

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

April 8, 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	Hans Pecher
	Peggy Bradley, Council Member	Frank Sellen
	Cheryl Shields, Council Member	Kim Bennett
	Dale Sellen, Council Member	
	Lorie Fessenden, Council Member	
	Sue Moss, Town Clerk	

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by S. Underwood with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Judge Bennett brought the Board up-to-date on the new Court Room. Phil Kenyon's bill is \$562 over the amount of the grant awarded to the Court. This money will be taken out of Judge Bennett's budget.

On another matter, the New York State audit for the Court still has not taken place. Someone from the State Comptroller's office said the office is very busy and cannot schedule the audit at this time. Judge Bennett has been waiting over two years for this to happen. A thorough security audit for the Court is also needed. The Board advised Kim to send a letter to the State informing them that the security audit that was done consisted of someone looking at the Court Room diagram and saying "passed".

Ralph Gray (retired Cayuga County Sheriff) and Dave Buck (Tompkins County Deputy Sheriff) came to the Court on April 8 to talk with the Judge about security on court nights. The Town will pay \$50 per night. Dryden pays \$55 per hour and Locke pays \$20 per hour. Other items discussed:

An exam was administered to the State's Justices and 35 failed.

There has been no decision yet on Court consolidation.

Town Justices are required to complete 12 credits per year. Judge Bennett attended a class at TC3 recently.

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for March 2009

Certified Copies \$ 20.00

Dog Licenses:

Total received: \$ 68.50

Supervisor: \$ 33.13

CC Treasurer: 29.37

Ag & Mkts: 6.00

Building Permits \$128.00

Disbursements for December:

Pd to Supervisor: \$181.13

Pd to CC Treasurer for dog licenses \$ 29.37
Pd to Ag & Mkts for dog licenses \$ 6.00

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT March 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 March 2009

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION: APPROVE March 11 MINUTES

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

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept March 11, 2009 minutes

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

WATER REPORT

Shields, Cheryl

Total gallons pumped for March was 1,794,900 gallons

Average daily usage was 57,900 gallons

The new shelves have been built in the storage barn at the pump house to hold the supplies from the old water truck that will not fit on the new truck.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Shields, Cheryl

The meeting was held Monday, April 6.

The Committee went over the letter sent from the Town Attorney, Guy Krogh.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Shields, Cheryl

A letter has not yet been received from Dave Reeves regarding lawn mowing for the Town.

The Little League has again asked for money from the Town. The Town has done this for the past few years.

HISTORIAN

No report

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Fessenden, Lorie

Lorie has been in touch with Lloyd Hoskins concerning money from the County for the Summer Swim Program. If there is no money available, the Town will have to shorten the program from 4 weeks to 3 weeks.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Underwood, Stuart

Two building permits were issued.

Six inspections were conducted.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Sellen, Dale

In March, the men applied 39 tons of salt and sand mix to our State roads and 21 tons of mix to our Town and County roads. The total for March being down by about 2/3 of what it was in 2008.

The men have been sanding and painting the plows, truck boxes, wings and sanders. The green pickup will also be done and the box painted, getting it ready for sale.

Eric has been hauling 1st stone from Seneca Stone and stock piling it for surface treatment later on. Jake has been running the tractor and broom and back blading shoulders. He's also been patching and running the ditcher for driveways and culverts.

The cover and end cap was delivered on Friday along with the necessary hardware for our salt storage building.

Frank has received a few quotes on loaders, just to get a handle on what's offered and the amounts we would be looking at. The buyback program that's offered looks pretty good along with the financing for a one-year carry over.

Frank renewed the yearly contract with Hogan Drug and Alcohol testing for 2009. Three were already tested on Monday.

Frank mentioned at the Board meeting that Congressman Michael Arcuri was at the Genoa Fire House to see what was bought with the money acquired by the GFD. New packs for indoor fire fighting were bought.

Frank has been pricing loaders for the Town. The highest was \$172,000 and the lowest was \$142,500 (this is with many items removed). John Deere has a buy-back program where John Deere will buy back the loader after a year, replace it with a new one and charge \$10/hour of use. New Holland doesn't have this type of program but is on State Bid. John Deere will deliver in 30 days, New Holland in 90+ days.

The old water truck may be placed for bid online at auctionsinternational.com

Julie Wilmot resigned her position with the Board of Assessment Review because of new employment. The Board voted to place Carolyn Robinson in the position. Others on the ballot were Deb Shea and Bub DeLap.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

None

Ton Schuster from the State Comptroller's office will be meeting with Bonnie Johnson on Tuesday, April 14.

BILLS

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT March 2009 BILLS

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

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept above mentioned bills

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

Heather Garner sent word that she is still working on the Town's reval and making appointments.

DOG REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Item #3 in the March 27 letter from Town Attorney Guy Krogh was discussed. This item pertains to the use of vacant buildings, non-compliant buildings and assorted unsafe buildings. A local law may be needed for fire regulations and property maintenance.

Item #4 (updating the FOIL procedures) and item #5 (updated employee handbook) were deemed not as important.

A proposal from Richard Leonard of Dryden, concerning the dog enumerator position, will be sent to the Town.

The MOA with the GHA was discussed. The GHA has already approved it.

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT MOA with GHA

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

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept the MOA

NEW BUSINESS

There has been a complaint about noise from a motocross track. The Town does not have a noise ordinance. Stuart will check to see if the County has one.

Phil Kenyon will rewire the small room inside the meeting room for small appliances used during election day by the election inspectors.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee met on April 6. The Committee is talking about making field trips to meet with members of the community. Jeannie Gleasner (employed by the State) attended the meeting and will be helping the Committee write the plan after January 1, 2010.

Middlecott Road has become an area used for dumping trash, beer cans and drugs.

Peggy Bradley attended the EMS meeting in Auburn. She also attended an internet meeting in Scipio. A proposal is being put together which will include letters from libraries, schools and health facilities about the need for broadband internet in rural areas.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.