

TOWN BOARD OF GENOA REGULAR MEETING

March 11, 2026

The Regular Town Board 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 11, 2026.

Present: Don Slocum, Supervisor Paul Wheeler, Highway Superintendent
Cheryl Shields, Board Member
Joe Philip, Board Member
Albert Armstrong, Board Member
Kristi Gans, Board Member
Shannon Armstrong, Town Clerk

The Regular Board meetings were called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Don Slocum with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RESOLUTION 20-2026 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM 2/11/2026

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Slocum, Shields, Armstrong, Gans, Philip
 Nays 0

Resolved to approve the Board Minutes from 2/11/2026.

RESOLUTION 21-2026 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2/2026

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Slocum, Shields, Armstrong, Gans, Philip
 Nays 0

Resolved to approve the Supervisor's Financial Report.

RESOLUTION 22-2026 APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Slocum, Shields, Armstrong, Gans
 Nays 0

Resolved to accept the approval of the February 2026 final bills as presented.

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for February 2026

Certified Copies (1)	\$ 10.00
Marriage License (0)	\$ 00.00
Dog Licenses (13)	\$ 130.00 (\$13.00 to Ag & Markets population control fund)
Building Permits (7)	\$ 495.00

Disbursements for February 2026

Paid to Supervisor	\$ 635.00
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RESOLUTION 23-2026 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Slocum, Shields, Armstrong, Gans, Philip
 Nays 0

Resolved that the February 2026 Clerk's Report be approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Presented by Kevin Foster

February 18

- Office Hours
- Spoke with Contractor on Deck Permit
- Meet with Dale about Variance on Sharpsteen Rd

February 24

- Spoke with Ryan on filtration system Lake Rd home

February 25

- Lake road Final Inspection
- Office Hours
- Issue C of O 252 Lake Rd
- Spoke to resident on demolition on Bradley Street
- Spoke with realtor on Parcel Oberon Dr Buildable?
- Framing inspection Rt 34
- Spoke with resident on Maple St about permit requirements
- Issue Permit 26-06 Lake Rd Deck replacement
- Issue Permit 26-07 1059 Maple Street Kitchen renovation
- Submitted NYS 2025 1203 Report

February 26

- Spoke with dale regarding Variance information

March 2

- Email on Shed permit

March 3

- Attend variance meeting for Sharpsteen Rd to answer any Technical Questions

March 4

- Office Hours
- Issued Permit 26-08 261 Sills Rd Roof Permit
- Spoke with resident on Demolition Permit
- Spoke with concerned citizen about illegal home on Indian Field Rd
- Meet with resident on permit application

March 5

- Call from contractor need signature for driveway on County Road
- Call from Son of Owner on Condemned Home on Indian Field Rd

March 6

- Meet Contractor at County Garage on Long Hill Rd to Sign Driveway application

March 9

- Spoke with Complete Dairy on Permit for Sharpsteen Rd
- March 10

- Oos Home Emergency

The Variance Board met to discuss the application for Willet Dairy to add another mobile home on a parcel on Sharpsteen Road. The variance was granted from the board to add another mobile home.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Presented by Jay Franklin

Exemption Renewal Applications –

As of the March 2nd deadline:

For the senior exemption, we have received all renewal applications.

For the agland exemption, we have received 124 out of 127 owners

(I did talk to a family member of one of the applicants and I'm surprised that he didn't respond. I will confirm again).

NYS complicated this exemption by sending out letters to seniors that they didn't need to do anything to continue with their STAR exemption. Which was true, however, I needed their income and exemption for the Low-Income Senior Exemption.

Veterans Exemption Signed into Law

In what might be the most confusing and misleading advertising campaign, NYS recently adopted new legislation that would make some 100% service-connected disabled veterans 100% exemption from local property taxes. However, there needs to be some clarification from NYS as to what this really means.

NYS has advertised as a mandatory exemption however, if a municipality or school district doesn't offer the Alternative Veteran's exemption, does this section of the Alternative Veteran's Exemption apply? How can the veteran prove the pecuniary assistance from NYS for improvements made to their property?

For Genoa, potentially 4 100% disabled veterans could see their general tax bills reduced to \$0. I'll keep you informed as we learn more from NYS.

Annual Work to Start

I continue to find 'new to us' barns. I just located 2 barns that were built between 2012 and 2015 according to aerial photograph.

With this new 'find', we now have 46 properties that we will be reviewing for the 2026 Assessment including 7 new houses.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS REPORT

Presented by Paul Wheeler

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- 1- Plowing and sanding roads. This winter has been more like a traditional winter.
- 2- Patching potholes.
- 3- Repairing mower deck and gear box on Woods mower.
- 4- We have started hauling material for the years road repairs.

WATER REPORT

Total for month of January 2026 – 2,390,970 gallons (January 2025 – 1,871,620 gallons)

Daily Average for month of January 2026 – 77,128 gallons (January 2025 – 60,374 gallons)

Total for month of February 2026 – 2,178,080 gallons (February 2025: 1,882,180 gallons)

Daily Average for month of February 2026 – 77,788 gallons (February 2025: 67,220 gallons)

Water Department:

1. Sent in our DEC water with drawl report for 2025.
2. Working on water samples for the year
 - A. PFOS sample to Microbac in Cortland
 - B. Nitrate sample to JLI in Auburn
 - C. Diozane sample to JLI
3. Repairing water meters.
4. JD, Scott and I attended UDIG excavator certification refresher course in Auburn NY.

Discussion of sending out a letter to the Town of Genoa-King Ferry Water District regarding increasing water rates for commercial properties on the water district line.

DOG CONTROL

Number of Complaints: 2

Dogs Seized and Sheltered: 0

Dogs Redeemed: 0

Dog Adopted: 0

Dogs Advertised: 0

Dogs Euthanized: 0

Licenses Written: 0

Notice to Comply Wrote: 0

Appearance Tickets Issued: 0

Lost & Found Matches: 0

Notes: Dog at large in King Ferry, will set traps if he stays in the area.

Old Business

Received the financial statements from Genoa Rural Cemetery and Maplewood Cemetery.

RESOLUTION 24-2026 APPROVAL TO DONATE \$1200 TO GENOA RURAL AND TO MAPLEWOOD CEMETERIES FOR LAWN MOWING

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Slocum, Shields, Armstrong, Gans, Philip
 Nays 0

Resolved to accept the donation of \$1200 to both cemeteries.

RESOLUTION 25-2026 APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRICITY.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Slocum, Shields, Armstrong, Gans, Philip
 Nays 0

Resolved to accept approve the resolution to authorize high electricity complaints.

New Business

Bridge Project packet was received and will be notarized and mailed out to the Dept. of Transportation.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm on a motion by Board Member Shields and seconded by Board Member Armstrong. Carried unanimously.

Shannon Armstrong, Town Clerk