

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

May 14, 2008

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 April 9, 2008

Present:	Stuart Underwood, Supervisor	Frank Sellen
	Dale Sellen, Council Member	Hans Pecher
	Cheryl Shields, Council Member	Don Potter
	Lorie Fessenden, Council Member	Fran Mitchell
	Sue Moss, Town Clerk	JoAnn Bond
		Kathy Elser
		Albert Elser
		Louie DeLap

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by S. Underwood with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Albert Elser was honored for his 42 years of service to the Town. Albert was presented with a clock and engraved plaque to commemorate his service and retirement. Cake was offered to everyone.

Louis DeLap from the Town of Genoa Republican Party told the Town Board that the party endorses Peggy Bradley for the vacant council member position left Kenneth Manzari's resignation.

JoAnn Bond spoke about the land use issue. JoAnn has lived in the area for 3 years. She would like an advertised meeting. The Supervisor told her that the land use issue ties in with the Town's Comprehensive Plan project. Steve Lynch, from the County Planning Board, has recently lost 2 staff members so there is no one to help the Town get this plan off the ground. The Town will have to wait until, possibly, June to begin. This will be discussed further at the June meeting.

Hans Pecher spoke about the need for new toilets to be installed at the Historical Building. The building is also to be painted. On June 2, eight men will take 5 days to paint the building. Fran Mitchell was instrumental in obtaining the 8 men. There is money available for the paint.

RESOLUTION: REPLACE THE HISTORICAL BUILDING TOILETS
On a motion by Underwood, seconded by Sellen, the above resolution was
ADOPTED

Ayes: 4: Fessenden, Shields, Underwood, Sellen
Nays: 0
Resolved: To replace the Historical Building toilets

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for April 2008

Building Permits:	\$ 459.00
Dog Licenses:	\$ 82.00
Supervisor:	\$37.10
CC Treasurer:	32.90
Ag & Mkts:	12.00
Certified Copies	\$ 70.00

Disbursements for March:

Pd to Supervisor:	\$ 566.10
Pd to CC Treasurer for dog licenses	\$ 32.90
Pd to Ag & Mkts for dog licenses	\$ 12.00

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT April CLERK'S REPORT
On a motion by Fessenden, seconded by Shields, the above resolution was
ADOPTED

Ayes: 4: Fessenden, Shields, Underwood, Sellen
Nays: 0
Resolved: To accept Clerk's Report for April

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION: APPROVE April 9 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Ayes: 4: Fessenden, Shields, Underwood, Sellen

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept April 9, 2008 minutes

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

WATER REPORT

Shields, Cheryl

The total gallons pumped for April was 1,907,800.

The average daily usage was 62,700 gallons.

Meter reading went well

The new chlorinator pumps have been installed

Fixed Bob Bachta's lawn where we went up across with the water line to Hotellings

WATER COMMITTEE

Shields, Cheryl

Special Contracts were discussed – one suggestion is to extend the water district to include these special contracts.

The water truck needs to be replaced. Mickey Piechuta has priced an F250 Ford (basic truck) for \$14,835. With an added cost of \$3795 for a utility body, the final cost would be \$18,630. The cost will come out of account A8340.2

RESOLUTION: OBTAIN FIGURES FOR NEW TRUCK

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

Ayes: 4: Fessenden, Shields, Underwood, Sellen

Nays: 0

Resolved: To obtain new truck figures

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Shields, Cheryl

A contract will be submitted for Dave Reeves to mow for the Town of Genoa again this year.

PROGRAMS & GRANTS

Fessenden, Lorie

The Towns of Venice and Ledyard want a bill and the # of participants for the Summer Swimming Program.

The Southern Cayuga elementary principal wants summer session students to participate in the program.

The students will have to conform to the Town swim schedule.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Underwood, Stuart

During the month of April, six building permits were issued and eight inspections were conducted.

A registered letter was sent to John Connolly regarding excessive unregistered cars on his property.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Sellen, Dale

In April, the plow equipment was taken off the trucks and painted. Some work still has to be done on the sanders, but that can wait till a rainy day.

The men have been hauling 1ST stone for chip sealing from Seneca Stone. They've hauled over 1800 ton so far. They've been cutting trees, ditching and installing culverts in between times.

Mark has been running the grader on the bad spots on the gravel roads and calcium has been applied to some.

Jake took the tractor to Monroe Tractor for warranty work. The main seal in the motor was leaking and needed replacing. The work was done and everything seems OK now. Jake has been brooming and will soon be switching to the mower. Jake and Eric have the patching caught up for now. The heavy equipment has taken its toll on our roads early in the spring. Some of them aren't handling the heavy weight well.

The motor in the loader developed a skip. Mark removed the injectors and took them to D&W Diesel to get rebuilt. They were worn, but the problem ended up in the pump. Ragusa's Repair put a kit in and it seems to be fine.

Mark took the new 10-wheeler to Stadium IH for warranty work and a blown line. They also checked the recalls. Seems OK.

Frank discussed the need for a new truck (450) which would include a plow. The cost would be around \$45,000. The truck used now is an '05 (550) and the plow is bent. Stuart and Frank will talk about this and it will be brought up at the June Town Board meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Underwood, Stuart

The Supervisor's Report will be ready for approval at the June meeting.

BILLS

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT April BILLS

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

ADOPTED

Ayes: 4: Fessenden, Shields, Underwood, Sellen

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept above mentioned bills

ASSESSORS UPDATE

Underwood, Stuart

Stuart read a letter from Kay:

During the month of March, I have been working on establishing new values for all new construction and demolition. Along with setting values, I comp out every change of assessment in order to keep equity to existing properties. Pictures have been taken of all new construction and my cards are updated with the new inventory.

I have talked to many property owners already and have answered questions. I have had to make many calls and have sent several letters out trying to get property owners to return their exemption renewals. More letters have had to go out than in the past.

I met with the Water Department and Don Potter trying to correct what appears to be errors in some of the properties and who is in the water district and who is out of the water district. I met again with Don the following week to find errors. Don reported back to the department on our findings. I do not have the results of what I am to do yet. Someone should get back to me as soon as possible to get the corrections into the assessment roll so that they can be billed correctly next tax roll. Since I have to shut down on April 10, I will have to be writing the corrections into the Tentative Assessment Roll before June 1. My personal feeling is that it would be much simpler if the district went to units instead of assessment based with percentages.

I have had several requests for assessment breakdowns from Farm Credit and farmers processing their income taxes.

Public notices were published as required by law and the next public notices will be published the first week of May.

I have to shut down for printing on April 10.

Tentative Assesment Roll will be printed for May 1. Grievance Day is the 4th Thursday following the 4th Wednesday of May.

OLD BUSINESS

Stuart and Dale attended a meeting April 24th at BOCES. Workers' Compensation for the various Towns in the County was discussed. The Town of Genoa's Workers' Comp bill is \$28,836. Comp Alliance is a company offering workers' compensation insurance solely for New York State municipalities. The tentative cost to the Town of Genoa would be \$19,031.

Stuart needs to pay the current insurance bill.

RESOLUTION: PAY THE CAYUGA COUNTY TREASURER FOR THE CURRENT WORKERS' COMPENSATION BILL (\$28,836.00)

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

ADOPTED

Ayes: 4: Fessenden, Shields, Underwood, Sellen

Nays: 0

Resolved: To pay the CC Treasurer

Transfers will be presented at the June meeting.

Regarding the bridge closing on Route 90, there has been no word from the Department of Transportation.

Stuart met with Scott Davis about the Broadband Initiative. Stuart feels the initiative needs to be more structured. There are still questions about the towers that need to be erected. Stuart also stated that the letter written by the Town, that was included with the grant application, only mentioned Clarity Connect. He felt this sounded like a monopoly and needed to be changed.

The Center Road closure will be discussed in June.

NEW BUSINESS

The Southern Cayuga Ambulance sent a report to the Supervisor.

Butch Manzari's resignation takes effect April 30, 2008. He will be paid \$1000 for the first 1/3 of the year.

Lorie Fessenden agreed to be Deputy Supervisor. She was appointed by Stuart and will also be a signatory for him.

A replacement for Butch Manzari will be discussed at the June Town Board meeting.

With no further business:

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Sellen, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Ayes: 4: Fessenden, Shields, Underwood, Sellen

Nays: 0