

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

August 11, 2010

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 August 11, 2010

Present	Peggy L. Bradley, Supervisor	Don Potter
	Lorie Fessenden, Board Member	Mick Piechuta
	Cheryl Shields, Board Member	Mark Conner
	Dale Sellen, Board Member	Fran Mitchell
	Al Armstrong Jr., Board Member	Brenda Tyrrell
	Sue Moss, Clerk	Ken Patchen

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

Ken Patchen asked about Ray Dyer's expansion of internet service to the Town. He is expanding his coverage. Supervisor Bradley informed everyone that the Federal and State broadband funding is now gone.

RESOLUTION 67-2010 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Fessenden, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Bradley, Armstrong, Sellen, Fessenden, Shields
Nays 0

Resolved that the Regular meeting minutes of July 14, 2010 were approved with one correction. The name of the owner of the property at 975 South Street, Genoa, is Rotach, not Dalton.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Bradley

RESOLUTION 68-2010 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

On a motion of Board Member Fessenden, seconded by Board Member Shields, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Bradley, Armstrong, Sellen, Fessenden, Shields
Nays 0

Resolved that the July Supervisor's Report be approved

The Supervisor also handed out up-to-date bank statements. She also informed the Board that the 2009 AUD had been submitted.

RESOLUTION 69-2010 APPROVAL OF TRANSFER

On a motion of Board Member Fessenden, seconded by Board Member Armstrong, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Bradley, Armstrong, Sellen, Fessenden, Shields
Nays 0

Resolved to transfer to the Highway Fund from the General Fund, \$100,700.37 This money was received as County sales tax for the last quarter.

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for July 2010

Building Permits \$ 615.50

Dog Licenses

Total received \$ 43.50

Certified Copies \$ 160.00

Disbursements for April

Pd to Supervisor \$ 795.38

Pd to CC Treasurer for dog licenses \$ 17.62

Pd to Ag & Mkts for dog licenses \$ 6.00

RESOLUTION 70-2010 **CLERK'S REPORT**

On a motion of Board Member Fessenden, seconded by Board Member Shields, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Bradley, Sellen, Armstrong, Fessenden, Shields

Nays 0

Resolved that the July 2010 Clerk's Report be accepted

HIGHWAY REPORT

Mark Conner

The drainage problem on Academy Street has been fixed as far as the Town is concerned. Jake has been mowing. Eric and Jeff have been hauling crusher run and the hole has been patched in the road as Mr. Signor had asked.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

Supervisor Bradley

Heather emailed the following report:

2010 Final Assessment Roll is complete as available as of 7/1/10 at the Town Hall and on-line at

www.co.cayuga.ny.us for those who wish to review it.

There are no SCAR hearings filed (as far as I know as of today's date) for the Town of Genoa, those had to be filed with the County by the property owner before the end of July. Property Owner's are then required to file at the Town and School.

I have been working on Don Potter's list. I have been to Ragusa's, Eldred's, Mattoon's and Genoa Grain. I was able to speak to a knowledgeable resource at each place. I was able to measure and/or verify inventory in question. I will update inventory as needed and use this in consideration for the 2011 assessed value.

This year I will be adding pictures to my database of waterfront properties. I have been on fire Lane 1 & 2 so far.

The tax-bill informational meeting is August 16th; I have been working on putting an "assessment" portion of that presentation together.

Supervisor Bradley stated that Heather has reviewed Mr. Potter's assessment concern and is working on it.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mick Piechuta

Monthly Report

Date	7/14/10 – 8/11/10	Hours	23.5
		Miles	82

PERMITS ISSUED

10 – 22 M VanAmburgh	Lake Road	Renovation
10 – 23 R Osterhoudt	Rte 90	New House
10 – 24 S Shaw	Rte 34B	Renovations

INSPECTIONS

T Ellis	Atwater Road	S VanOrman	Rte 90
B Davis	Sills Road	L Lippfert	Rte 90
N Post	Rte 90	J Moody	Hill Road
Community Propane	Rte 34	S Spicer	Bartnick Road

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

S VanOrman	Garage	R Hassler	Deck
L Lippfert	Deck	P Signor	Deck
J Underwood	Roof system		

CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

B Davis	New House	S Spicer	Renovations
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COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Work on condemning the property on 975 South Street continues as the client's lawyer does not know how to contact him.
Need to consult with Town attorney
Met with resident who wants to install mobile home on Atwater Road
Met with B Heary on S Shaw's project and other issues the Town has with him
Met with J Spratt about building a new house off Atwater Road (Saltonstall development)
Sent letter to people with outstanding permits
Answered many questions about building permits

Fran Mitchell had a phone number for Mr. Rotach (975 South Street property).

Bill Heary said the building on the northeast corner in King Ferry now houses a migrant outreach program office in conjunction with SUNY Cortland

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Mick Piechuta

Mr. Buehl has all the needed information so the Committee is waiting to hear from him.

Resolution 71-2010 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Fessenden, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes 5 Bradley, Sellen, Armstrong, Fessenden, Shields

Nays 0

Resolved to accept presented bills with the exception of the E&V bill. The Supervisor will look into it.

WATER REPORT

Mark Conner

Total water pumped for the month was 2,285,700 gallons

Average daily usage was 73,700 gallons

DOG CONTROL REPORT

None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

None

HISTORIAN

None

OLD BUSINESS

It was decided the carpets in the Court Room do not need cleaning.

Supervisor Bradley distributed proposals from Mark Dunham and Sandy Chandler showing examples of signage for the Town. Mr. Dunham would charge \$450 per sign – the signs will be made of alumilite which lasts forever. Mrs. Chandler would charge \$350 per sign but this does not include posts or installation. The signs would be wood with the words burned into them.

Resolution 72-2010 **APPROVAL FOR PROCEEDING WITH MR. DUNHAM AND SIGNAGE**

On a motion of Board Member Sellen, seconded by Board Member Armstrong, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes 5 Bradley, Sellen, Armstrong, Shields, Fessenden

Nays 0

Resolved to purchase 8 signs with 2 including “Museum” contingent on the approval of the final draft from Mr. Dunham

Resolution 73-2010 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion of Board Member Fessenden, seconded by Board Member Shields, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes 5 Bradley, Sellen, Armstrong, Shields, Fessenden

Nays 0

Resolved that the Board move into an Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues

Resolution 74-2010 **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

On a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Armstrong, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes 5 Bradley, Sellen, Armstrong, Shields, Fessenden

Nays 0

Resolved that the Board return to regular session at 8:20 pm

NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk spoke to the Board about discontinuing the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. After purchasing a new computer, she found out that the State’s equipment is not compatible. Also, the Town’s commission for 2009 was only \$29.31. This will take effect January 1, 2011.

Mr. Signor never picked up the certified letter sent to him by the Supervisor. She suggested something be put on the web regarding the Town’s position on location of mailboxes, damage to private property, etc. She found a statement on the Town of Moreau’s website that she suggested the Town follow:

Town of Genoa
Highway Department
Public Information

In Accordance with: Section 189 of the New York State Highway Law
And the New York State Department of Transportation Highway Design Manual

1. Damage to Private Property

It should be noted that the municipality is not held responsible for damage to private property that is located within the public right-of-way. The right-of-way (ROW) is often 50 feet wide and is often confused by property owners as their own property. In most cases, the ROW extends ten to twenty feet on either side of the paved or gravel road. Homeowners cultivate extensions of their lawns, place mailboxes, erect fences or stone walls in these areas, which improves the appearance of the street greatly, but is obstructive to a good maintenance from being conducted on the roadway. Homeowners should not put bark mulch, crushed rock, stone walls, fences (visible or invisible), irrigation systems, trees or lawns in the town right-of-way. The town is not liable for damage that may occur to property in its right-of-way. Many items interfere with heavy equipment and become a hazard for vehicles and pedestrians. They often cause drainage failures, and thereby road deterioration.

2. Location of Mailboxes

Mail and newspaper boxes are allowed, at the owner's risk within the right-of-way for the purposes of convenience. United States Postal bulletin 22102 states; "The Postal Service suggests using a semi-arch or extended arm support which allows snowplows to sweep near or under mailboxes without damaging supports and provides easy access to the mailboxes by carriers and customers." Please refer to the town's recommended policy on mailbox placement.

3. The following suggestions are for reducing the possibility of damage and liability:

Mailboxes should, whenever possible, be installed at least three feet from the edge of pavement. Installation should be sufficiently sturdy to withstand the weight of heavy snow resulting from plowing operations.

4. Liability

Property owners may be held liable for injuries or damages caused by items placed in the ROW.

Resolution 74-2010 **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT**

On a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Armstrong, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes 5 Bradley, Sellen, Armstrong, Shields, Fessenden
Nays 0

Resolved to approve public information statement and placement on the Town's website

Supervisor Bradley reminded the Board of Cayuga County's electronics day, Saturday, September 18 from 9 am to 1 pm. Also there will be a public meeting on August 16 to talk about the Emergency Communications Project.

Questions have been asked about the Town's position on hydrofracking.

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Board member Fessenden stated that attendance had increased for the Swim program this summer. She will draft a letter to area Towns asking for financial assistance with next year's program. The cost per student is \$50.50.

With no further business, on a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Sellen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Carried unanimously

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk