is easier to maintain 100% than to get to it.

Despite a late start to the year (the assessment year starts on July 1), we are in a good place to be ready to file a tentative assessment roll on May 1. All exemptions have been processed except

for the agricultural land exemption but I just have to confirm their continued eligibility. I've created a database from the exemptions filed this year that will make the renewal process easier next year for me but more importantly, the property owner too.

If you or any resident has any question, please do not hesitate to ask me or put them in touch with me.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Submitted by Paul Wheeler

The men have started hauling material for the 2023 paving projects. Scott is keeping equipment washed and serviced. Jeff is repairing our hydraulic broom and woods mower. Water Department, Scott, Chris, and I are working with Pete as much as possible to care for our water system. Pete is retiring at the end of April. Congratulations Pete! We had a water main rupture on Route 90 (Little Hollow). We would like to thank Town of Venice, Genoa Fire Department and Mark Conner for their help.

WATER REPORT

Total for month of February 2023 – 1,923,000

Daily Average for month of February 2023 – 68,600

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Committee – Waterline break on Route 90 in Little Hollow. The water was shut down for approximately 10 hours and then opened back up with Cayuga County Health Department issuing a boiling water mandate for 2 ½ days. That mandate was lifted by the County once water tests came back that the water was safe to consume.

Building & Grounds – Cheryl will work on getting a dusk to dawn light at the North end of the building, and one on the Court sign so it is more visible. Still working on the lighting improvement in the foyer. Todd Ward fixed the shutter on the lower wall near the Court entrance.

Programs/Grants – FEMA Application declined for a generator at the town hall.

RESOLUTION 28-2023 BID FOR THE PAINT PROJECT OF THE TOWN HALL INTERIOR WALLS BY GRAYSON WALL-2-WALL SERVICES FOR \$2873.70.

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

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

Resolved to accept the one paint project bid that was submitted. The project will begin the week of March 13, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

Paul and Scott moved the outside mailboxes to a new location so they would be protected from the rain/snow. The AFLAC representative will be coming to the Town Hall Thursday, March 9 to talk to the highway employees about dental and/or short-term disability insurance.

RESOLUTION 29-2023 TO OFFER SHORT TERM DISABILITY TO HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES THROUGH AFLAC

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

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

Resolved to accept to offer the town employees short-term disability benefits.

NEW BUSINESS

Don and Lorie met with Assemblyman Gallahan. Jay Franklin, the Town Assessor presented a document to the volunteer firefighters who attended a special meeting regarding the RPTL 466-a – Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Worker Exemption. The document was clear and easy to comprehend. The GHA needs a new holding septic tank which has been leaking water for the past 6 months. Kessler’s will be fixing this situation. Shannon Armstrong, Town Historian submitted the GHA 2022 Town Historian Report. APC Towers sent a “letter of intent” which the Town Board denied. Unified Solar Permit – Lorie is checking with Guy Krogh to see if this is good to go and to be added to the Solar Law. It will be posted on our website if the attorney agrees. Jon Orkin submitted a letter to the board requesting a pay raise for the town bailiff. Lorie sent a letter of support to Senator Pamela Helming regarding the Cayuga Lake Protection Project.

The Supervisor asked the Board at 7:30 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss the Water Superintendent position. There were no objections. On a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Slocum, the Executive Session was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Carried unanimously.

With no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm as well on a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Slocum. Carried unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm on a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Slocum. Carried unanimously.

Shannon Armstrong, Town Clerk