

**MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA**

**August 8, 2012**

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 8, 2012

Present	Lorie Fessenden, Supervisor	Mick Piechuta, Code Enforcement Officer
	Cheryl Shields, Board member	Mark Conner
	Dale Sellen, Board member	Kim Bennett, Town Justice
	Brandon White, Board member	
	Al Armstrong, Board member	
	Sue Moss, Clerk	

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

Justice Bennett spoke to the Board about the use of bath salts in the Town. He asked if the Town would consider passing a law banning the use, sale and possession of bath salts within the Town. He also talked about adopting the State traffic and vehicle laws. This way, the Town would be able to keep the funds received from the fines levied upon anyone who broke these laws. The fees would need to be lowered a bit from the State’s fees but no surcharge would be levied. Judge Bennett informed the Board that all Towns must have a bailiff but this person will be called a constable, a security officer or police officer. This is according to Town Law §158 Section 2. “The town board of a town of the second class which shall have a population of less than five thousand as shown by the latest federal census, may adopt a resolution, subject to a permissive referendum, determining to employ one or more temporary police officers, provided that such town has a population of one thousand or more according to the latest federal census or that such town adjoins a city.” This position is not civil service and a resolution can be passed by the Town Board who can also dictate attire, pay, and duties for this position. Judge Bennett will be attending a 3-day conference in Syracuse. The State will pay for the first night’s lodging and mileage. This will give the judge the 6 credits he needs.

Resolution 79-2012 **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FOR ONE NIGHT OF LODGING FOR JUDGE BENNETT TO ATTEND THE NYS MAGISTRATES’ ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

On a motion of Supervisor Fessenden, seconded by Board member White, the following resolution was

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

Resolved that the Town will pay for one night’s lodging for Judge Bennett to attend the NYS Magistrates’ Association Conference

Judge Bennett will be submitting a grant to the State in October.

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Resolution 80-2012 **APPROVAL OF July 11 MINUTES**

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

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

Resolved that the July 11, 2012 minutes be approved

**REPORTS**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Lorie Fessenden

RESOLUTION 81-2012 **APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

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

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

Resolved that the July 2012 Supervisor's Report be approved  
Second quarter sales tax revenue was received and had increased.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for July 2012

Marriage Licenses	\$ 17.50
Dog Licenses	252.00
Building Permits	355.00

**Disbursements for July**

Pd to Supervisor	\$ 624.50
Pd to NYS Health Dept.	22.50
Pd to NYS Ag & Markets	36.00

RESOLUTION 82-2012 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

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

Resolved that the July 2012 Clerk's Report be accepted

**HIGHWAY REPORT**

Frank is on vacation – no report. Mark Conner reported that work continues on Blakely Road

**ASSESSOR'S UPDATE**

Lorie Fessenden

I have spent most of my time reviewing sales data and inventory this month. We still have fewer transfers taking place than we did a few years ago, but the real estate market is moving along steadily. I have been looking closely at the details of the sales and analyzing differences between them.

I have maintained the 100% equalization rate over the last few years using small adjustments to reflect the overall changes in the market. I participated in the Annual reassessment/revaluation program using trending. This method of valuation, as you may recall, uses a % change of property category overall. For example all houses on lots with less than 10 acres of land received a reduction of 2%. But all vacant land received an increase of 4%. Those figures were used because the sales showed houses selling for 2% less than the previous year and land was selling for 4% more than the previous year.

I recommend that the Town consider a full revaluation for all parcels within the next couple of years. This method looks at each property specifically with a fresh view and value. Another difference between an annual review and a Full review is the length in time of sales. I will use approximately 5 year of sales to compile the database of sales facts and figures. The last Full reval was completed in 2009. I believe planning to complete a full reval for 2014 or 2015 would be appropriate and in the best interest of the town.

I will happy to discuss further details at the September Board Meeting. Please just let me know ahead of time so that I can prepare.

I will be out of Town from August 20-27. My voice mail does reflect this.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Garner, Assessor

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT (July 2012)**

Mick Piechuta

Hours: 36.5 \*

Miles: 133.0 \*

\* This includes Training

**PERMITS ISSUED:**

12 – 25	D. Parks	8490 Rt. 90	Double Wide
12 – 26	G. Saville	855 Creek Rd.	Pole Barn
12 – 27	J. Underwood	899 FL#6	Addition

**INSPECTIONS:**

R. Dalton	FL#7	E. Boyce	South St.
T. Powers	FL# 6	R. Shields	Sill Rd.
Genoa Comm.	Rt. 34	C. Swartwood	Indian Field
J. Swartwood	Cowan Rd.	J. Shufelt	Rt. 90
G. Reeves	North St.	D. Parks	Rt. 90
D. Dean	Powers Rd.	P. Signor	Rt. 90

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:**

- Answer resident's phone calls and answer questions about codes and local laws.
- Issued a STOP WORK ORDER on the Shufelt project
- Completed a variance application for Rose Thresher.
- Attended Training at Clay FD on Modular Homes and Decks.
- Helped residents plan for new homes on Clearview and Oberon.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT**

None

The Clerk was asked to put the dog law in the Pennysaver

**WATER REPORT**

Mark Conner

July total 3,074,700

Monthly avg. 99,100

Mark stated that these are the highest usage numbers ever.

**WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

Cheryl Shields

Cheryl is working on the maps for Tim Buhl

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Lorie Fessenden

The preliminary plan will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

The sign lights are not working. Mark has offered to look at them.

**PROGRAMS AND GRANTS**

Lorie Fessenden

The payroll for the swim program came in under budget

**HISTORIAN**

None

**MORATORIUM DISCOVERY COMMITTEE**

Lorie Fessenden

Lorie met with Pete Saltonstall regarding the water quality committee. He needs some guidance on what to do next. He has also met with Mark Conner. The air quality committee has not met.

The road committee has met.

Resolution 83-2012 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved to accept presented bills but will hold the Finger Lakes Dog Control check until a dog report is received.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

It was reported that Southern Cayuga Instant Aid is asking for \$150,000 from the Towns for next year's budget. The Board agreed SCIA needs better plans. SCIA is applying for grants but they are small grants.

The front door lock needs to be replaced. Al Armstrong will be contacting someone to look at it.

Finger Lakes Construction was awarded the cold storage building job.

**NEW BUSINESS**

With the new 911 towers, Towns have been advised to inquire about broadband.

Budget time is just around the corner.

At this time, the Board went into Executive Session.

With no further business, on a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Armstrong, the executive session/regular session was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Carried unanimously

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Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk