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MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

April 10, 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 April 10, 2013

Present	Lorie Fessenden, Supervisor	Mick Piechuta, Code Enforcement Officer
	Cheryl Shields, Board member	Frank Sellen, Highway Superintendent
	Dale Sellen, Board member	Kim Bennett, Town Justice
	Brandon White, Board member	James Farney
	Al Armstrong, Board member (absent)	Dave Barnes
	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.

Dave Barnes spoke to the Board about expanding the annual Hare Scrambles in August to an endura event. He was asking permission to cross Bartnick and Mahaney roads with the motorcycles during the event. The drivers will slow down significantly at this time. The Board requested a map of the route. Dave will have it to the Board by the next meeting if not sooner. He will also supply proof of insurance.

James Farney spoke to the Board about the possibility of having a natural gas line expanded into the Town.

The March minutes were not approved at this because there wasn't a quorum. Two Board members weren't present at the March meeting. This will be addressed at the May meeting

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Lorie Fessenden

RESOLUTION 46-2013 **APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Sellen, Shields, White, Fessenden
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the March 2013 Supervisor's Report be approved.

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for March 2013

Certified Copy	\$ 10.00
Dog Licenses	174.00
Building Permits	295.00

Disbursements for March

Pd to Supervisor	\$ 479.00
Pd to NYS Ag & Markets	24.00

RESOLUTION 47-2013 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fessenden, Sellen, Shields, White
Nays 0

Resolved that the March 2013 Clerk’s Report be accepted

HIGHWAY REPORT

Dale Sellen

In March the men applied 223 ton of salt cinder mix to our State roads and 210 ton on our Town and County roads. The men have been working in the shop taking the plow equipment off and cleaning them up, getting them ready for storage.

The men have been hauling crusher run stone from Seneca Stone and stock piling it at the landfill for summer use. Jeff has been out cleaning up spots from the wing with the broom and the York rake. Eric has hauled patch, and been out filling pot holes left from winter.

Our State has secured more money for the CHIPS program. Our increase amounted to approximately \$ 23,000.00, which will bring our total up to about \$103,000.00. This should add a couple of miles to our chip seal program and help to maintain roads that would otherwise be overlooked.

Fingerlakes Communication has installed 10 new mobile radios in all our equipment. Emergency Management allowed us 3 hand held units as well, to be used for traffic control. So far the system seems to work fine. All of these units are capable of contacting 911 directly and can monitor other channels as well.

ASSESSOR’S UPDATE

Lorie Fessenden

Heather sent an email to the Supervisor stating that all exemptions had been received. Requests were sent to a portion asking for more information and some weren’t eligible for exemptions. May hours have been posted.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT (March 2013)

Mick Piechuta Hours: 27.5 Miles: 92

PERMITS ISSUED:

13 - 01	John Morgan	11153 Rt. 90	Roof	
13 – 02	John Meyers	991 Academy St	Basement Renovations	
13 – 03	S/B Moss	9252 Rt. 90	Kitchen/Bath Renovations	
C of C –	P. Signor	C. Sellen	K. Bennett	R. Conner
	Town Of Genoa	R. Fender	M. Farrell	C. Swartwood
	G. Nettleton	J. Beyea		

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INSPECTIONS:

D. Pierce	Brooks Road	J. Morgan	11153 Rt. 90
Lounsbury	Honoco Road	R. Conner	Bartnick Road
T. Komorosky	FL #8	R. Dalton	FL #7
P. Signor	Rt. 90	J. Beyea	Rt. 34
G. Nettleton	E. Genoa Road	M. Farrell	Clearview Road

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Met with B. Davis (Sills Rd.) regarding a pool project.
- Shared information with future resident of Brooks Road concerning a new home.
- Answered several questions concerning building lots on the lake and mobile home regulations within the town.
- Continue to review outstanding permits as to the status of their completion and issue Certificates of Compliance when appropriate.

DOG CONTROL REPORT

None

WATER REPORT

Frank Sellen

March total - 2,250,000 gallons

Daily average - 65,300 gallons

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Cheryl Shields

Tim Buhl is about done with the report. A question for the Committee is whether to increase the water rates for the residents. The average cost of water in the United States is \$685/year.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Lorie Fessenden

The Plan is complete and has been reviewed by the Town's attorney, Guy Krogh. Pages 6 and 7 were changed by Guy. Lorie will deliver a copy to Dave Stilwell.

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday evening, April 23 at 6:30 regarding the Comprehensive Plan. It will be followed at 7 p.m. by a public hearing regarding the Moratorium extension.

NOTE: Before these minutes were finalized, the Supervisor asked that the meetings be changed to Wednesday evening, April 24 at 6:30 and 7:00. A legal ad was placed in The Citizen with the date April 24.

RESOLUTION 48-2013 PUBLIC HEARING

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fessenden, Sellen, Shields, White
Nays 0

Resolved that the April 23 (changed to April 24) Public Hearing be advertised in The Citizen

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Lorie Fessenden

Inmates from the Cayuga County Jail will do odd jobs at the Town Hall on May 7 and 8. New mulch will be spread, the windows will be washed on the outside, the building will be sprayed with water to remove some of the dirt, etc.

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Lorie Fessenden

The Towns of Scipio and Venice have donated to the 2013 Swim Program.

MORATORIUM DISCOVERY COMMITTEE

Lorie Fessenden

Public Hearing date set

RESOLUTION 49-2013 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fessenden, Sellen, Shields, White
Nays 0

Resolved to accept the bills as presented and to hold the Dog Control Officer check until a report has been received.

HISTORIAN

None

Justice Bennett spoke to the Board about the conference he attended in Albany. One of the main topics discussed was a group calling themselves "Sovereign Citizens". This is a group who are causing problems with Town Courts and Court employees. NYS will now bond all justices and their employees.

In September, 2012, a new DWI law went into effect.

Kim will need a check for \$4000 as a deposit for the new security door for his office. This is part of the grant he was awarded. He has also purchased 6 chairs for the jury room.

Lorie told him that a resolution is needed to establish a constable position for the court. Kim said that isn't what he is asking for and he and Lorie will meet at a later time to discuss the issue further.

The Town Attorney suggested that the new laws recommended by Justice Bennett not be adopted

RESOLUTION 50-2013 **PERMISSION TO ISSUE DOWN PAYMENT CHECK FOR SECURITY DOOR**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fessenden, Sellen, Shields, White
Nays 0

Resolved to have a check issued as down payment on a security door for the Court

OLD BUSINESS

The broadband grant that was approved for the area doesn't include sufficient funds so Ledyard is lacking \$150,000 for a tower. Clarity Connect may start installation in about 4 weeks.

Lorie continues to revise the Employee Handbook.

Lorie has made contact with New Wave Energy Company. The Town should see a savings by switching to this energy company.

The Sharpsteen Cemetery request is still being discussed.

Lorie asked if it is necessary for the Board members to retake the NIMS 100 test.

There are logs in Salmon Creek between the ball field and the Fire Department plus debris.

Because this is a trout stream, it cannot be disturbed.

Dale attended the March 21 Hazard Mitigation meeting and shared the information and follow up with Cheryl who reported this to the Board.


NEW BUSINESS

The Supervisor was made aware of NYS Department of Labor law Section 27-a regarding elevators/the fire department.

Zee Medical submitted a proposal to the Town with regard to an AED Program. The Board doesn't want to participate. This has to do with having a defibrillator on the premises and also at the Town garage.

The second quarter payment has been sent to Southern Cayuga Instant Aid.

Two emails were received from concerned citizens - see below:


P.O. Box 112
9987 Rte. 90 E
Genoa, NY 13071

Dear Town Supervisor Lorrie Fessenden,

I am writing this letter in regards to home heating fuel. I am currently spending two-thirds more than I would otherwise spend, had I the capability to access natural gas. Would you kindly inform me why Town of Genoa constituents do not have the same opportunity to access a more clean, sustainable, cost-effective method of heating our homes, as say, the constituents of Locke, Moravia, Lansing, Ithaca and Auburn? It is my information that Wells College had wanted to access the natural gas grid a year or more ago and was unable to do so viz a pipeline. I have read that Governor Cuomo had issued a press release in Jan. '13 in regards to mandating that the utility companies work with NYS's Public Service Commission and elected officials to increase the amount of constituents with access to the grid, for alternative energy sources.

My thinking is that this would be an excellent time to make use of such an initiative/program with a future focus of acquiring an environmentally healthy and cost-effective method of heating our homes here in Genoa. At the same time, I also feel that this would be an excellent way to combat the market devaluation of home and property values here in Genoa. My husband and I purchased a home here almost three years ago and have watched it depreciate to nearly half its value, on such real estate-market Internet sites such as Trulia... I do believe that having a modern and cost-effective home energy source would help to defray such market decreases of the average homeowner's real estate value, in a housing market still suffering from 'The Great Recession.'

I have contacted the NYS Gas and Electric Co. and spoken with several people there. I have been informed that they cannot bring a pipeline to Genoa as they do not have a town franchise and to complete such a contract with the town, would take anywhere of a period of eleven to fourteen

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months. I have also been informed that the company would have to come a distance of approximately six miles for an approximate cost to install said pipeline, of \$1.2M. These estimates were figures approximated in the most general terms...

I want to urge you to initiate the machinations for modernizing and improving Genoa's accessibility to a more affordable method of heating our homes and with the utmost expediency. I am positive that any email survey conducted would reveal that the saving of two-thirds of constituent's energy costs would be considered a most desired and urgent matter to most people of Genoa. Personally, I am troubled when I have to spend two-thirds more for any product than my neighbors in the surrounding area, and I'm sure that others would agree. I have to believe that there are state or federal funds available to subsidize this initiative. Government should be in the business of public service. They and their vendors should not be in the business of making a profit, but rather to provide the best service to improve the quality of life to their customers. In my opinion, energy solutions should be a governmental 'top priority.'

Currently, our home in Genoa has five method's of home heating sources: coal, wood, propane, electric and oil. None are as practical as what we have available at our other home, downstate: natural gas; which is safe, clean, convenient, and a third of the price. I feel that the issue of protecting the public's health, safety and well being should be a priority of local government. Further, I feel that local government should have a plan to provide their constituents with fair and equal housing and energy prices with a future focus on sustainability. Please advise...

Please contact me with any questions or modifications for information of this letter. Please let me know if there is anything I may do to help, as I would like to. I have a high regard and deep fondness for this beautiful town and would like you to know how much my husband and I appreciate the work you do and have done, to make Genoa such a wonderful place to live.

Thank you for your time and attention which you may give this matter. Please include this letter in Genoa's Public Record of Correspondence. I am cc'ing this letter to the Town Board Members and Town Clerk with my many thanks and best regards to all.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 3:33 PM
To: supervisor@scccinternet.com
Subject: Fwd: Pavement/Sign Issue Genoa

I contacted D.O.T about the road deteriorating on the corner of 90 & Stevens street. Just wanted you to see this.

-----Original Message-----

From: Covert, Christopher
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Graves, Renee (DOT) (DOT) <Renee.Graves@dot.ny.gov>; Salis, Patricia (DOT) (DOT) <Patricia.Salis@dot.ny.gov>; Clark, Michelle (DOT) (DOT) <Michelle.Clark@dot.ny.gov>
Sent: Wed, Apr 3, 2013 2:08 pm
Subject: Pavement/Sign Issue Genoa

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

Thank you for contacting the department regarding your highway issues in Genoa. We have reviewed the area and find that the drainage is operating as intended. The "wash out" you refer to is some delaminating of the blacktop around the intersection of Route 90 and Stevens Street. Once the blacktop plants open in early May, we will schedule repairs to this location.

In regard to the parking signs, our sign crew will schedule work to re-position the signs so they properly warn motorists of NO PARKING in this area. This work will be completed by the end of April.

Should you have any further questions, please contact me at the residency.

NYS DOT

Cayuga/Seneca Residency

Christopher P Covert, P.E., Resident Engineer

315-539-3112 (office)

315-378-7621 (cell)

Christopher P Covert

Lorie received a report from Workers' Comp. All cases have been closed.

NYSE&G sent a notice about energy efficiency for Town lighting.

Matt Sellen will continue to mow for the Town.

The computer at the Town garage is 8 years old. Frank will look into purchasing a new one.

Lorie asked Frank if he is still planning to purchase a 10-wheeler next year. Frank confirmed.

He will also inquire about the money that is to be reimbursed to the Town for the bridge work.

With no further business, on a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Sellen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk