

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

February 9, 2011

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 February 9, 2011

Present	Lorie Fessenden, Supervisor Cheryl Shields, Board Member Dale Sellen, Board Member Stuart Underwood, Board Member Al Armstrong, Board Member Sue Moss, Clerk	Mick Piechuta, Code Enforcement Donna Webster
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The Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Lorie Fessenden with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Donna Webster asked for a list of licensed dogs in the Town to help her with the dog enumeration in the spring. The Clerk will send it to her before she begins the enumeration.

RESOLUTION 31-2011 APPROVAL OF YEAR-END MINUTES

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

Resolved that the Regular and Organizational Meeting minutes of January 12, 2011 be approved.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Fessenden

RESOLUTION 32-2011 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

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

Resolved that the January Supervisor’s Report be approved

CLERK’S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk’s Office for January 2011

Certified Copies	\$ 70.00
Building Permits	468.00
Dog Licenses	252.00

Disbursements for December

Pd to Supervisor	\$ 790.00
NYS Animal Population Control Fund	39.00

RESOLUTION 33-2011 CLERK’S REPORT

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

Resolved that the January 2011 Clerk's Report be accepted

HIGHWAY REPORT

Dale Sellen

Because of the weather, the men have been busy plowing the roads so a report was not presented to the Board.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

Lorie Fessenden

EXEMPTIONS: All new exemption applications as well as all renewals and documentation are due by MARCH 1st. It is coming upon us quickly. I will be sending out postcard reminders to those who still have not turned in their renewal. I have returned about 50% of the renewal applications to property owners asking for the needed documentation or to complete the app.

There was a change in Basic STAR beginning in January 2011. Property owners with a reported income of \$500,000 or greater in 2009 have been sent notices informing them that they are no longer entitled to the Star exemption and it has been removed from their property. I have also sent notices to anyone receiving Star that the NYS tax and finance could not verify income for. Those property owners will have to submit proof of income to me before March 1st in order to continue receiving the exemption.

2011 NYS BUDGET: It looks like State aid for annual revaluations is gone. I am told that we should be receiving State aid for the 2010 reval.

ASSESSMENT FUTURE: Even though we won't be eligible for State aid, I would recommend we continue to maintain an equalization rate of 100% and adjust assessments each year appropriately. This is a Town Board decision let me know what you feel is best. As I find out more, I will keep you informed. I'd like to share an e-mail with you I received from New York State Assessors' Association.

Dear Members,

The NYSAA knows what the membership is going through with the new Basic STAR Income requirements and we are working with Tax and Finance to try to make it work better at the local level. We can't make any promises to tell you that we will be successful, but I can tell you the Executive Board is working very hard to try to help you.

The State Budget was introduced today and it is not good news for us. All State Aid for training reimbursement is gone; all State Aid for Railroads is gone, State Aid for reassessment has gone from \$12,325,000 to \$750,000 and will only be available to municipalities that haven't reassessed in four years or more. Remember that these are all the Governor's proposals and must be agreed to by the legislators in the coming months. We will be doing whatever we can to try to mitigate these changes for local governments.

There are several state proposals in the Budget bill. One is to create a uniform statewide system of parcel identification numbers and a uniform statewide assessment calendar for all assessing units. This proposal will, if passed, apply to assessment rolls with a taxable status date after 2013.

The NYSAA will be watching and working for your interests as the State budget process moves along, but we should all be ready to have less money to operate as the State tries to work its way out of the economic mess it's in.

Tom Frey
Executive Director

Values and Exemptions will all be finished for the Tentative Assessment roll May 1st.

Any questions or comments please call me at 315-806-5500 or stop by during office hours if you prefer.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Garner

The Board needs to revisit the reval for 2012. This has been tabled for now.

Board Member Underwood reminded the Board that Heather needs to close the rolls on April 1.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mick Piechuta

FEBRUARY 2011

Date: 1/12/11 – 2/9/11

Hours: 19.0

Miles: 40

PERMITS ISSUED:

11 - 1	J. Moody	Hill Rd.	Garage
11 - 2	R. Thomas	Powers Rd.	Photo-Voltaic Sys.
11 - 3	R. Dean	Powers Rd.	Dock

INSPECTIONS:

T. Meyers	Atwater Rd.
R. Thomas	Powers Rd. (site check)
1522 Atwater Rd.	violation
J. Relyea	Rt. 34

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY: 0

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Met with A. Richter (Bartnick Rd.) about completing project.
- Conference with Renovous Systems about solar panel project on Powers Rd.
- Investigated a complaint on Powers Rd. concerning too many vehicles. Notice of Violation was sent.
- Met with two residents that are going to build new homes on Goose St. and Rt. 90 in King Ferry.
- Answered questions from a resident regarding what construction documents are required for a new home.
- Annual Report sent to Albany.
- Work on expired Permits

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Mick Piechuta

The Committee met on February 7.

WATER REPORT

No report

The break at the pump house has been fixed.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MEETING

Al Armstrong

The Committee hopes to have their first draft ready by the fall

They will be sending out another survey

Resolution 34-2011 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved to accept presented bills.

Board member Shields received a letter from Jodie Bennett asking for \$600 for the summer baseball field maintenance. The Board approved \$300.

DOG CONTROL REPORT

None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

None

HISTORIAN

None

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 35-2011 **APPROVAL OF STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen, Shields, Underwood, Armstrong
Nays 0
Abstain 1 Fessenden

Resolved to establish the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for elected and appointed officials.

The Board discussed the need for the cleanup of the cemetery at the Belltown Church. Supervisor Fessenden received a letter from Marilyn Mann requesting information on who to contact with regard to cemetery upkeep in the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 36-2011 **APPROVAL OF AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Fessenden, Sellen, Shields, Underwood, Armstrong
Nays 0

Resolved to accept the Ambulance Service Agreement with Southern Cayuga Instant Aid, Inc.

Supervisor Fessenden received a thank you note from Joan Stevens, Town of Venice Clerk, for the donated computer.

A complaint was received concerning a lack of response from the King Ferry Fire Department. This should be handled by the Fire Commissioners.

With regard to the new TOG signs, Mick Piechuta called Highway Superintendent Sellen to suggest he call the State and tell them that the Town is replacing existing Town signs.

An energy savings contract for the Town Garage has been tabled.

The landfill report was received.

The Cayuga County Emergency Communication Project information was received.

Supervisor Fessenden attended the January 27 Supervisors' Meeting. The cost of Workers' Comp coverage will be increasing for the Towns. The benefit now is \$700 per week.

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On March 2, there will be a meeting to discuss Cayuga County Towns taking over the maintenance of County roads.

A "Loans and Grants" handout was distributed to the Board.

Board member Underwood attended the Southern Cayuga Central School Budget Information Meeting

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

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

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk