

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

February 13, 2013

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 13, 2013

Present	Lorie Fessenden, Supervisor	Mick Piechuta, Code Enforcement Officer
	Cheryl Shields, Board member	Frank Sellen, Highway Superintendent
	Dale Sellen, Board member	Mark Conner, Water Superintendent
	Brandon White, Board member	Matt Rejman
	Al Armstrong, Board member	Joe Wargo
	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.

Resolution 34-2013 **APPROVAL OF January 9 MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

Resolved that the January 9, 2013 meeting minutes be approved

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Lorie Fessenden

RESOLUTION 35-2013 **APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

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

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

Resolved that the January 2013 Supervisor’s Report be approved.

RESOLUTION 36-2013 **APPROVAL OF TRANSFERRING ENCUMBERED FUNDS TO THE APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTS**

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

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

Resolved that encumbered funds be transferred.

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for January 2013

Dog Licenses \$ 109.00

Disbursements for January

Pd to Supervisor \$ 109.00

Pd to NYS Ag & Markets 17.00

RESOLUTION 37-2013 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

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

Resolved that the January 2013 Clerk's Report be accepted

HIGHWAY REPORT

Dale Sellen

In January the men have applied 242 ton of salt and cinder mix on our State roads and 321 ton of mix on our Town and County roads. The men have been working in the shop keeping up with repairs and maintenance on the plow equipment from the last storms we had. January's State forms are filled out and turned in to the County Highway for reimbursement to the Town for the State roads we maintain.

Frank discussed the State DOT's policy for no mix on their State roads with George Wethey at the last Superintendents meeting. He said he has been in contact with Chris Colvert, and would like to leave things the way they are for the remainder of the season. They both agreed that this is not the time to change things, as no one has the resources to take on more roads. They are however, going to discuss plans before the next snow season.

The Town received a letter from Mr. Wethey stating that the Town is in compliance.

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

Lorie Fessenden

Exemptions are due VERY soon. All property owners receiving Agricultural, Senior Citizen with low income, Enhanced Star or Disability exemptions must reapply each year. All exemption renewal and 1st time applications and documentation are due by March 1, 2013. Resident-property owners turning 65 years old by December 31, 2013 may be eligible for the Enhanced Star and/or Low income Senior Citizen exemption(s).

Veterans may also be eligible for an exemption depending on when and where they served during their military service.

Taxable Status date is March 1 as well. This means that property will be valued for 2013 assessment roll as it stands on March 1.

Mick provided me with the list of Building permits for the year. This helps to identify changes needing review a great deal and is very much appreciated.

I have also visited several properties as requested by property owners and have finished all the apportioned values for Town and County tax bills for any requested split parcels.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Garner, Town of Genoa Assessor

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT (December 2012)

Mick Piechuta
Hours: 24.0
Miles: 112

PERMITS ISSUED: 0

INSPECTIONS:

C. Ferguson	Rte. 90	B. McLaughlin	Maple St.
T. Komoroski	FL# 8	R. Dalton	FL#7
D. Pierce	Brooks Rd.	J. Lewis	Oberon
K. Wikoff	Academy St.	J. Morgan	Rte. 90

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Completed yearly reports and sent to Albany.
- Conducted an inspection at 10010 – Rte.90 on a complaint about sewage and frozen pipes. Situation was being taken care of and violations were found regarding the Property Maintenance and Fire Code. A “Notice of Violation” was given to the owner.
- Conducted an inspection at 1066 Maple St. on a report from the Fire Dept. of an oil smell. Contacted the owner and had repaired. Also corrected a Fire Code violation.
- Answered questions from residents about future projects.
- Put together a FOIL request from Gerald Relyea regarding a dispute he has with June Shufelt.

June Shufelt is suing Mr. Relyea who is suing the contractor who put in the 1st concrete slab under her home.

DOG CONTROL REPORT

None

WATER REPORT

Mark Conner

December total - 1,757,300 gallons

Daily average - 56,600 gallons

Matt has been helping Mark

Mark would like to attend the 2013 Water Conference. The cost is \$750 with the hotel costing \$135 per night.

RESOLUTION 38-2013 **ATTENDANCE AT THE 2013 WATER CONFERENCE**

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

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

Resolved that Mark may attend the 2013 Water Conference

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Cheryl Shields

There will be a meeting in March

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Lorie Fessenden

Lorie spoke with the Town Attorney who will return the Comp Plan to her by the end of February. It will then be sent to the Planning Department in Auburn.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Al Armstrong

He is waiting for warmer weather to fix the doors. The keys are here.

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Lorie Fessenden

Lorie has sent a letter to Mark Jordan (Ledyard Town Supervisor) and John Grover (Venice Town Supervisor) asking if they would be willing to help out financially with the summer program.

MORATORIUM DISCOVERY COMMITTEE

Lorie Fessenden

Lorie will ask the Town Attorney to start the process of drafting a document that will start the extension process of the current moratorium on hydro-fracturing. Once prepared it will be sent to the County Planning Office and a public hearing will be advertised as well.

RESOLUTION 39-2013 **MOTION TO START THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING AN EXTENSION**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fessenden, Armstrong, Sellen, Shields,
Nays 1 White

RESOLUTION 40-2013 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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

Resolved to accept the bills as presented and hold the Finger Lakes Dog Protection Agency check until the Supervisor receives the monthly report.

HISTORIAN

None

OLD BUSINESS

Lorie has not heard anything with regard to the Broadband grant. She will contact Gary Finch and Michael Nozzolio.

Lorie has talked with the Town Attorney regarding the part-time security officer position for the Court. He is looking into the stipulation that this person must live in the Town.

With regard to new Town Laws (traffic), Guy Krogh (Town Attorney) informed Lorie that NYS doesn't want money taken away from the State. If towns do adopt these laws, there may be a fine involved for doing so.

Lorie has handed out a draft of the revised Employee Handbook to Dale Sellen and Frank Sellen. There are still 4 or 5 sections to be added to this draft that will be taken out of the organizational meeting documents.

Dale and Frank will review and make edits to this draft.

RESOLUTION 41-2013 **APPROVAL OF Appointments 2013 Section C**

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

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

Resolved to accept the reworded Appointments 2013 Section C to read:

Board of Assessment Review: Five-year terms

- (1) George Nettleton – term 10/01/2008- 9/30/2013
- (2) Carolyn Robinson – term 10/01/2012- 9/30/2017
- (3) Kenton Patchen – term 10/01/2011- 9/30/2016

NEW BUSINESS

Lorie received a phone call from Assemblyman Michael Kearns asking for support of 2 foreclosure bills.

AN ACT to amend the real property actions and proceedings law, in relation to notice of contact information of a plaintiff in a mortgage foreclosure action and

AN ACT to amend the real property actions and proceedings law, in relation to requiring a plaintiff in a mortgage foreclosure action to maintain the subject property in good faith

RESOLUTION 42-2013 SUPPORT TWO FORECLOSURE BILLS INTRODUCED BY ASSEMBLYMAN MICHAEL KEARNS

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

ADOPTED individually:

Ayes Fessenden
Armstrong
Sellen
Shields
White

Nays 0

Resolved to support the two foreclosure bills

Lorie has received phone calls from Direct Energy, a company that bought NYSE&G Solutions. Does the Town stay or change? This will be discussed at a later meeting.

It was brought up that the Board members need to take a class in emergency preparedness. Upon further discussion, it was decided that all Board members have already taken this class.

Joe Wargo asked the Board to look into doing some work on County Line road. It needs a crown and some ditch work.

With no further business, on a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Armstrong, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk