

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

March 11, 2009

The 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 March 11, 2009

Present:	Stuart Underwood, Supervisor	Dan Utter
	Peggy Bradley, Council Member	Jeff Lowe
	Cheryl Shields, Council Member	Frank Sellen
	Dale Sellen, Council Member	Steve Eicker
	Lorie Fessenden, Council Member	Don Potter
	Sue Moss, Town Clerk	
	Heather Garner, Assessor	

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by S. Underwood with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Heather Garner addressed the group concerning the on-going property revaluation. She said that usually 15% of the Town’s roll make appointments to see her during revals. This year, she had 100 appointments which is less than the 15%. She said she felt the reval went very well and could be done every year. That would be a Board decision.

Jeff Lowe, a Real Property Analyst for the State, handed out charts that broke down the property classifications and taxable assessed values in the Town. These include parcel counts for farms, residential, vacant, commercial, industrial, etc.

Dan Utter, President of the Genoa Historical Association, talked about insurance coverage through the Town versus being insured independently. The TOG/GHA insurance coverage would increase by \$1504 if insured through NYMIR (Andrews Insurance) whereas it would cost \$3726 if insured through Dempsey Insurance. Therefore, GHA would like to be included in the TOG insurance coverage. The Board asked Dan to get the final figure from Jackie Tyrrell (Andrews Insurance) before a decision can be made.

The MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) between the Town of Genoa (TOG) and the Genoa Historical Association (GHA) still has a few changes to be made before it can be signed.

CLERK’S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk’s Office for February 2009

Certified Copy \$ 10.00

Dog Licenses:

Total received: \$ 66.00

Supervisor: \$ 31.80

CC Treasurer: 28.20

Ag & Mkts: 6.00

Disbursements for December:

Pd to Supervisor: \$ 41.80

Pd to CC Treasurer for dog licenses \$ 28.20

Pd to Ag & Mkts for dog licenses \$ 6.00

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT February 2009 CLERK’S REPORT

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

ADOPTED

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept Clerk’s Report for February 2009

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION: APPROVE February 11 REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept February 11, 2009 minutes (regular and special)

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

WATER REPORT

Shields, Cheryl

Total water usage for February was 1,649,700 gallons

Average daily usage was 58,900 gallons

The new water truck was delivered on Wednesday, March 11. A light bar is being added and the communication radio is being updated.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Shields, Cheryl

The meeting was held Monday, March 9.

Attending: Stuart Underwood, Frank Sellen, Mark Conner, Michael Piechuta, Tom Hamilton, Brenda Tyrrell and Cheryl Shields.

Discussed: The water lines to be moved and updated during the Little Hollow, Route 90 bridge replacement. Had a few questions that Stuart is going to look into with the DOT.

Also, Stuart walked the Water Committee through the financial statements of the Water Department.

Everything seemed to be in order. We're going to check with some local banks to see what type of rates they can offer so the Committee can start moving some water funds into a Capital Reserve Fund.

The next meeting is April 6.

The property line issue has been taken care of.

The Board was asked to pass a resolution for the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to rebuild the bridge over Little Salmon Creek.

RESOLUTION: Granting the State of New York authority to perform the adjustment for the owner and agreeing to maintain facilities adjusted via State-let contract

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

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept above resolution

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Shields, Cheryl

Dave Reeves will again mow the Town lawns. The Board needs an up-to-date letter and proof of insurance from Dave.

HISTORIAN

The Genoa Historical Association insurance issue and the "Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Town of Genoa (TOG) and the Genoa Historical Association (GHA) " was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Fessenden, Lorie

With regard to the summer swimming program, Lorie will find out if the County will be sending \$1100 for the program.

Lorie received a booklet from the Census Bureau – each Town is being asked to volunteer to help with the Census. It was suggested that High School students could be asked.

The amount paid to the Supervisor for delinquent water was \$6195.55

The amount needed for Mark Conner to attend the Water Conference in Saratoga Springs this year is \$462 for accommodations and \$325 for registration. Mark will receive man-hour credits and will be able to talk with many vendors at the Conference.

RESOLUTION: SEND MARK CONNER TO THE WATER CONFERENCE IN SARATOGA SPRINGS

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

ADOPTED

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To send Mark Conner to the Water Conference

Phil Kenyon submitted an estimate of \$1450 for power to the pump house (see February 11, 2009 minutes). Pleasant Valley's estimate was not itemized. Cheryl will call and ask for an itemized estimate.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Underwood, Stuart

Two inspections were conducted for the month of February

A stop work order was issued to Robert Lattin of 462 Powers Road for change of occupancy of boat house to some type of living area. This was a result of a complaint.

Loveless on Atwater Road requested a barn inspection for possible change of occupancy. He was told it was not recommended because it would require excessive modification with the assistance of an engineer or architect.

There has been no word from the Town Attorney concerning the trailers at McLaughlins.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Sellen, Dale

In February, the men applied 180 ton of salt/sand mix to the State roads and 78 tons to the Town and County roads. Our stock pile shows it has been a long winter. The men have been working on equipment and changing the cutting edges for, hopefully, the last time this season.

The health insurance switch over to the health savings account plan is finally complete. Mark still hasn't received his debit card but after talking with Elmira Savings Bank, it is being sent out today.

Mark and Jake have been checking and cleaning culverts. It is getting warm enough at times for Jake to start patching. The frost has gone deeper this year than it has in quite a few years so the holes will probably get worse before they get better.

The cover for the salt storage should be in soon. Measurements were taken of the end cap to confirm its size. The Town of Moravia received theirs this week and ours should be next.

Frank mentioned that the loader should be replaced this year. Stuart asked him to research it further.

The Certificate of Abandonment is complete and was signed March 11, 2009 for the closure of Center Road, between Bartnick and Creek Roads.

RESOLUTION: Road abandonment for Center Road in the Town of Genoa

Beginning at Bartnick Road, easterly to a distance of 3661 feet at which point, the remaining 985 feet including the demolished bridge, was previously closed November 30, 1987 by David Powers, the previous Highway Superintendent. This will make the total portion being closed at .88 miles. Under Section 205 of the Highway Law, Center Road has not been used as a public highway for at least six years, which automatically ceases its use as a highway.

Whereas, the adjoining property owners are in complete agreement to the closure with no apparent hardships to access their land.

Frank Sellen, being the current Highway Superintendent, recommends the abandonment for liability purposes and for public satisfaction, at which time, he requests the Council members sign a consent resolution finalizing the closure.

On a motion by Underwood, seconded by Fessenden, the above resolution was

ADOPTED

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To close Center Road

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

None

Hold till meeting with Bonnie Johnson

BILLS

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT February 2009 BILLS

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

ADOPTED

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept above mentioned bills

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

Garner, Heather spoke earlier in the evening.

DOG REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

There have been no inquiries about the Dog Enumerator position.

The Courtroom may need another heating unit.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter was received from Pickard and Anderson – they monitor the dump.

The appliances from downstairs have been taken to the Town Barn. New signs for the assessor, code enforcement officer and court are being made.

Brenda Tyrrell has been appointed Court Clerk by Judge Bennett. Judy Warren resigned the position February 28.

The Town Hall needs to be cleaned twice a month instead of once. The Board will look into finding someone to do this.

Stuart received a DVD “The Beauty and the Beast – Tale of the Lakes”. This is concerning Skaneateles and is available to be viewed.

The DA of Cayuga County has been contacted to find out if Guy Krogh, Town Attorney can be the lawyer at Town trials to represent the Town.

Peggy talked about her trip to the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns in New York City February 15 through 18. The sessions she attended were:

- Opening Session with Tom DiNapoli, State Comptroller
- The Fight for Local Democracy with Jeff Haber
- Agricultural Land Preservation Planning with John Brennan
- Best Practices/Financial Practices for Good Government
- How to Conduct Effective Meetings and Hearings
- \$100 Breakfast with Governor Patterson and Senator Schumer
- Comprehensive Planning in NYS: Perspectives from Planning Board with David Kay
- New Planning Initiative to Empower Communities with Vera Prosper
- Shared Services Amid Cuts in State Aid and a Slowing Economy
- Audit by the Town Board with Laura Rodolakis
- Monitoring the Budget with Heather Thornton
- Wireless 101 with NYSWA Members
- Annual Business Meeting

A summary of these sessions was handed out to each Board member.

With no further business:

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Sellen, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

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

Nays: 0