

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

July 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 July 13, 2011

Present	Lorie Fessenden, Supervisor	Michael Piechuta, Code Enforcement
	Cheryl Shields, Board member (absent)	Frank Sellen, Highway Superintendent
	Dale Sellen, Board member	Rosalie Ward
	Stuart Underwood, Board member	
	Al Armstrong, Board member (absent)	
	Sue Moss, Clerk	

The Regular meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Supervisor Lorie Fessenden with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Rosalie Ward spoke to the Board about the condition of the Genoa school building. The grass has not been mowed, it is very dry and is a fire hazard. There are mice and woodchucks in the grass. There is also a fallen tree which contains snakes. She also expressed concern about the outside wood furnace in use 24/7 by the Genoa Hotel. The smoke that comes from the smoke stack is leaving black soot on everything in its vicinity. It is even being tracked into homes and Rosalie is unable to open her windows because of the smoke and soot. She is also concerned about a rooster owned by one of her neighbors that crows in the middle of the night.

RESOLUTION 65-2011 APPROVAL OF JUNE 8 MINUTES

On a motion of Board member Underwood, seconded by Board member Sellen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Fessenden, Sellen, Underwood
Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of June 8, 2011 be approved.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Fessenden

RESOLUTION 66-2011 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

On a motion of Board member Underwood, seconded by Board member Sellen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Fessenden, Sellen, Underwood
Nays 0

Resolved that the June Supervisor's Report be approved and that an error with line item A1355.4 be investigated because of an overage.

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for June 2011

Marriage Licenses	\$ 35.00
Certified Copies	20.00
Building Permits	1956.00
Dog Licenses	415.00

Disbursements for June

Pd to Supervisor	\$ 2426.00
Pd to NYS Health Department	45.00
NYS Animal Population Control Fund	72.00

RESOLUTION 67-2011 **CLERK'S REPORT**

On a motion of Board member Sellen, seconded by Board member Underwood, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Fessenden, Sellen, Underwood
Nays 0

Resolved that the June 2011 Clerk's Report be accepted

HIGHWAY REPORT

Dale Sellen

The men have installed the new welcome signs that have been stored since winter. We have had quite a few compliments on them. Thanks to Jeff for the use of his auger. The paper work on them has been filled out and sent in to the DOT for finale inspection.

The men cut a dozen or so trees on Center Road. Jeff Lampman dropped two of the tallest trees so they didn't reach the primary electric wires. Most of the wood was chipped and hauled away. The pile that was left at Belltown Church was also picked up and chipped.

The new man was hired and started work on Monday. Matthew Rejman was picked from 13 resumes to replace Charles Vanbenschoten. Matt seems to be a good fit for the work we do as he drove and maintained a company truck.

Mark has been mowing steady and is starting to catch up with the late start we had. Jeff, Eric and now Matt have been hauling 1st stone from Seneca Stone for chip sealing. The cross culverts on Mahaney and Cowan Roads have been completed. They've been ditching and patching in between times.

Frank talked with the NYS DOT about complaints received on the trees and sight distance on Route 90 & East Genoa Road and Route 34B and Genoa Lansing Town Line Road. The trees are definitely causing restricted sight, especially with a larger truck or farm equipment. In the winter, our plows are totally in the driving lane, before traffic can be seen.

Frank told the Board that the DOT is going to send someone to look at the tree situation. Also, the "Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys" was signed by the Supervisor and Board members.

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

Lorie Fessenden

Board of Assessment Review:

A handful of residents appealed to the BAR for a reduction in assessment. The Board of Assessment Review will consider all information submitted by the property owner(s) and make a decision. It is the responsibility of the BAR Members to decide if a reduction is warranted based on the evidence owners provide. Property Owners should have received written notice from the BAR of regarding their decision by July 1st.

Final Assessment Roll: On July 1st the paper copy of the 2011 Final Assessment Roll was available at the Town Hall as well as on line at the Cayuga County Website www.co.cayuga.ny.us/realproperty and beginning this year is also required to appear on the home page of the Town website. The Final Assessment Roll will include any changes granted by the BAR.

Field Review/Photos: It is the time of year to do lots of field work. I will be mainly visiting properties that have had recent changes or have in the last few years that I have been keeping track of. I will also be visiting properties at the request of owners. I will be concentrating on updating new photos and inventory for the Town of Genoa this summer.

Revals, Annual and state-aid:

New York State Taxation and Finance has changed many of the rules regarding revaluation and state-aid reimbursements. I would like to meet with the Town Board at the August or September meeting to discuss our options and decide what is best for the town in the long-term. Please let me know which month you wish prefer me to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Garner, Assessor

Supervisor Fessenden told the Board that Heather will be attending the August 10 Board Meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mick Piechuta

Date: 6/8/11 – 7/13/11

Hours: 26.5

Miles: 158

PERMITS ISSUED:

11 – 22	S/W Machinist	FL#2	Shed
11 – 23	A/D LaFave	Townline Rd	Pool
11 – 24	J Posner – L Brown	FL#7	New House
11 – 25	N/J Ray	Rt. 90	Pool

INSPECTIONS:

D Dean (2)	Powers Rd	L Goodale	Powers Rd.
K Gallego (2)	Rt. 90	B White (3)	FL#5
T Meyers	Atwater	W Machinist (2)	FL#2
P Signor (2)	Rt. 90	R Shields	Rt. 90
K Ward	Hill Rd.		

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Letters to residents not keeping lawns mowed as per PMC. Two corrected the problem, two did not. Kim will be contacted and Notices of violations and orders to remedy will be sent.
- Responded to a complaint on FL#2 about infringement and other problems with neighbors. Health Department called.
- Sent information about pool installation to a number of residents.
- Car Wash problem still not solved.
- Met with resident concerning pools, chickens, smoke, building projects, and neighbors.
- Continue working on inspecting rental property.
- Surgery – August 8, hope to continue business as usual.

DOG ENUMERATION

Sue Moss

Donna Webster has finished her dog enumeration for the Town. She travelled 80 miles and reported 55 dogs.

DOG CONTROL REPORT

One investigation in June that resulted in an appearance ticket being issued to the dog owner.
One stray dog seized and impounded.

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Lorie Fessenden

Lorie reported that the largest number of children in the swim program for one day was 72. She also reported that the Merry Go Round Theatre performance in Genoa on July 8 had 90 people in attendance. The next performance is July 25 in King Ferry.

WATER REPORT

Lorie Fessenden

June

Total – 2,572,700

Average – 85,700

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

None

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

Lorie Fessenden

Lorie reported that 932 surveys were mailed out. The Committee would prefer that people fill out the survey on-line as it is easier to gather the information and tabulate. The Committee is going to glean information from the Ledyard Comprehensive Plan to see if there is any information that can be used by the Committee.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Lorie Fessenden

The inmates spend the day of June 28 cleaning up the grounds at the Town Hall, the Museum and the Belltown Cemetery.

HISTORIAN

None

OLD BUSINESS

The painting of the fire hydrants was once again discussed. Supervisor Fessenden suggested talking to Clayt Mabry about sandblasting them. She will contact him to find out the cost. The Town employees don't do it because there is no fresh air ventilation system for the masks.

History Week for Cayuga County is coming up. Hans Pecher, Town Historian, will talk about the history of the Town at the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

The Court had an audit done and Justice Bennett was told the Court is one of the best. (Unified Court System Report)

The Supervisor and Highway Superintendent each received a letter from the Town Attorney concerning a road in the Town.

Supervisor Fessenden would prefer to disregard requests for shared services.

The 2011 Equalization Rate Status is 100%

The Southern Cayuga Ambulance report was received. For the month of June, 25 calls were made. Genoa had six of the 25. The organization is struggling financially but is pursuing options.

Resolution 68-2011 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Board member Underwood, seconded by Board member Sellen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fessenden, Sellen, Underwood, Armstrong
Nays 0

Resolved to accept presented bills and include the bill from the Genoa Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for the ad in their 2012 calendar

With no further business, on a motion of Board member Sellen, seconded by Board member Underwood, the Board meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk