

TOWN BOARD OF GENOA REGULAR

July 8, 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 July 8, 2026

Present: Don Slocum, Supervisor Paul Wheeler, Highway Superintendent
Joe Philip, Board Member
Cheryl Shields, 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 45-2026 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM 6/10/2026

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

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

Resolved to approve the Board Minutes from 6/10/2026.

RESOLUTION 46-2026 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 6/2026

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

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

Resolved to approve the Supervisor's Financial Report for June 2026.

The Town of Genoa received the final County payment of the snowplowing contract - \$32,042.29.

RESOLUTION 47-2026 APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

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

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for June 2026

Certified Copies (6)	\$ 60.00
Marriage License (1)	\$ 17.50
Dog Licenses (10)	\$ 107.00 (\$12.00 to Ag & Markets population control fund)
Building Permits (6)	\$ 360.00

Disbursements for June 2026

Paid to Supervisor	\$ 544.50
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RESOLUTION 48-2026 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Presented by Kevin Foster

June 15

- Framing Inspection FL2
- Follow up on wires obstructing fire apparatus on FL
- Inspection Epstein Garage no one around
- Discovered Deck being built without permit
- Fence installed without permit on FL
- Inspection 10070 Rt 90

June 17

- Text about utilities and pole depth for project
- Call about Garage Permit
- Question on Certificate of Occupancy 986 Indian Field Rd renovation No permit
- Office Hours
- Review permit for garage on Atwater rd.
- Spoke with Adam on permits for siding doors and roof
- Reply to assessor email properties on Indian Field Rd
- New 911 assignment 186 Sills Rd for New Home
- OTR Powers rd. Deck no permit
- OTR 322 FL 2 Fence no permit
- Inspection Sharpsteen Rd

June 24

- Office Hours
- Issue Permit 26-30 Garage 1462 Atwater Rd
- Issue Permit 26-31 Shed 1179 Genoa Locke TL RD

June 30

- Spoke with owner 445 Powers rd. permit for Deck
- Spoke with Brad regarding permit for Shed Lamphere Rd

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- Spoke with engineer 325 FL 2 about snow loading headers
- Office Hours
- Spoke with Nathan about requirements to run power under Town Rd advised He contact Highway Superintendent
- Issue Operating Permit for King Ferry Winery event
- Spoke with resident about requirements for Modular Home
- Follow up OTR Rt 34

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- Inspection Rt 90
- Renew Permit 998 Rt 34 Renovation
- Issue Permit 26-33 Fence and Shed to resolve OTR
- Meet resident from Powers Rd for permit on deck
- Prepare Report

ASSESSOR'S REPORT – June-July 2026

Submitted by Jay Franklin

Grievance Day 2026 – We had no one contest their assessment for 2026. I made 1 correction to the Tentative Roll to apply an agricultural building exemption.

NYS STAR Exemption Removal

NYS took over the administration of the STAR exemption. This month, they directed me to remove 30 STAR Exemptions from properties that either did not respond to their request for information or were deemed ineligible for other reasons. NYS sent at least 2 requests for information and 1 denial letter. If any property owner complains about the removal, they need to contact NYS at 518-457-2036 as I cannot assist in restoring the exemption.

2026 NYS Legislation

Here is a summary of the legislation that was passed by NYS that affects the real property tax administration. If you would like to consider any of these exemptions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Signed into Law

Exemption for widows and widowers of police officers killed in the line of duty

Chapter 66 (signed 2/13). LOCAL OPTION: This provides for a 50% exemption for the primary residence of the surviving spouse of the police officer killed in the line of duty. A local option exists to reduce the percentage of the exemption, but it cannot be increased. I would assume that if the surviving spouse remarries, the exemption is removed.

Exemption for Permanently and Totally Disabled Honorably Charged Veterans

Chapter 59 (signed 5/28). LOCAL OPTION: This provides a 100% exemption for the primary residence of a veterans who is permanently and totally disabled. This would only apply to the residential portion of the property (if the veteran owned 100 acres, it would only apply to the portion 'around the house').

Exemption for Active Duty Service Members

Chapter 92 (Signed 3/26). LOCAL OPTION. Active-duty service members are eligible for up to a 25% exemption (or a maximum of \$20,000 reduction in taxable value) on the residential portion of their property. If an active-duty service member is already receiving a different veteran exemption, they are not eligible for this exemption.

Increase in Senior Exemption Income Limits

Chapter 59 (signed 5/28). LOCAL OPTION: After 16years of not increasing this limit, NYS increased the maximum income allowed for a 50% exemption from \$29,000 to \$50,000 in 2022. As part of the 2026-27 Budget Bill, the maximum income for a 50% exemption is now \$75,000.

Not Yet Signed into Law

Exemption for surviving spouses of correction officers who died in the line of duty

(S9325/A10562) LOCAL OPTION: This provides for a 50% exemption for the primary residence of the surviving spouse of the corrections officer killed in the line of duty. A local option exists to reduce the percentage of the exemption, but it cannot be increased. I would assume that if the surviving spouse remarries, the exemption is removed.

Exemption for surviving spouses of firefighters who died in the line of duty

(S9502-A/A10885-B) LOCAL OPTION: This provides for a 50% exemption for the primary residence of the surviving spouse of the corrections officer killed in the line of duty. A local option exists to reduce the percentage of the exemption, but it cannot be increased. I would assume that if the surviving spouse remarries, the exemption is removed.

Vacation

I will be out of the office on July 2 and July 9 as my daughter has a dance competition in Ocean City Maryland. I will still be monitoring emails/phone calls and Irene will be available to meet with anyone during this time.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS REPORT

Presented by Paul Wheeler

1. Helped the towns of Venice, Ledyard and Aurelius with Paving.
2. Installed driveway culverts on Lane and Whipple Roads.
3. Repaired and painted dug outs at the Genoa ball field.
4. Put overlay on Green and part of Sharpsteen Roads.
5. Ditch cleaning Weeks Rd.

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RESOLUTION 49-2026 **APPROVE THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT TRAILER**

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved to approve the sale of the equipment trailer.

WATER REPORT

Total for month of June 2026 – 2,741,010 gallons (June 2025 – 2,136,991 gallons)

Daily Average for month of June 2026 – 91,367 gallons

Water Department

1. Water plant generator repairs, new battery, starter and control board.
2. Leaks repaired and pressure washed the Genoa tower.
3. Moody's Well and Pump is coming to repair well #-3
4. Hydrant Flushing will take place on Monday July 27.

The Water Department will be notifying the Genoa-King Ferry Water Residents of the new water rates via ToG website and on the postcard bills when they come out in August 2026. The commercial users will receive actual letters.

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: 1

Appearance Tickets Issued: 2

Lost & Found Matches: 1

Building & Grounds

Dump Report – No issues with the Genoa Town dump, which has been closed for at least 40 years. The Town of Genoa was charged \$2893 to generate the report.

Working with a contractor on the overhead roofs for the Town of Genoa Court doors on the East side of the Town Hall. Building permit issued and waiting on insurance paperwork that needs to be signed.

New Business

Medical Insurance for the Highway Employees – The rates have increased by 13.5%. There are other insurances plans that are being looked at to compare and choose the best plan.

RESOLUTION 50-2026 **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT TO ADOPT THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS BILL OF RIGHTS**

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

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

Resolved to approve the adoption of the NYA of Towns bill of rights.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm on a motion by Board Member Shields and seconded by Board Member Armstrong. Carried unanimously.

Shannon Armstrong, Town Clerk