

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

April 13, 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 April 13, 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 Officer Frank Sellen, Highway Superintendent Dan Thayer Brenda Tyrrell, Water/Court Clerk Mark Conner, Water Superintendent Marilyn Mann Harold Peters Jack Corcoran, Locke Town Supervisor 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.

Mr. Peters talked to the Board about having a meeting that would include board members and residents from the Towns of Moravia, Locke and Genoa to talk about hydrofracking. He stated there would be a moderator at this meeting.

RESOLUTION 45-2011 APPROVAL OF MARCH 9 MINUTES

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

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

Resolved that the meeting minutes of February 9, 2011 be approved

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Fessenden

RESOLUTION 46-2011 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

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 March Supervisor’s Report be approved

CLERK’S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk’s Office for March 2011

Certified Copies	\$ 50.00
Building Permits	822.00
Dog Licenses	188.00
Marriage Licenses	17.50

Disbursements for February

Pd to Supervisor	\$ 1077.50
Pd to NYS Health Department	22.50
NYS Animal Population Control Fund	28.00

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RESOLUTION 47-2011 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 March 2011 Clerk's Report be accepted

HIGHWAY REPORT

Dale Sellen

In March the men have spread 174 ton of salt and sand mix on our State roads and 189 ton of mix on the Town and County roads. The men have been repairing and painting the plow equipment. Some of the shop work that would have normally been done through the winter months is being done now that the snow has let up. Jeff has the wood chipper primed and is ready for color. Eric has been stripping the plow equipment from the grader, Mark has his plow and wing painted and has been hauling crusher run from Seneca Stone.

Frank and I have received quotes for the cold storage building. This should give us an idea on what to expect for costs. We will have to pay prevailing state wage, which will escalate the cost enough to have to advertise and put the package out for bids.

Frank met with Fisher Associates on the bridge replacement proposal that was submitted for Federal and State funding. If the Town Board decides to take advantage of this, we will have to propose a referendum stating that we would like to proceed to the next phase and accept the money. As the project progresses, more information will follow.

The men have been patching, replacing culverts, ditching and brooming.

Frank and Dale talked about the replacement of the bridge on Creek Road. The cost would be about \$590,000 and the Town would be responsible for about 5% of the cost.

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

Lorie Fessenden

2011 assessment and equalization:

The 2011 equalization rate will remain at 100%. I have submitted the required for that process. The state will not be offering state aid for 2011 reassessments unless the municipality has not requested state aid in the last 3 years.

I would like to point out that the Town of Genoa is trended with the other towns in Southern Cayuga County by NYS ORPS. So, sales in all towns located in the southern Cayuga County area are used for the calculation of Equalization rates. ORPS uses sales from 7/2/2009-7/1/2010.

Based on all those sales, a negative trend of 2% was established for residential properties waterfront and non-waterfront. I reviewed our sales and saw that many of the sales prices are actually higher than assessed value.

I have been working on new construction values and reviewing any parcels residents have requested me to look at.

Exemptions:

I have completed the exemption process and will be sending letters to notify property owners if their exemption(s) will be removed this year. Many property owners did not return requested documentation with their renewal. I returned most with another request for the documentation. The few that came in right on March 1st I did not. When these come in at the last possible moment it leaves no time for me to give a return request. Many people just simply did not return a renewal at all. I sent reminders to them.

Tentative Roll:

Tentative Roll will be available May 1st. I will be sitting with the roll
May 4th 1-4pm, May 13th 1-4pm, May 14th 9am-noon, and May 19th 5-7pm
Grievance Night (Board of Assessment Review) will be held May 31st 4-8pm

Continuing Education:

I have submitted a voucher for 2 courses I would like to take in Syracuse on Residential valuation and appraisal techniques. The Courses will be held May 9-17

Vacation:

I will be taking vacation April 18th-25th. I will not be available during this time and will not be checking email or voicemail. I will be available April 26th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Garner, Assessor

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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mick Piechuta

APRIL 2011

Date: 3/9/11 - 4/13/11

Hours: 27.5

Miles: 105

PERMITS ISSUED:

11 - 6	T. May/J. Seeger	Atwater Rd.	New Windows
11 - 7	J. Kirkwood	Atwater Rd.	Renovations
11 - 8	S. Meyers	Weeks Rd.	Shed
11 - 9	G. Kilcer	Indianfield Rd.	House
11 - 10	M. Quinn	Goose St.	Mobile Home

INSPECTIONS:

K. Ward	Hill Rd.	T. Meyers	Atwater Rd.
J. Moody (C of O)	Hill Rd.	G. Kilcer	Indianfield Rd.
M. Quinn	Goose St.	T. May	Atwater Rd.
J. Relyea	Rt. 34	D. Ziebarth (C of O)	Atwater Rd.
J. Thomas	Powers Rd.	Man in the Moon Bakery	Rt. 34B (C of C)

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Met with J. Boles regarding the Trailer Park. Is in compliance with agreement and we discussed future plans.
- Talked or met with contractors on new houses at Underwoods, Kilcers, Wards, and Signors.
- Received Report from Insurance Service Organization (ISO)
- Met with Anto Parsegian about a building project he would like to do on the Lake Rd.
- Answered questions from General Dynamic concerning upgrading the Cell Tower on Rt. 90.
- Completed Plan Reviews of Kilcer, Signor, and Ward houses.
- Looked into problem with resident in the Forks of Creek.

WATER REPORT

Mark Conner

March Total 2,080,400

March Average 67,100

Mark mentioned that at some point, he would like to purchase a used backhoe for the Water Department. This would save the Town money when someone needs to be hired.

The question was raised about what precautions can be taken to prevent people from hitting the water tower when the water sales begin on May 1. Suggestions included widening the driveway around the tower or concrete curbs being put in place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Cheryl Shields

An ad was placed in the Pennysaver with regard to the sale of water. It will run for 3 issues.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

Al Armstrong

The Comprehensive Plan Committee met on April 11. In attendance was Terry Masterson, the Executive Director of CEDA (Cayuga Economic Development Agency). The group has been in existence about 3 years and was the idea of the Cayuga County Legislature. It consists of focus groups meeting to discuss what is good for Cayuga County. It is funded by the tax payers.

Jeannie Gleisner is waiting for more information from the Comprehensive Plan Committees before she can start with the draft of the plan.

Resolution 48-2011 **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 with the exception of A074 which was pulled for further investigation.

DOG CONTROL REPORT

None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

None

HISTORIAN

None

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Fessenden, once again, discussed the "Small Business Energy Efficiency Program" proposal from EnerPath with the Board. The Town Garage needs to have the florescent lights changed but the Town Hall doesn't. This was tabled again for further information gathering.

The Coral Reeves mining application was discussed. The Town should not be a part of this.

An estimate was obtained for the leaking roof at the GHA. JP Builders estimated the cost at \$1876.02. The cost would be shared by the Town and GHA.

Resolution 49-2011 **APPROVAL OF HIRING JP BUILDERS TO FIX THE GHA ROOF**

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

Resolved that JP Builders will be hired to fix the leaking roof. Dale will call them.

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Resolution 50-2011 **APPROVAL OF DONNA WEBSTER AS THE TOWN DOG ENUMERATOR**

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 Donna Webster be hired as the Town of Genoa Dog Enumerator.

A notice will be placed in the Pennysaver with details of the enumeration.

The Bell Town Church and Cemetery were discussed. The Church is now boarded up. There is some damage inside. The cemetery cleanup is next. No one is sure who the rightful owner is so, if in litigation, it may take some time for the issue to be resolved.

Lorie did some research on abandoned cemeteries. The State law says one thing and the Town law says another so nothing should be done until this is resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

Judge Bennett will be out of work for at least 2 months.

Pickard and Anderson will be doing a routine analysis.

Lorie received a thank-you note from school superintendent Mary Kay Worth for allowing a school budget information session to be held at the Town Hall.

SEMA-FEMA issues will be handled by the Town Attorney.

John Fessenden would like another person on the Variance Board (Board of Appeals).

Lorie received the Southern Cayuga Ambulance report. In the month of February, there were 20 calls, 10 of them were in Genoa.

This year's lawn mowing will be done by Dave Reeves with a \$10 increase.

Independent Tower would like to talk to the Board about wireless internet.

A pole barn needs to be erected to replace an existing building. The foundation is a safety issue. Lorie and Cheryl would like to see the pole barn erected but do not want the existing building to be torn down. This is tabled to a later meeting.

Stuart talked about Pine Hollow Road and the increase in traffic. With some hidden driveways, it is becoming dangerous. He suggested reinstalling the 4-way stop signs at the top of the hill. He suggested lines be painted on the road. Dale will talk to the Cayuga County Highway Department about this.

The Board decided to attend the meeting suggested by Mr. Peters and Mr. Corcoran. Lorie will call to accept the invitation.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

With no further business, on a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Armstrong, the Board meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk