

TOWN BOARD MEETING

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MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

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A Regular meeting of the Town Board of Genoa, Cayuga County, the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 1000 Bartnick Road, Genoa NY on September 14, 2011

Present	Lorie Fessenden, Supervisor	Michael Piechuta, Code Enforcement
	Cheryl Shields, Board member	Frank Sellen, Highway Superintendent
	Dale Sellen, Board member	Brenda Tyrrell, Water & Court Clerk
	Stuart Underwood, Board member	
	Al Armstrong, Board member	
	Sue Moss, Clerk	

Other guests: Assemblyman Gary Finch, Bill Chamberlain, Marilyn Ramsden, Karin Wikoff, Marjorie Utter, Justin Murphy (reporter from the Citizen), John Hertzler, Joyce Lovelace, Robert Folts, L. Wilbur, Louis DeLap, Jay Ardai, Suzanne O'Hara, Anto Parseghian, Don Slocum, Brandon White, Matt Rejman, Joanne Baum, Steve Whitehead, and Sjana McClure-Berry

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

Assemblyman Finch spoke to the Board and audience about the Biogas pipeline that has been proposed for Cayuga County. He informed everyone that it is still in the planning stages. The pipeline is to collect methane from area farms and pump it to Aurelius to a farm there. This is the first project of this type in the country. A study is being conducted to see if this project is feasible. The study can cost up to \$230,000.

He also spoke about hydrofracking and explained the drilling process. He suggested 3 things the Town of Genoa can do to prevent the drilling. Zoning could be instituted, weight limits on the roads and/or a resolution by the Town.

The Supervisor received a letter from the Town Attorney who said that if 100,000 gallons or more of gas is retrieved, this must be regulated.

Bill Chamberlain, the insurance agent for the Town, spoke to the Board about the increase in insurance premiums. The Town Board is looking for a way to save money without jeopardizing insurance coverage for its employees.

RESOLUTION 75-2011 APPROVAL OF AUGUST 10 MINUTES

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of August 10, 2011 be approved

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Fessenden

RESOLUTION 76-2011 **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, Underwood, Armstrong, Shields
Nays 0

Resolved that the August Supervisor's Report be approved

RESOLUTION 77-2011 **APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS**

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

Resolved that the following transfers be approved:
\$98.02 from A1990.4 to A3620.4
\$87.29 from SW1-8310.2 to SW1-8310.4

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for August 2011

Marriage Licenses	\$ 35.00
Certified Copies	50.00
Dog Licenses	181.00
Building Permits	120.00

Disbursements for June

Pd to Supervisor	\$ 386.00
Pd to NYS Health Department	45.00
NYS Animal Population Control Fund	54.00

RESOLUTION 78-2011 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Resolved that the August 2011 Clerk's Report be accepted

HIGHWAY REPORT

Dale Sellen

The men have been hauling 1st stone from Seneca stone for our chip sealing. They covered over 9 miles of road surface. They would like to do at least 2 more miles to try and get caught up if the weather permits.

The men have been doing shoulder work with the conveyer and repairing the edges of the blacktop with patch. The edges seem to take a beating from the heavy traffic.

Center Road is getting its rebuild. The trees have been trimmed back along the patch of woods thanks to the Town of Venice. Most of the screened gravel has been spread over top of the road fabric. The next step will be crushed gravel. Many thanks to our neighboring Towns for their help hauling.

Frank has been working on the Resolution for the Towns Bridge project. After it is signed and sent to the DOT the scoping and the Right of Ways can be determined, and work may begin.

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

None

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mick Piechuta

Date: 8/10/11 – 9/14/11

Hours: 22.5

Miles: 98

PERMITS ISSUED:

11 – 28	R. DiSanto	Rt. 90	Deck
11 – 29	GHA/Town of Genoa	Rt. 34B	Roof System

INSPECTIONS:

D. Dean	Powers Rd	M. Quinn	Goose St.
K. Gallego	Rt. 90	K. Nedza (C of C)	Rt. 90
T. Meyers	Atwater	W. Machinist (C of C)	FL#2
J. Posner	FL #7	J. Relyea	Rt. 34
R. Brown (C of C)	Atwater Rd.	A. Richter (C of C)	Bartnick Rd.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

Met with, and answered phone calls concerning Permits and Demo Projects

Received a phone call concerning chickens in Genoa. Was told that the codes office could do nothing about this as there were no local laws.

Had a discussion with Judge Bennett concerning the Rotach property being sold by the County as to the asbestos on the property. We will iron out the problem.

DOG ENUMERATION

The Supervisor asked the Clerk if Ms. Webster had contacted her. Ms. Webster had contacted the Supervisor to say that she expected a check for \$1500 instead of the \$155 she did receive. The Clerk has not been contacted by Ms. Webster.

DOG CONTROL REPORT

Lorie Fessenden

The July dog report has been received so the July check will be mailed. The August check will be mailed when the August report has been received.

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Lorie Fessenden

The Supervisor will ask for money from the other Towns for next year's Swim Program budget.

WATER REPORT

Cheryl Shields

August

Total – 2,535,000

Average – 81,700

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Cheryl Shields

The Committee will be meeting on September 19

RESOLUTION 79-2011 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved to accept presented bills

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

Al Armstrong

Al distributed an email received from Dave Stilwell stating that their next meeting is scheduled for September 19 at which time recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan will be written up. The survey results have been drafted and should be finalized soon.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

There is a cracked window pane on the north side of the building. Board member Sellen will look into getting it replaced.

HISTORIAN

None

OLD BUSINESS

The Board of Assessment Review (BAR) members will discuss assessment concerns with Don Potter.

The Coral Reeves mining permit was discussed and tabled.

The cost of the Museum roof repair has increased and the roof was found to have rotted. Also, Marilyn Mann said there is more work that needs to be done. A Board member will have a look.

The condition of the Bell Town Cemetery is in the hands of the Methodist Conference. The sale of the church would help fund the care of the cemetery.

The Town was contacted by Jim Allen from Rochester. He would like to continue the cleanup of the Wilcox Cemetery on Route 34. He asked if the Town could haul away the brush that will be cleared away. He also wanted permission to place a sign to read: "Wilcox Cemetery, Established by David Armstrong 1793 for his son John". The Town will haul away the brush and the sign can be erected as long as it is placed within the confines of the cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS

Southern Cayuga Instant Aid sent an email to the Towns of Genoa, Ledyard, Scipio and Venice asking that they each double their contribution in 2012. This will mean that the Town of Genoa has been asked to contribute \$28,000.

Meals on Wheels is once again asking for a contribution. The Town did not contribute last year and will not again this year as the Board feels this is a County responsibility.

Bill McDermott submitted estimates for seal coating the King Ferry water tower drive around (\$475), the Town Hall parking area (\$2900) and the Town garage parking area (\$8000).

RESOLUTION 80-2011 **APPROVAL OF WATER TOWER SEAL COATING**

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

Resolved to accept Bill McDermott's estimate for the water tower seal coat

Funding for the Creek Road bridge repair is 80% Federal, 15% State and 5% Town. The paperwork was sent to the DOT and Frank has been informed that it is in order.

RESOLUTION 81-2011 **APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR CREEK ROAD BRIDGE REPAIR**

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

Resolved to approve the funding for the Creek Road bridge repair after reviewing the budget in the work session following this meeting

Roll Call – Supervisor Fessenden – Aye
Board member Shields – Aye
Board member Armstrong – Aye
Board member Sellen – Aye
Board member Underwood - Aye

The Clerk informed the Board that the County cannot mandate the software program for Town/County taxes collection. After doing some research, the Clerk discovered the County's software will cost double (each year) what is now being charged by Williamson for the combination Clerk/Tax Collector software.

RESOLUTION 82-2011 **APPROVAL OF REMAINING WITH THE CURRENT TOWN/COUNTY TAX COLLECTION SOFTWARE**

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

Resolved to stay with the Town's present Town/County tax collection software

Supervisor Fessenden informed the Board that there will be a 19% increase in the Workers' Compensation for Firemen. King Ferry and Genoa Fire Department will each be responsible for paying \$4470.50

The Town has been asked if they would like to purchase a strip of land east of the Town Garage. The asking price is \$7500 for 1.2 acres. Supervisor Fessenden will run this by the Town attorney and tell him they would offer much less.

With no further business, on a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Underwood, the Board meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. Carried unanimously

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk

The Board meeting was followed by a Budget Work Session