

## MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

May 9, 2007

A 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 May 9, 2007

Present:	Stuart Underwood, Supervisor	Frank Sellen
	Dale Sellen, Council Member	Hans Pecher
	Ken Manzari, Council Member	Kezia Parseghian
	Cheryl Shields, Council Member	Sjana McClure-Berry
	Lorie Fessenden, Council Member	
	Sue Moss, Town Clerk	

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by S. Underwood with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Kezia Parseghian  
Sjana McClure-Berry

Kezia Parseghian, Director of Southern Cayuga Instant Aid, Inc. spoke to the Board about the current EMT shortage. Her letter:

It has become increasingly difficult for us to adequately staff our ambulance with volunteer members, and we must add paid drivers and paramedics to continue responding to emergencies. We currently have four active emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and by summer we will only have two.

We are able to generate enough revenue to cover our operating costs, but we cannot afford to hire staff without help from the residents of our ambulance district. We would like to establish contracts or ambulance districts with the Towns of Scipio, Venice, Ledyard and Genoa. Each of the Towns would agree to contribute a sum of money annually, and in exchange, we would provide faster, more professional and higher quality ambulance service to the community. This strategy is already being used successfully by several other ambulances in our area including Four Town Ambulance in Moravia and CIMVAC ambulance in the north end of Cayuga County. If we do not add paid staff, most of the residents of our area would need to wait for an ambulance to come from Ithaca or Auburn. The eastern side of the Town of Genoa could probably be covered by Four Town Ambulance from Moravia, but Four Town is relatively distant from King Ferry and they are often not available because they respond to approximately 600-700 of their own calls each year. Four Town Ambulance also has financial contracts in place with the towns in their district, so if we turned our district over to them, our towns would probably be expected to contribute financially anyway.

We have made substantial improvements in our ambulance service over the past few years, and the community has always been very supportive of our efforts. We feel strongly that this is the best strategy for ensuring quality and affordable emergency medical services in our community, and we hope that you will seriously consider our proposal.

We would be happy to provide you with detailed financial records or any other information you may need. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kezia will return to the June Town Board meeting to answer any questions and to discuss the Town Board's decision on this matter.

Sjana McClure-Berry talked about Farmland Development Rights and to ask for the Town's support. The Town has given it in the past and will continue to do so.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for April 2007

Dog Licenses: \$ 26.50

Building Permits: \$669.00

Revenue for April:

Pd to Supervisor: \$695.50

Pd to CC Treasurer for dog licenses \$ 23.50

Pd to Ag & Mkts for dog licenses \$ 9.00

**RESOLUTION: ACCEPT APRIL CLERK'S REPORT**

On a motion by Fessenden, seconded by Shields, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Shields, Fessenden, Sellen, Manzari

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept Clerk's Report for April

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION: APPROVE April 11 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Sellen, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Shields, Fessenden, Sellen, Manzari

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept April 11, 2007 minutes

## **REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

### **WATER REPORT**

Shields, Cheryl

Total gallons pumped for the month of April was 1,915,300.

The average daily usage for the month was 63,800 gallons.

Meter reading went well with only a few problems.

Mark Connor has the annual drinking water quality report done. It has been approved by the Cayuga County Health Department and Brenda will be mailing them out.

Went through and overflowed the water towers to get the residue from the ice removed from the top skin of water.

### **WATER COMMITTEE**

Shields, Cheryl

Meeting - Monday, April 23, 2007

Present: Cheryl Shields, Michael Piechuta, Tom Hamilton, Mark Osterhoudt, Stuart Underwood

Discussed: Increasing monies in the water reserve by possibly increasing the rate again, selling water from the Town directly (not through a second party). Also discussed an increase in the Water Clerk's wages for the upcoming year. Mark Connor is looking into purchasing a new water truck. The cost of well purging and putting monies in the budget for 2008 and after having them done on a 5-7 year alternating schedule, the future of the Town of Genoa's water supply – where it will come from and it's cost.

Meeting - Monday, May 7, 2007

Present: Cheryl Shields, Michael Piechuta, Tom Hamilton, Don Potter, Brenda Tyrrell

Discussed: The revenues created from almost one year of the increased water rates. We seem to be about on target at about 14,000 over the previous year. However, the decrease in the tax rate for this year has set the projected goal back about three more years as we lost about \$30,000 that would have been generated from this year's taxes. Also, there seems to be some discrepancies in the amounts being charged to special contracts (amounts being the tax base). Brenda Tyrrell (water clerk) has asked for a debit/credit card for the Water Department. The Committee would like to know how the tax base is set and finally, need permission to advertise for a monthly meeting schedule – The first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Genoa Town Hall.

**RESOLUTION: ADVERTISE THE WATER COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

On a motion by Manzari, seconded by Fessenden, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED**

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Shields, Fessenden, Sellen, Manzari

Nays: 0

Resolved: To advertise the Water Committee meeting schedule

**RESOLUTION: APPROVE DEBIT/CREDIT CARD FOR BRENDA (WATER CLERK) TO PURCHASE POSTAGE AND OFFICE SUPPLIES FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT**

On a motion by Manzari, seconded by Sellen, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED**

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Shields, Fessenden, Sellen, Manzari

Nays: 0

Resolved: To approve debit/credit card for Water Clerk

The Supervisor reminded the Board that the Salmon Creek Forum will be meeting at the Genoa Town Hall on Thursday, May 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Also, Southern Cayuga Central School will hold a budget meeting at the Town Hall on May 10 at 6:30 p.m.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

Six lawn mowing bids were received by the Town.

**RESOLUTION: AWARD THE TOWN LAWN MOWING TO LITTLE SHAVER LAWN CARE AT \$125 PER MOWING**

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Manzari, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED**

Ayes: 4: Underwood, Shields, Fessenden, Manzari

Nays: 1: Sellen

Resolved: To award lawn mowing job to Little Shaver Lawn Care

**PROGRAMS & GRANTS**

No report

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:**

Manzari, Butch

Seven building permits were issued. Nine inspections were conducted for building progress and cleanup.

May 19 is the date for the Wilcox Cemetery clean-up. The Allen family is looking for volunteers.

## **HIGHWAY REPORT**

Sellen, Dale

The month of April seemed to be a rerun of March. After having our plows and sanders painted and ready for summer storage, we ended up dressing the trucks back up for the snow storm. We spread 114 tons of mix on our State roads and 60 tons on our Town and County roads. A special thanks to Dave Reeves for filling in for Jake, who was out of town. Frank had a talk with George Wethey from the County Highway Department on how we are billing for the State roads we plow. He wants to look into us billing on a per mile basis instead of a per run basis, as we do now. We agreed to look into whether it would increase or decrease the payment to our department.

Bernie, Mark and Jake have been hauling stone for our chip sealing this year. Al has been finishing the patching and stock piling stone. Frank ordered the plastic pipe to be used on Bruton Road before the price increase. It went up 4.5% as of May 1. Jake has been sweeping off bridge decks with the power broom. Our new truck is back at Stadium IH for prep work. Mark and Frank went up and looked it over. Everything looks to be as specked as far as they could see. It will be delivered soon for final inspection. Mark will be gone most of this week for the Water Seminar in Saratoga Springs.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Underwood, Stuart

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT SUPERVISOR'S MARCH REPORT

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Manzari, the following resolution was

ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Shields, Fessenden, Sellen, Manzari

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept March Supervisor's Report

## **BILLS**

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT APRIL BILLS

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Sellen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Shields, Fessenden, Sellen, Manzari

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept above mentioned bills

## **ASSESSORS UPDATE**

Underwood, Stuart

The tentative assessment rolls are available at the Town Hall. The Assessor will be available Thursday, May 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. for grievance. She can be reached at 252-2385 or 406-8202

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Genoa Historical Association will be holding "Sunday Afternoon in the Park" on June 10.

RESOLUTION: TO APPROVE "Sunday in the Park" SPONSORED BY THE GENOA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

On a motion by Fessenden, seconded by Manzari, the following resolution was

ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Shields, Fessenden, Sellen, Manzari

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept above resolution

There will be an Antique Appraisal held on July 10 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the King Ferry Presbyterian Church Hall. Two appraisers from Baldwinsville will be on hand.

Hans Pecher asked the Board to consider selling Hunting and Fishing licenses. The Town Clerk will look into responsibilities.

A request for water hookup has been submitted by Jamie Hotelling. The hookup would be at the corner of Indian Field Road and Route 90. Discussion followed and a decision was postponed for further investigation.

An email was received from Mr. Jeffrey Scardino from JLT Holdings (a global Insurance Services & Brokerage Firm) regarding the Town's insurance coverage.

He was inquiring on the possibility of meeting with the Board to discuss changing insurance companies. The Board is satisfied with present coverage.

The State Auditor will return to the Town offices in June.

It was determined that the Town cannot give money to the Little League for mowing of the ball field but can have a contract for services. This was tabled until next month.

A new U.S. flag is needed at the Town Hall.

**RESOLUTION: TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW U.S. FLAG**

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Sellen, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED**

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Shields, Fessenden, Sellen, Manzari

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept above resolution

With no further business:

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Fessenden, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Shields, Fessenden, Sellen, Manzari

Nays: 0