

TOWN OF GENOA REGULAR MEETING

September 13, 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 September 13, 2023.

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

The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Lorie Sellen-Gross with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Visitors: Ken Manzari, B. Sean Corbin, Jay Franklin

RESOLUTION 85-2023 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FOR 8/9/2023 REGULAR MEETING

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

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

Resolved to accept approval for the August meeting.

Two Budget Transfers: 1) Transfer \$500.00 from A5010.2 Highway Supt Equipment to A5010.4 Highway Contractual 2) Transfer \$500.00 from Contingency A1990.4 to A7310.4 Youth Programs.

Budget Adjustment: Increase DA5112.22 Improvement CHIPS \$25,000. Funds will come out of the Highway surplus and then returned there when CHIPS funds arrive before December 2023.

RESOLUTION 86-2023 APPROVAL OF TWO BUDGET TRANSFERS AND ONE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

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

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

Resolved to approve the Budget Transfer and Budget Adjustment.

RESOLUTION 87-2023 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR’S FINANCIAL REPORT: August 31, 2023

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 88-2023 APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for August 2023

Certified Copies (0)	\$ 0.00
Marriage License (0)	\$ 0.00
Dog Licenses (19) control fund)	\$ 159.00 (\$21.00 to Ag & Markets population
Building Permits (16)	\$ 1335.00
Disbursements for August 2023	
Paid to Supervisor	\$ 1494.00

RESOLUTION 89-2023 CLERK'S REPORT

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

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

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

CODE ENFORCMENT OFFICER REPORT

July 18

- S Saville call about permit

July 19

- Office Hours
- Saville Slab inspection
- Issue permit 23-47 Garage 149 Brooks Road
- " " 23-48 Porch 1821 Atwater Road M. Rose
- " " 23-49 Operating Permit Genoa Historical Assn. 923 Rt 34 B
- Meet S. Saville Permit Application Blankley Rd
- Answer questions on building lot 9488 Rt 90 for realtor

July 20

- Mike 2120 Atwater Rd Pole Barn

July 21

- Meet M. Pawloski Issue permit 22-50 2120 Atwater Rd Pole Barn

July 24

- Complaint of low hanging private electrical wires Fire Ln 2

July 25

- Phone questions Kevin Jacobs Excavation on Sharpsteen Rd

July 26

- Meet with Chief Shaw about Fire Ln 2

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- Inspection Fire Ln 1 and check Fox run
- Office Hours
- Issue Permit 23-51 3011 Blakley Rd
- Spoke with Chris Stevens 9434 St Rt 90 about Deck

July 27

- Call about 326 Sills Rd Concrete Slab

July 31

- County Code Meeting

August 02

- Office Hours
- Call from Adult Protective Agency-town resident concern
- Spoke with Mike about Oil separator for Pole Barn
- Kevin Jacobs Sharpsteen Rd Inspection
- Issue Permit 23-52 Armstrong for Stairs and Railings
- Issue Permit 23-53 Childs 1109 Maple Metal roof
- Issue Permit 23-54 Jones 1921 Atwater Rd Pole Barn
- Issue Permit 23-55 Tap Root Trust 294 Lake Rd 28 X 48 Shop
- Issue Permit 23-56 Elser 619 Indian field Rd 32 X 44 Garage
- Issue Permit 23-57 Garrow 9316 State Rt 90 Heat Pumps

August 03

- Sheedy Brooks Rd about property lines
- Joel S Clearview Rd Septic questions

August 04

- Explain lot line adjustments and need for survey review

August 06

- Inspection Sharpsteen Rd

August 07

- Office Appointments
- Spoke with Chad Tracey on Code Questions
- Checked Subdivision questions
- Issue Permit 23-58 Tyrrell 10166 State Rt 90

August 15

- Call about Dog Complaint on Fire Ln 7

August 16

- Jenette Owens questions
- Office Hours
- Completed C 404 Report
- Issued Permit 23-59 Thumm 985 State Rt 34B
- Look up 911 request for Brooks Rd Applicant has wrong tax ID#
- Issue Permit 23-61 Stevens 9434 State Rt 90 8 X 24 Deck
- Kanga Roof 1109 Maple Ave Inspection
- Bridge Certification for Fire Lane 7
- Inspections Powers Rd, Rt 34B, Rt 34&90, 1921 Atwater Rd
- Closed Permit 23-54 and 23-58 Completed

August 18

- Footer Inspection 10166 State Rt 90

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- Footer Inspection Sharpsteen Rd
- Send Certificate of Occupancy Jones Atwater Rd

August 21

- Call about asbestos siding on remodeling...it was tested and NO asbestos

August 22

- Call for Appointment to inspect work 1036 Bradley
- Call about 807 Clearview Rd

August 23

- 9 am meeting for final 847 East Genoa Road
- Check foundation Rt 90 Tyrrell
- Office Hours
- Call Andy Set Back requirements Clearview Rd
- Operating Permit 23-62 for 8-25 King Ferry Winery was notified prior to deadline had not received check
- Inspection Red Fox Ln

August 25

- Answer email for permit
- Question for 807 Clearview Rd
- Mahaney Rd gazebo questions

August 27

- Porch being rebuilt without permit Rt 34B

August 28

- Mike Rose call for final

August 30

- Inspections Blakley Rd
- Office Hours
- Permit 23-57 Holbrook
- Spoke to Brando, Blakley Rd new Pole Barn
- Answer questions Property Rt 90 Solar 20 acres
- Review information from DA and Guy; re: prosecuting violations

September 1

- Answer questions for permit holder on stair requirements

September 6

- Inspection Blakley Rd and Indian field Rd
- Office Hours
- Submit C 404 report
- Meeting about correcting Honoco Rd Bridge
- Spoke with Chad Tracey Powers rd job
- Call about 5K run at King Ferry Winery does not require permit did advise King Ferry Fire Chief of date and time
- Lake Rd Forms for slab
- Questions on work two permits

September 8

- Call from King Ferry Res about Pole Barn requirements

September 12

- Jack Goodman about Solar Farm

- Request for permit records 11186 State rt 90

September 13

- Inspection Rt 90
- Office Hours
- Answer questions for Lake Rd Resident
- Spoke with Dustin and Brian regarding rerod requirements
- Review Solar Permit for 257 State Rt 90 meets Article 4 Solar Law on roof
- Spoke with Jack from solar power network Sills Rd project advised him on setbacks and need to meet with board on project.
- Issue permit 23-64 999 Rt 34B Heat Pump
- Issue permit 23-65 539 Powers Rd Roof
- Spoke with Crystal about solar permit questions Rt 34
- Prepare Report

HIGHWAY REPORT

Submitted by Paul Wheeler, read by Brandon White

The guys are mowing roadsides and the landfill again, cutting overhanging brush and trees back. Cleaning and maintaining equipment. Helped the County and Aurelius do some paving, and Scipio and Ledyard with some chip sealing. We chip sealed Atwater, Middlecott Lane, Clearview roads and Center road from 34B to Lake road.

DOG CONTROL

Carl Collier will be retiring at the end of 2023. Lorie contacted the Town Supervisors and the SPCA in Ithaca and Auburn to see if there is anyone to fill this position.

WATER REPORT

Total for month of August 2023 – 3,619,430

Daily Average for month of August 2023 – 116,750

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water District – Still collecting surveys from the water district residents on the material of their water pipes are. The work needs to be completed by October 2024. Ti-Sales contacted Paul and Shannon to start the training and new meter reading system. The Genoa Tower will need repairs this Fall.

Old Business

Town Hall Pavilion – Continue to work on getting estimates for building the pavilion. Most likely in the \$50k range. North Street Drainage Improvement update: Don will be in touch with Tim Snyder on moving forward on this project. Staples Account – The Town is working with Staples Business Advantage, which will be invoicing the Town of Genoa directly. No use of credit card. Good pricing on office supplies, etc. NYSERDA \$5000 grant – Cheryl working on the cost for replacing LED lighting in the Town Garage. Cheryl is also working on street light voltage and if there is a way to decrease or increase one or two streetlights voltage. FEMA Grant-Hunt Engineering paid to due required study

RESOLUTION 90-2023 APPROVAL TO COMPLETE NYSEG APPLICATION TO ADD ADDITIONAL LIGHTING IN FRONT OF A GENOA PROPERTY

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

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

Resolved to complete NYSEG application for additional lighting.

RESOLUTION 91-2023 APPROVAL TO HIRE GRIME FIGHTERS COMPANY TO POWER WASH THE EXTERIOR BUILDING, DECKING, SHUTTERS after reviewing their provided quote and receiving insurance binder

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

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

Resolved to hire Grime Fighters.

RESOLUTION 92-2023 APPROVAL TO HOLD A BUDGET WORKSHOP TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT 6:30PM; will be advertised

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

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

Resolved to hold the budget workshop.

New Business

Received a letter from DOT stating the reduction of speed on Lake Road has been declined. Bridge Structural analysis on Fire Lane 7 has been approved. Southern Cayuga Instant Aid is asking for increased financial support from the four towns in 2024. Lorie requested additional budgeting reports to understand the \$50,000 increase between 4 towns with over \$17,000 of that \$50,000 being requested from the Town of Genoa, Cyber Security Policy –Wright Insurance is recommending more levels of security for the Town of Genoa. Synergy will be checking the recommended list and update with any additional security that is needed.

RESOLUTION 93-2023 APPROVAL TO CONTINUE and SIGN WITH THE SCAT VAN SERVICES CONTRACT

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

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

Resolved to sign the SCAT Van Services contract.

RESOLUTION 94-2023 – Authorizing a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023 – A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF GENOA TO AMEND THE TOWN’S TAXATION TO ADD VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND

**AMBULANCE WORKER EXEMPTIONS UPON TOWN PROPERTY TAXES
PER REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW § 466-a**

WHEREAS, the Town of Genoa wishes to encourage residents to volunteer with their local Fire Departments, and

WHEREAS, the number of volunteers has fallen to a point where service could be affected, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Legislature has authorized an exemption which would provide for a 10% exemption for volunteers who have been certified by the authority having jurisdiction over the fire/EMT company, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the RESOLVED, further, That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to place proper notice of such public hearing in the official newspaper of the Town.

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SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-26

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

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

Roll call taken. All approved.

RESOLUTION 94-2023 – Authorizing a Public Hearing on Proposed Law No. 2 of 2023 - A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING SECTION 467 AND SECTION 459-C OF THE NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW – A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR LOW-INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS AND LOW-INCOME DISABLED INDIVIDUALS

WHEREAS, the Town of Genoa wishes to provide tax relief for those senior citizens and disabled individuals living on a limited income, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Genoa has not increased the limits for the low-income Senior Citizen exemption since 1991, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that proposed local law – A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF GENOA TO AMEND and SUPERCEED the existing town local laws to authorize and grant the partial exemption from taxation to qualifying low-income senior citizens and low-income disabled individuals in the Town of Genoa and, TO INCLUDE THE PARTIAL EXEMPTIONS APPLICABLE SPECIFIED IN RPTL 467 AND RPTL 459-C BASED ON THE INCOME OF OWNERS OR THE COMBINED INCOME OF THE OWNERS PURSUANT TO THE TABLE INCLUDED IN THIS LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2023, and further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall publish in the official newspaper of the Town a notice of adoption containing a synopsis of said local law and shall within twenty days file one certified copy in the Office of the County Clerk, and one copy with the Secretary of State.

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On a motion of Board member Sellen-Gross, seconded by Board member White, the following resolution was

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

Roll call taken. All approved.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Slocum. Carried unanimously.

Shannon Armstrong, Town Clerk