

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

December 11, 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 December 11, 2013

Present	Lorie Fessenden, Supervisor	Mick Piechuta, Code Enforcement Officer
	Cheryl Shields, Board member	Maria Bachich
	Dale Sellen, Board member	Dave Stilwell
	Brandon White, Board member	Kim Bennett, Town Justice
	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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT (November 2013)

Hours: 23.5

Miles: 79.5

PERMITS ISSUED:

13 – 51	Stacy Hilliard	9969-Rt. 90	Shed
13 – 52	Mike Murray	8870-Rt. 90	Roof

INSPECTIONS:

S. Lippincott (C of C)	Rt. 90	Elkendale Reality (C of C)	Tupper Rd
BUILD lab (C of C)	FL#6	T. Driscoll	Indian Field Rd
R. Brisson	Powers Rd	Mike Murray (C of C)	Rt. 90
P. Leonard	Shingle Valley	R. Carlton	Powers Rd
W. Doing (C of C)	Indian Field Rd	G. Ryan (C of C)	Goose St

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Continue to monitor outstanding permits.
- Follow up on resident in Genoa who was given an “Order to Remedy” violations
- Continue to work with residents on future projects and bring outstanding permits up to date.
- Conduct fire inspections at some local businesses.

Mick reported that there are 2 to 3 more permits than last year at this time.

Also, the resident who received the “Order to Remedy” is no longer in that home.

Dave Stilwell asked the Board for the status of Clarity Connect and broadband for the Town. Lorie attended a Supervisors’ meeting and Keith Batman (Scipio Town Supervisor) said that there are some papers that need signing at the County level but continue to need prodding to do so.

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Dave asked about the moratorium regarding fracking. Lorie explained that a law was adopted to extend the moratorium for one more year. She feels the 3 committees formed need to meet again. Marie said that her committee is ready.

He also asked that the Comprehensive Plan be put on the Town's website and that the Comprehensive Plan committee is willing to help in any way concerning fracking.

RESOLUTION 100-2013 **APPROVAL OF November 13 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 November 13, 2013 meeting minutes be approved

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Lorie Fessenden

There will be transfers to be discussed at the year-end meeting. Also, Lorie contacted the State with regard to the refund owed the Town due to the bridge repair cancellation. She was told more paperwork needs to be done.

RESOLUTION 101-2013 **APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

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

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for November 2013

Dog Licenses	\$ 192.00
Building Permits	250.00
Miscellaneous	50.00 (1 demolition application)
Certified Copies	30.00

Disbursements for November

Pd to Supervisor	\$ 522.00
Pd to NYS Ag & Markets	33.00

RESOLUTION 102-2013 **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 November 2013 Clerk's Report be accepted

REPORTS

HIGHWAY REPORT

Dale Sellen

In November, the men have been getting the equipment ready for the snow season. Eric and Jeff have been out with the patch truck, catching some last minute holes. Matt spent a few days on County Line Hill with the ditcher, knocking back some trees and straightening out spots in the ditches.

Looks as though winter duties have begun. The men have been out to plow and sand quite often. The men have the grader dressed for winter and have the equipment on # 9, 10 wheeler. It appears that Cayuga County Highway will be taking care of route 34 and route 90 at this point. Looks as though route 34 B may be maintained by the State DOT. Frank was contacted by NYS D.O.T. about the bridge reimbursements. It appears that there is one form that has to be reviewed, signed and returned to them before the money can be released. Frank told them as soon as he received it, he would get it back to them as soon as possible. She said the magic date of December 31st may not be realistic, but they would try. Frank told her he would relay the message to the board.

WATER REPORT

Sue Moss

November total - 1,982,000 gallons

Daily average - 66,060 gallons

DOG CONTROL REPORT

None

Received November 12

Issued ticket #4821 to Keeley McGarr for Gunther

No one home at the following addresses:

Thayer, State Route 34

Davis, Academy Street

Brown, Indian Field Road

VanDuesen, Stewarts Corners Road

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Cheryl Shields

Cheryl has a call in to Tim Buhl. She's hoping to meet with him next week.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

None

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

None

HISTORIAN

Lorie Fessenden

Town of Genoa Historian's End of Year Report for 2012 – Marilyn Mann

As Town of Genoa Historian, I worked collaboratively with the GHA Board to develop a list of goals for 2013 (attached). Together, we were very successful with these and will do the same for 2014.

The attempt to have the Rural Life Museum open on a regular basis (MWF 10-4) plus by appointment evenings and weekends was successful with the help of 7 volunteers.

There were approximately 688 recorded visitors to the Rural Life Museum between January-December 2013.

Compliments continue about the GHA website, mostly due to the historical images that have been scanned and identified. Contact through email and our website has increased; Facebook sharing has been successful. The website continues to be a work in progress (GenoaHistorical.org).

Typically, GHA aims for 8-12 programs for the year. Due to interest and requests, 21 programs were held this year (attached). Most successful were the starred programs; least successful were those identified with (-).

An awarded technology grant benefitted us with program presentations. The Cayuga Community Fund Grant allowed us to upgrade and purchase new technology equipment and make our programs more mobile. For the upcoming year, our focus will be on technology training for more of our volunteers.

Our group and individual tours were successful, especially the King Family Mini-Reunion. School classes continue to visit from SCCS and it is especially nice to work with the high school local history class and individual SCCS alumni at various colleges. Generally, we receive positive feedback on whatever services we provide to both individuals and groups as we tailor research and tours to provide whatever resources we can. This would not be possible without a very dedicated staff of volunteers (Marcia Hagin, Joanne Kopp, Marge Utter, Vicki Sheils, Dorothy Barger, Pauline Lippincott, Mary Beth Correll) and a Board of Trustees that puts in many hours to keep the facility working smoothly.

Attached you will find our list of 2013 programs, our 2013 accomplishments, our 2014 goals. I look forward to working with the Genoa Historical Association and Rural Life Museum volunteers as Town of Genoa Historian for 2014.

Accomplishments 2013:

Genoa Historical Association and Town of Genoa Historian, very much a team effort:

- Facility availability weekdays (MWF); evenings and weekends by appointment.
- Broadened our volunteer staff to include more docents, thereby encouraging and increasing involvement with the museum.
- GHA membership remains at approximately 325.
- Worked with the History Coalition of Cayuga County to make the smaller county museums more visible, plus sharing of programs and resources.
- Submitted two grants to facilitate our mission of preservation, programming and research. Both were denied this year. Our hope is to try again in 2014 for an historical marker for the mill in Genoa, the glitch being primary documentation for the specific building of the facility. The second being that we had already received a grant the previous year.
- Shared resources and encouraged student involvement with Wells College, Brockport and Southern Cayuga Schools through an internship, programs and community service opportunities. (Peachtown visited for the first time in 2013.)
- Shared responsibility with the Town of Genoa for facility repairs to the roof.
- Worked with several other organizations to implement community programs.
- Took an active interest in Historical Markers in/for the area.
- Made use of the availability of the Community Service Program (Cay Co Jail) for various community projects... RLM, churches, cemeteries, ...
- Improved the Barn Exhibit with a documented photo inventory of barn items.

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Topics to investigate further with the Town the Genoa:

- Storage space
- Barn exhibit
- Insulation of attic
- Marked out boundaries
- Historical Marker possibilities

*Visitors from 14 states, Sweden, Germany were recorded.

Genoa Historical Association Programs – 2013

Peachtown School – primary grades

*St. Patrick's Day Celebration – Hagin Family (sixth year)

Technology Workshop

Agriculture: Past and Present

*Cemetery Restoration: Hands-on workshop

Living in Genoa for a Lifetime: Senior Citizen Recognition

Genealogy Research: Sharing Resources

*SCCS Fourth Grade Tour (58 students)

Wedding Reception for Long Time Marriages (25 years or more)

*Anne Frank Program with Marion Blumenthal

2 Floating Classroom Tours on Cayuga Lake

Wheat Harvest Festival and Parade (19th year)

*King Family: Mini-Reunion

Walking Tour of King Cemetery

(2) Stories on Cemetery Stones – Mary Beth Correll

*West Genoa Cemetery Walk

-Annual Luncheon at Man in the Moon Bakery and Café , with Smith's Store Museum, Manzari's Texaco, the Rural Life Museum and the SC Community Center various exhibits.

*SCCS Local History High School Class (22 students)

-Open House Holiday Program – Traditions, music, cookie exchange

Total – 21 programs

In addition, hosted numerous group meetings for the History Coalition of Cayuga County, the SCCS Anne Frank Committee, plus worked with individuals or groups such as the Cornell Wanderers (unofficial title), The KF Arts Center, the Seward House, Cayuga County Community Service Program, Smith's General Store Museum, Manzari's Texaco Station and others.

Genoa Historical Goals 2014

Proposed Goals for 2014:

- • Visible boundary markers
- • Insulation of Attic
- • Vents for school house
- • Organization of records room
- • Evaluation textiles
- • School house inventory, meeting room, repository, household (plus video tape contents)
- • Cross training for volunteers
- • Technology training
- • Raise awareness of our past, and preservation of buildings with historical significance.

ONGOING GOALS

- **BARN TIGHTENING, CONTACT Greg Wellott and Randy Nash with a possible quote**
- Examine additional storage options (possibly add another barn from period)
- Video tape from local seniors recalling memories
- Photograph items in the barn
- Check on painting schemes for the entire building
- Continued publication of the Genoa-King Ferry Tribune
- Annual Wheat Harvest Festival in August
- Continued upgrade to GHA Website and Facebook: genoahistorical.org
- Continued scanning of historical images and documents
- Collaboration with History Coalition of Cayuga County
- Collaboration with Town of Genoa and various local organizations working for the betterment of the town
- Continued community tours (Hamlet of Genoa, cemeteries, schoolhouse sites...)
- Explore ways to include Genoa in programs (as well as KF)
- Promote School and Group Tours of RLM
- Continued cemetery attention and restoration projects
- Collaboration with other educational facilities (SCCS, Wells..)
- Continued community programs
- Increase membership and donations
- Increase Genealogy research
- Attention to NYS Historical Markers in the Town of Genoa
- Explore various Grant Applications
- Continued involvement with the Community Service Program through CC Jail
- Address necessary Rural Life Museum facility repairs
- Make available for purchase variety of reprinted Books and Booklets
- Improvement of corner sign at Route 90 and 34B and Route 90 in Genoa
- Continue with Annual GHA Meeting and Luncheon
- Contribute to a local historic preservation committee or working group to identify, document and seek assistance in preserving the Town's many historic resources.
- CDs of GHA programs
- Improvement in the Barn exhibit
- Review Collections Management Policy
- Organizing Barn

RESOLUTION 103-2013 APPROVAL OF BILLS

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 to accept the bills as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

The broadband issue was discussed earlier in the meeting.

There was nothing new to report on the Caitlin Julia Enterprises LLC mining permit.

No further bonding is needed for Judge Bennett. Judge Bennett looked over 15 applications Lorie had received from Carol Wacco. Dave Buck worked one evening for the Court. The Association of Towns says it is not necessary to have an armed person in the court. It was suggested that the Board members attend a court night to see exactly what goes on. Another thought was that people are aware of the date and time because court night is a regularly scheduled event. There will be more discussion on this issue at the year-end meeting.

The Cooperative Extension will be holding a meeting at the town hall on December 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Lorie has spoken with the new City Administrator, Suzanne Sinclair, about the Broadband issue.

Dale Sellen will be joining the Variance Board starting January 1, 2014. This is a five-year term.

The year-end meeting will be held December 27 at 5 p.m.

The Organizational Meeting and first Board meeting of the year will be held on January 15 at 6 p.m.

The Judge's audit review will also take place at this meeting.

The pay increase scheduled at the Organizational Meeting will have an effective date of January 7, 2014.

The Town attorney, Guy Krogh will not increase his rates for 2014 but will for 2015.

With no further business, on a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Armstrong, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk