

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

December 12, 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 December 12, 2007

Present:	Stuart Underwood, Supervisor	Peggy Bradley
	Dale Sellen, Council Member	Hans Pecher
	Ken Manzari, Council Member	Scott Davis
	Lorie Fessenden, Council Member	Steve Eicker
	Cheryl Shields, 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.

Peggy Bradley talked to the Board about the need for internet service in the Town of Genoa. She has met with Gary Finch about State funding. Peggy, along with Scott Davis and Steve Eicker, would like to send out a survey to Town of Genoa residents and would like the Town to contribute money for postage and paper. Governor Spitzer has formed the New York State Council for Universal Broadband. The 2007-08 New York State budget appropriated \$5,000,000 to provide seed money through competitive grants to promote research, design and implementation of innovative solutions to affordable Internet access for underserved urban and rural communities. Grant applications will be accepted from eligible communities and organizations that create public/private partnerships to meet the strategic goals of the Council. She would like the Town to apply for one of these grants so that the Town can work with an internet service provider to get internet service to the Town.

CLERK’S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk’s Office for November 2007

Dog Licenses:	\$ 45.05
Building Permits:	\$ 600.50

Disbursements for May:

Pd to Supervisor:	\$ 645.55
Pd to CC Treasurer for dog licenses	\$ 39.95
Pd to Ag & Mkts for dog licenses	\$ 18.00

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT NOVEMBER CLERK’S REPORT

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

Ayes: 5: Fessenden, Shields, Underwood, Sellen, Manzari
 Nays: 0
 Resolved: To accept Clerk’s Report for November

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION: APPROVE NOVEMBER 12 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Ayes: 3: Underwood, Sellen, Manzari
 Abstain: Fessenden and Shields
 Nays: 0
 Resolved: To accept November 12, 2007 minutes

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

WATER REPORT

Shields, Cheryl

November '07

Total gallons of water pumped for the month of November was 2,158,400

Average daily usage for the month was 71,900 gallons

Appointment has been made for clear well inspection at pump house. Unclear of exact date due to the R.O.V. being down for repairs.

WATER COMMITTEE

Shields, Cheryl

Meeting on Monday, December 10, 2007

Present: Cheryl Shields, Michael Piechuta, Tom Hamilton, Mark Osterhoudt, Stuart Underwood, Brenda Tyrrell, Mark Conner and Rich Harrison

We discussed the need to increase the monies in the water reserve as we are years behind in standby funds in case of emergency(ies) or just replacement of equipment or the water infrastructure itself.

A new water rate structure was discussed as was the water tax district and how it is evaluated and the possibility of the need for corrections.

Discussed as well, again, the selling of water from the Town directly (not through a second party) and the costs of setting up a station, how to monitor and bill.

And finally, if Mark (Water Superintendent) could make due with a less expensive truck and box set up for the water district supplies.

Another meeting to discuss water rates is set for Monday, December 17, 2007 at 7 p.m.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

None

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Fessenden, Lorie

Mrs. Burns has been in contact with Lorie about her son not receiving a paycheck for the one day he taught swimming during the Swim Program. It is being looked into.

Sjana McClure-Berry and Ralph Nettleton want to schedule a meeting to discuss land use and a comprehensive plan for the Town of Genoa.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Manzari, Butch

Eleven permits were issued for the month of November. Fourteen inspections were conducted for the month of November.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Sellen, Dale

Winter seems to have taken control over most of our time. It was a good thing we had things in shape and ready to go. The ice and snow seems to be non stop. The State tickets for November are done and sent in. We used 57 ton of mix on our State roads and 42 ton of mix on our Town and County roads. We received our new offset swivel hitch for the new plow from Viking Cives at no cost to us. Everything seems to work well.

Haven't heard back from Soil and Water Department on our bridgework they were looking at. I imagine the weather has tied them up as well.

Jake has parked the tractor and mower for the '07 season.

The advertisement for employment is in the Citizen newspaper until the 14th of December at which time the resumes will be looked at and decided upon.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Underwood, Stuart

The November report was distributed.

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept the November Supervisor's Report

RESOLUTION: APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS AS NEEDED BY THE SUPERVISOR

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

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To budget transfers by the Supervisor as needed with a list to be presented at the end of the year.

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

None

DOG REPORT

Underwood, Stuart

There is no response from Carl Collier when Stuart has called and left a message.

BILLS

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT NOVEMBER BILLS

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

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept above mentioned bills

OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion about the internet survey and the fact that it is taxpayers' money that would be used for postage and paper. This will be discussed further at the year-end meeting. Cheryl was going to email Scott Davis with some questions.

The road closure situation is progressing.

The windows and overhead lights in the Town Hall have been cleaned.

NEW BUSINESS

Rescind the motion from the last meeting (November 14) regarding the \$1 per thousand increase in the water bill. The Water Committee will come up with a proposal.

RESOLUTION: RETRACT THE \$1 PER THOUSAND INCREASE IN THE WATER BILL

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

ADOPTED

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To retract the November 14 water bill increase resolution.

Stuart read a letter from the Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority requesting Cayuga County Towns' support for their long-range comprehensive plan for Water and Sewer services to Cayuga County.

RESOLUTION: SUPPORT THE CAYUGA COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

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

ADOPTED

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To support the Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority

Stuart received a letter from Guy Krogh, an attorney for Thaler and Thaler in Ithaca, reiterating his interest in representing the Town of Genoa. He will be invited to the February Town meeting.

The year-end meeting has been scheduled for December 27th at 7 p.m. On the Agenda will be the monthly bills, oaths of office for newly elected officials, an audit of the Town Clerk's financial records, and a retirement celebration for Albert Elser.

With no further business:

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Sellen, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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

Nays: 0