

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

June 12, 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 June 12, 2013

Present	Lorie Fessenden, Supervisor Cheryl Shields, Board member Dale Sellen, Board member Brandon White, Board member Al Armstrong, Board member Sue Moss, Clerk	Mick Piechuta, Code Enforcement Officer Kim Bennett, Town Justice Mark Conner, Water Superintendent Brenda Tyrrell, Court Clerk Don Slocum
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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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT (May 2013)

Mick Piechuta Hours: 35 Miles: 130

PERMITS ISSUED:

13 – 09	Gerry Ryan	3910 Goose St.	Addition
Demo-02	Tim Driscoll	702 Indianfield Rd.	House
13 – 10	Richard Dean	1054 Dean Rd.	Mobile Home
13 – 11	John Meyers	991 Academy St.	Renovations
13 – 12	Annette Cook	323 Mahaney Rd.	Roof
13 – 13(R)	Tim Powers	1026 FL#6	Garage

INSPECTIONS:

D. Pierce	Brooks Rd.	Jodi Edwards(C of O)	Rt. 90
Launsbury(C of C)	Honoco Rd.	J. Lewis	Oberon Dr.
R. Dalton	FL#7	R. Carlton	Powers Rd.
J. Tripp	Powers Rd.	T. Driscoll	Indianfield Rd.
G. Ryan	Goose St.	Man in the Moon Bakery	
B. McLaughlin’s Apartments		Malcolm Underwood	Rt. 90
		(Site Visit)	

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Increased occupancy at the Bakery in King Ferry by 26 people.
- Met with Mark Johnson who owns 775 South Street and came up with a program for which to demolish house.
- Met with Bettie McLaughlin at their office. Received inspection reports from Homesite Development where rental units were inspected and found to be OK. Also inspected three of their units and found minor violations.
- Answered many questions concerning projects on the lake, decks, and other future projects

Mick told the Board that he had visited the McLaughlin properties and has satisfied Judge Bennett’s request to do so.

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RESOLUTION 61-2013 **APPROVAL OF May 8 MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

Resolved that the May 8, 2013 meeting minutes be approved

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Lorie Fessenden

RESOLUTION 62-2013 **APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

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

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

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

The Supervisor noted that the Highway contractual account has used 70% of its total budget. Last year at this time, the account was on track. She will be checking into the difference. She also stated that payment to Fisher Associates will be put on hold until reimbursements are received.

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for May 2013

Certified Copies	\$ 40.00
Dog Licenses	290.00
Building Permits	65.00
Disbursements for May	
Pd to Supervisor	\$ 395.00
Pd to NYS Ag & Markets	43.00

RESOLUTION 63-2013 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

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

Resolved that the May 2013 Clerk's Report be accepted

HIGHWAY REPORT

Dale Sellen

The men have been hauling crusher run limestone from Seneca Stone for paving and have 2,300 ton hauled in so far. They will be switching to 1st stone for seal coating soon.

Matt has been ditching and replacing cross culverts and driveway pipes.

The men have finished laying down pug-mill mix with the grader on a section of Mahaney Road that had wheel tracked from heavy truck traffic. This seemed to work well and could be a cost affective way to deal with this sort of thing in the future.

Frank delivered a letter and a list of the County Roads in our Town that need maintenance to Legislator Petcher. The Towns of Locke, Venice and Ledyard were also included on the list. Hans will present this letter at the next Legislative meeting for their review.

Frank contacted ENER-PATH regarding the NYSEG electric rebate efficiency program, letting them know that the Town would not be taking part in their program, as the Board felt that it could be done cheaper through Friedman Electric.

There has been no word from Bruce Natale regarding the Salmon Creek stream blockage. Frank has another call into his office, waiting for a response back.

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

Lorie Fessenden

The Assessor reported that on June 4, "grievance day", there were ten applications for review.

DOG CONTROL REPORT

Lorie Fessenden

Lorie discussed an email received from the clerk about a Town resident who had been bitten by a dog. The dog is not licensed and was not up-to-date on shots at the time. The Dog Control Officer did not confiscate the dog nor did he issue a ticket.

The Dog Control Officer issued a report stating that on May 22nd he spent 1.5 hours in the Town and reported no problems.

WATER REPORT

Mark Conner

March total - 2,454,000 gallons

Daily average - 79,160 gallons

Mark reported on the water conference he attended. He said that the conference is now covering new topics and found it very informative this year.

Lorie asked him about when hydrant flushing will take place. He stated that Genoa is done and there is just one more to be done in King Ferry.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Cheryl Shields

A meeting was held last week and rate increases were discussed. The Committee is suggesting that the minimum usage number be increased from 10,000 to 12,000 gallons and the rate increase from \$35 to \$50. The minimum increases will increase the revenue by \$17,000. The Committee would like this increase to take effect in November and has suggested that an information letter about this be sent to residents in August. The water project will cost approximately \$680,000 and will take place over a number of years. The Town still will have a lower-than-average cost per person statewide.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

None

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Lorie Fessenden

The 2013 Swim Program has lost 3 instructors from last year. Lorie is looking for replacements.

RESOLUTION 64-2013 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved to accept the bills as presented.

HISTORIAN

None

Judge Bennett sent a letter to the Supervisor that she shared with the Board and the Clerk. The letter was regarding a Staples order and the Judge's JCAP grant. The Judge felt that he should have received a 5% discount for his order. He stated that this is stated on the Staples website. The Clerk informed him that the 5% is offered as part of the Staples reward program and is only sent to the buyer after a purchase has been made. This is done once a month and can be applied to future orders.

Judge Bennett also asked the Board why left over monies from 2012 totaling \$50.03 were not available this year. He was informed that if this money is not used during the year which it was awarded, it is lost.

RESOLUTION 65-2013 **APPROVAL FOR A \$50.03 INCREASE TO JUDGE'S 2013 CONTRACTUAL ACCOUNT**

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved to increase Judge Bennett's contractual account for 2013 by \$50.03.

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It was suggested that a separate Staples account be opened for the Court.

OLD BUSINESS

Lorie told the Board that a flyer is at the printers waiting to be printed. This will be mailed to Town residents regarding Clarity Connect and broadband access.

Lorie stated that Kim had contracted the Town Attorney, Guy Krogh, regarding the suggested local laws. Lorie informed him that Board approval is needed before anyone other than the Supervisor contacts Mr. Krogh. The Board has, in the past, discussed new Town laws suggested by Judge Bennett. The Supervisor has contacted Mr. Krogh and also the Association of Towns regarding this issue. Both Mr. Krogh and the AOT agree that we should adopt no new laws. Mr. Krogh suggested trying to initiate one new law to increase town funds. This would be a local parking law with no surcharge added to the fine so the Town would be able to keep the funds.

RESOLUTION 66-2013 **APPROVAL TO LOOK INTO THIS LOCAL LAW**

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

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

Resolved to look into the adoption of this local law.

With regard to the “special police officer” position with the Court, Lorie informed Judge Bennett that this person must be a Cayuga County resident and will be a contractual hire by the Town Board. Judge Bennett told the Board that he wants this position to be a Civil Service position. The Board would like to review the job description and proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION 67-2013 **APPROVAL TO LOOK INTO THIS LOCAL LAW**

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

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

Resolved to review the position and proposed resolution

The Board discussed the Employee Handbook. Dale had some revision he wanted to discuss -

- He wanted to add that a DOT physical be required along with a drug test.
- If employment is terminated, the employee would be paid for any unused vacation and sick time. This would also include comp time.
- If an observed holiday falls on a Saturday, employees will have Friday off; if an observed holiday falls on a Sunday, employees will have Monday off.
- An employee must work for the Town for ten years in order to purchase insurance from the Town after leaving employment.
- Should insurance be available to a new employee before probation is up?

A letter was sent to the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature concerning maintaining our roads with salt during the winter months and also the condition of Lake Road.

NEW BUSINESS

- In a discussion with AmeriGas, Dale was able to reach an agreement to a price of \$.80 above cost for the Town's propane.
- Cayuga County will be holding a multi-jurisdictional all-hazard mitigation plan public meeting on June 19 at 6 pm.
- Lorie received a request for \$1000 from Mercy Flight. They are asking for support for their organization. This would be for next year.
- The Museum and School House are in need of a new roof. An estimate of \$12,430 has been given. The Town can, perhaps, pay ½ of the cost.
- Caitlyn Julia Enterprises has submitted a mining application. Lorie has placed a call to Elizabeth Tracey regarding this application but has not received a call back. Advertising should be in our area, not Syracuse. Notification must be made to the DEC regarding set-back, modification, etc.

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

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk