

**MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA**

**October 14, 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 October 14, 2009

Present:	Stuart Underwood, Supervisor	Michael Piechuta
	Peggy Bradley, Council Member	Don Potter
	Cheryl Shields, Council Member	Brenda Tyrrell
	Dale Sellen, Council Member	Frank Sellen
	Lorie Fessenden, Council Member	
	Sue Moss, Town Clerk	

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by S. Underwood with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Brenda discussed the set-up of the meeting room for the November 3 election.

**CLERK’S REPORT**

Report on Revenues from Clerk’s Office for September 2009

Decals \$ 7.32

Dog Licenses:

Total received: \$ 68.50

Building Permits \$ 476.50

**Disbursements for September:**

Pd to Supervisor: \$ 516.95 (includes \$33.13 from sale of dog licenses)

Pd to CC Treasurer for dog licenses \$ 29.37

Pd to Ag & Mkts for dog licenses \$ 6.00

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT September 2009 CLERK’S REPORT

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

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept Clerk’s Report for September 2009

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

RESOLUTION: APPROVE September 9, 2009 MINUTES

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

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept September 9, 2009 minutes

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

**WATER REPORT**

None

**WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

None

Mick stated that he is trying to get a map together to show the Genoa-King Ferry Water District.

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Underwood, Stuart

Don Brown will begin cleaning the Town Hall this week until the end of the year.

## **HISTORIAN**

None

## **PROGRAMS AND GRANTS**

None

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Piechuta, Michael

From September 13 to October 14, 4 building permits were issued, 3 inspections were conducted, one certificate of occupancy (temporary) was issued, and one certificate of compliance was issued.

## **ASSESSOR'S UPDATE**

Underwood, Stuart

SCAR (Small Claims Assessment Review) hearings were held which required a \$30 filing fee to the County by each claimant. This money is to be reimbursed to the claimants by the Town. Heather asked if a resident owns property in 2 Towns, can the property owner visit just one Town Office to handle both.

## **HIGHWAY REPORT**

Sellen, Dale

The men have finished cutting trees on the east half of Shingle Valley Road. There were about 9 loads of logs that were taken to Donnie Arnold, the property owner. Jake has dug up and loaded the stumps and Mark hauled them away. It should be ready for fabric and gravel.

Eric and the men worked on dropping the old, existing cover off the salt storage building and prepared it for the new cover. The new cover was pulled over after the joints were taped and the hardware was removed. The Towns of Moravia and Niles helped with the man power to pull the new one over, as we helped Moravia to pull their cover also. The fact that Eric has worked for Cover-All doing the same thing, was a huge advantage for us. Some new winches and pipe were purchased to complete the side flaps and should increase the life of the cover.

Jake and Mark took some of their vacation time before the weather turned nasty. This left us short for hauling cinders. Frank hired a new man to replace Bernie Thresher, who officially retired September 24. Jeff Swan was hired October 5. He has been hauling cinders with the #4 International and doing a fine job. He is within minutes of the garage and has been in a plow as a wingman. Jeff's knowledge from 11 years at Genoa Ag Center and his mechanic ability seems to make him a good fit for the job.

Frank has ordered 300 ton of salt and the men have hauled over 1500 ton of cinders from AES Cayuga for the 2009-2010 season. We have again received some pressure from the State DOT to use straight salt instead of a mix. Frank informed them that we are still trying to increase the salt ratio for the mix we are using. We have agreed to a 3% increase for this year on our 3-year plowing contract with Cayuga County. This should help with the increase of salt and fuel for this season.

The Town of Venice would like us to consider renting our roller to them for next year. Their roller has major problems with the motor. Even with it repaired, they are worried it may still have a problem. When they do replace it, they would like one that could be used for cold or hot mix paving, as they don't have many more miles of gravel roads to be rebuilt. Frank said he would present it to the Town Board and let them know the decision.

The use of the roller by the Town of Venice will be discussed by the Board in the spring.

The Town ran out of money for salt last year. The money was taken from this year's budget, so for this year, \$8000 will be transferred from the Bridge line item.

The State wants salt used on the roads exclusively to reduce the cinder residue on the roadsides.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Underwood, Stuart

The report needs to be tweaked and will be available at the November meeting.

## **BILLS**

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT September 2009 BILLS with the exception of one bill which was pulled because of a question by a Board member.

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

ADOPTED

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

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept above mentioned bills with one exception

## **DOG REPORT**

Underwood, Stuart

Stuart read the report for July and August submitted by Carl Collier. Three dogs were seized and impounded and Carl attempted to issue an appearance ticket to an Atwater Road resident.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Work is continuing on the new phone system.

Stuart talked with Stacy Morris, the Dog Control Officer of Niles, about dog enumeration for the Town of Genoa and the possibility of being hired as the Dog Control Officer for the Town. She will get back to Stuart after discussing it with her family. There are approximately 43 miles of Town roads and 42-43 miles of State and County roads in the Town of Genoa.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Supervisor received a copy of the letter sent to Ralph Nettleton from NYMIR. The claim was refused because of the time factor involved. It should have been submitted with 90 days of the incident. The incident involved lawn mower damage done by a snow plow shoe that was thrown during the winter season.

A letter to Justice Bennett was received from JCAP informing him that his grant had been received. Grants will be awarded by December 1, 2009 and any monies will be received within four weeks of the award date.

The Supervisor received a SCAT VAN agreement letter. This will be looked at again after the 2010 budget has been approved.

A letter was also received from Moody & Associates regarding the Town's well inspections. The total cost is estimated to be \$16,620 not including parts and repairs if necessary.

Mick suggested putting this job up for bids.

With no further business:

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Bradley, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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

Nays: 0

At 9 p.m. the Budget Hearing Work Session began.

A Public Budget Hearing will be held at the next Town Board meeting, November 11, 2009.

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Bradley, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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

Nays: 0