

## MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

July 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 July 8, 2009

|          |                                 |                  |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Present: | Stuart Underwood, Supervisor    | Dan Giblin       |
|          | Peggy Bradley, Council Member   | Kim Bennett      |
|          | Cheryl Shields, Council Member  | Michael Piechuta |
|          | Dale Sellen, Council Member     | Heather Garner   |
|          | Lorie Fessenden, Council Member | Joe Redder       |
|          | Sue Moss, Town Clerk            | Julie Burnham    |

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

Heather Garner, Town Assessor, reported that the reval went well for the Town. Approximately 35 people came to grievance night, less than expected. Heather's opinion of the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) was that the Board did well and spent a lot of time reviewing complaints. Dan Gilbert from the Real Property Services office in Syracuse stated that an annual assessment equals \$5 per parcel from the State for the Town and that the State would like Towns to have the percentage of value at %100 and to stay there. Heather gave the Board members her projected office schedule for the remainder of the year and into 2010. The Board will look over the schedule. A Board member asked for consistency in Heather's office hours. Placing an ad in the paper when office hours change is costly for the Town. Stuart asked how many parcels there are in the Town. Heather said there are 1300+.

Kim Bennett (Town Justice) spoke to the Town about the 2009 grant he will be submitting. The deadline is August 1. He will be asking for monies for a new heating system, rug, sound proofing and seating for the courtroom. He will be submitting a floor plan, pictures, estimates for the work and the items he wishes to purchase. Stuart has already gotten an estimate for the heating and will turn this over to Kim. Kim received a letter from the District Attorney's Office concerning the stenographer reimbursement for the trial that took place earlier this year. Kim had hired a stenographer for the trial not aware that the County did the same. The County will not reimburse the Town for the extra stenographer.

### CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for June 2009

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Decals           | \$ 3.09  |
| Dog Licenses:    |          |
| Total received:  | \$ 83.50 |
| Town:            | \$ 33.13 |
| County:          | 29.37    |
| State:           | 21.00    |
| Building Permits | \$774.00 |

### **Disbursements for June:**

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Pd to Supervisor:                   | \$ 840.22 |
| Pd to CC Treasurer for dog licenses | \$ 29.37  |
| Pd to Ag & Mkts for dog licenses    | \$ 21.00  |

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT June 2009 CLERK'S REPORT

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

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept Clerk's Report for June 2009

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

RESOLUTION: APPROVE June 10, 2009 MINUTES

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 June 10, 2009 minutes

## **REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

### **WATER REPORT**

None

### **WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

None

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

None

### **HISTORIAN**

Peggy reported on the Wheat Harvest Festival. There will be entertainment from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday night, July 31. The parade begins Saturday morning, August 1 at 11 a.m. Any questions, call Dan Utter.

### **PROGRAMS AND GRANTS**

Fessenden, Lorie

The Merry-Go-Round Theatre will perform in Genoa on Saturday, July 11 at 10 a.m. and in King Ferry on Monday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

There was a mistake on the Swim Program ads. The ads said the program ends on August 31. This should have read July 31. Lorie will look into this. She also reported that attendance is up for the program

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Wayne submitted his June '09 report to the Clerk on his last day of work. He issued 6 permits (2 of them were renewals) and conducted 7 inspections.

Mick Piechuta presented his report to the Board. From June 29 to July 7, he issued 1 permit, conducted 3 inspections and issued 1 certificate of compliance. He also stated that inspections of public buildings need to be done once a year.

### **HIGHWAY REPORT**

Sellen, Dale

Jake has been mowing pretty steady trying to keep ahead of the rain. He has the first pass completed and 2 passes on some. He has been running the ditcher some, before he goes back to mowing.

The men have been working on Shingle Valley Road changing driveway pipes and cross culverts. The intersections are finished with gravel and fabric. There is still alot of tree work to be done.

We had Pat Morrissey grind stumps on Bradley Street and Maple Street. Seven stumps in all. He did a good job.

Frank talked with Charlie Fink, he is the engineer who is erecting the T/O Venice's salt storage. He's going to stop in and give us a price on installing our cover. His equipment is close so it wouldn't be an issue moving it. He claims that he can possibly do it cheaper than we can, being we would have to rent the equipment and special tools to do it. Frank just thought it would be an option to look at.

Bernie is taking some time off to use some of his time accumulated over 40 plus years.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Underwood, Stuart

Lorie met with Bonnie and told her that the Board needs a reconciliation report each month. She submitted a report with June's Supervisor's Report.

Stuart asked for approval on 2 fund transfers.

### **1) RESOLUTION: APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS BY THE SUPERVISOR**

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

**ADOPTED**

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To budget transfers by the Supervisor

### **2) RESOLUTION: APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS BY THE SUPERVISOR**

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

**ADOPTED**

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To budget transfers by the Supervisor

## **ASSESSOR'S UPDATE**

Took place at the beginning of the meeting.

## **BILLS**

**RESOLUTION: ACCEPT June 2009 BILLS**

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

**ADOPTED**

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept above mentioned bills

## **DOG REPORT**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A questions was asked about payment to the Board of Assessment Review members. According to Verifications, Appointments and Resolutions, the Chairman, Secretary and members have been paid \$100, \$35 and \$75 respectively. The Board would like to increase this to \$200 each and this money will come from the Assessor's Contractual account.

**RESOLUTION: ACCEPT INCREASE IN PAYMENT TO BAR MEMBERS**

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

**ADOPTED**

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To increase BAR members payment

**NEW BUSINESS**

Scott White mowed and baled the field north of the Town Hall.

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT MICHAEL PIECHUTA AS INTERIM CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER THROUGH DECEMBER 2009

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

Clerk called the roll

Underwood – aye

Shields – aye

Fessenden – aye

Sellen – aye

Bradley - aye

Resolved: To accept M. Piechuta as interim CEO through December 2009

A letter will be sent from the Town Supervisor to each applicant for the CEO position stating that the position will not be available until January 2010.

Peggy asked for a resolution regarding the TOG and the grant application for broadband which is to be submitted by Clarity Connect, Inc.

She stated that the Towns of Venice, Scipio and Niles are also on board with this endeavor. The application deadline is August 14.

The Supervisor referred to a letter from the Town Attorney dated March 21, 2008 stating that the Town cannot partner with a private company. Peggy stated that this is not a partnership with the company but only “partnering” (along with the aforementioned Towns) with regard to the application of the grant. Cheryl suggested that individual letters from the Board (as private citizens) be included with the grant application.

A letter was received by individual Board members from the State Comptrollers Office concerning the 2007 and 2008 budgets.

With no further business:

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Fessenden, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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

Nays: 0