

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

December 10, 2014

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 10, 2014

Present	Lorie Sellen-Gross, Supervisor	Mick Piechuta
	Cheryl Shields, Board Member	Bob Folts
	Don Slocum, Board Member	Kim Bennett
	Brandon White, Board Member	
	Al Armstrong, Board Member (absent)	
	Sue Moss, Clerk	

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Lorie Sellen-Gross with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Kim spoke to the Board about the lighting that is being installed in the Court parking lot. The lights were mounted in the wrong location and will be re-installed in the correct position. Kim stated that this must be done by the end of the year or he will have to return the grant money he received for this project. He was assured it would be finished in time.

A new probation officer has been hired and would like to attend a Tuesday court night so that he can meet those people in the area who are on probation. He wanted approval from the Board before this is scheduled. The Board approved.

The Board will conduct the yearly court audit at the first meeting for 2015. This will be held on January 14.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Lorie Fessenden

RESOLUTION 94-2014 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved that the November 2014 Supervisor's Report be approved.

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for November 2014

Dog Licenses \$ 139.00

Certified Copies 10.00

Disbursements for October

Pd to Supervisor \$ 149.00

Pd to NYS Ag & Markets 23.00

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RESOLUTION 95-2014 CLERK’S REPORT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved that the November 2014 Clerk’s Report be accepted

REPORTS

HIGHWAY REPORT

Brandon White

There was no report as everyone was busy plowing today. Brandon reported that everything is running smoothly

ASSESSOR REPORT

Lorie Sellen-Gross

I am hoping to have all the renewal applications out in the mail before Christmas. However, I am still waiting for the envelopes to come in. If you speak with any property owners who are anxious about the late arrival of the renewals, please encourage them to stop by to see me. I will gladly pull their renewal and let them complete it in the office.

I am continuing to work on the valuation update for 2015. I have been reviewing inventory, condition of the comparable sales and preliminary 2015 values for each property in town. I have met with Jeff Lowe several times already and will meet with him a few more times to ensure I am meeting the requirements for NYS reimbursement.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Garner

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT (November 2014)

Mick Piechuta

Hours: 25.5 Miles: 95

PERMITS ISSUED:

14-46	Mark Goldfarb	927 Fire Lane #6	Addition
14-47	CEC Energy - R. Conner	918 Bartnick Road	Wind Turbine
14-48	CEC Energy - T. Rejman	901 State Route 34B	Wind Turbine
14-49	CEC Energy - T. Rejman	933 State Route 34B	Wind Turbine

INSPECTIONS:

Frank Vakerich	955 FL 6	Bob Lampman (C of O)	Fire Lane #2
Bob Lampman	Fire Lane #2	J. Binns	Route 34B
John Grant	Creek Rd.	Mark Goldfarb	Fire Lane #6
D. Mandel	Route 90	B. Vanderhoof	Route 90
T. May	Route 34B	P. Wilson	Lansing/Genoa Townline Road
Brad Bilinski	Fire Lane #6		

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

Received a new computer program from the Health Department, helping to get information concerning properties
Reviewed variance requests for M. Goldberg and R. McLaughlin
Attended Variance Board meeting (McLaughlin)
Reviewed applications from CEC Energy concerning three wind turbine projects
Reviewed an application for a photo-voltaic system on Powers Road (G. VanBenschoten)
Received a reply from the town attorney regarding the "Trash & Junk Law". It needs some review and changes.
Reviewed with Mark an issue where someone hooked up water meters that were shut off in May. This was found when a leak was at this address. More to come.

WATER REPORT

None

DOG CONTROL REPORT

None

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

None

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

None

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

None

RESOLUTION 96-2014 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
 Nays 0

Resolved to accept the bills as presented. It was noted that the reimbursement to Kim Bennett for a return and purchase from Staples will be issued without sales tax that was erroneously calculated into the return of merchandise.

OLD BUSINESS

It was reported that the December 4 meeting regarding the Maplewood Cemetery on Bartnick Road went well. There were 12 attendees and five people volunteered to be a trustee for the cemetery. The Genoa Historical Association will help with the record keeping. There was a volunteer to mow the cemetery for one year. Don Slocum will be the liaison for the group. The cell tower meeting took place on November 13. It was determined that the lot where the proposed tower is to be placed is large enough. Fencing will be erected and gravel will be placed so there will be no lawn to mow. The tower will be 200 feet in height and the lease agreement will be up for renewal every five years. Lorie will send the proposed lease agreement to the town attorney for review.

The Clerk sent more information to the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services regarding the appointment of Ralph Gray. No word yet if anything more is needed.

It has been discussed that someone needs to be appointed as a substitute Water Department Superintendent if such a need arises. It was suggested that Matt Rejman take on this position.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Folts presented a revision to the barn extension project plan to the Board. The Genoa Historical Association has run out of storage space and this is their main priority. Also, the driveway is in need of repair and sealing should take care of this.

Lorie was informed that there will be no dental insurance premium increase.

After numerous meetings and directives from town resident meetings and appointed committee chair meetings, the Town Board is directing the town attorney to draft a local law to Ban/Prohibit Hydrofracturing within the Town of Genoa. **The Town of Genoa wants to prohibit natural gas and petroleum exploration and extraction activities, the underground storage of natural gas, and the disposal of natural gas or petroleum extraction, exploration and production wastes.**

RESOLUTION 97-2014 APPROVAL OF OFFICE SUPPLY PURCHASING BY TOWN CLERK

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum, White
Nays 0

Resolved that all Town offices will go through the Town Clerk for all office supply purchasing effective this date.

Board discussion took place on restructuring the water clerk position's administrative work (billing and receipt of payments) along with dissolving that position with the Civil Service Commission. A resolution to do this was made and resolved. The Supervisor has been directed to notify the Water Clerk of this decision and the Cayuga County Civil Service Office.

RESOLUTION 98-2014 RESOLUTION RESTRUCTURING THE TOWN OF GENOA WATER DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE WORK TO PROVIDE FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY, COST SAVINGS, AND MORE RESPONSIVE CITIZEN SERVICES AT AN OVERALL LOWER COST

The following Resolution was duly presented for consideration by the Town Board of the Town of Genoa:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has long considered a myriad of changes and updates to the manners in and by which municipal water is supplied throughout the Town of Genoa, from benefit district or improvement area updates to service and billing updates; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has examined particular aspects of such changes from a cost-savings and efficiency perspective and examined such issues at its October 23, 2014 budget work session meeting, and at such meeting a basic organizational restructuring of the provision of certain services was examined; and

WHEREAS, and in previous years, the Town Board had annually appointed a part-time water clerk position which resulted in certain employment costs, certain more limited office hours, and which bifurcated the water billing and bill collection systems; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Clerk's Office, with the assistance of the Town Bookkeeper, will undertake the provision of such work, which plan will provide for lower costs, more office hours, more consistency in process, and better coordination between billing and collection, all with the added benefit of the Town Clerk already being bonded for the handling or mishandling of public funds, such as water payments; and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration thereupon, the Town Board of the Town of Genoa has hereby

RESOLVED and SO ORDERED that, for the reasons stated of above, the appointed position of the Water Clerk shall be abolished as of December 31, 2014, effective at 11:59 pm, said "Water Clerk" position being listed on the Town's Civil Service Roster as a "Clerk PT" position by and under the Cayuga County Department of Human Resources, Civil Service Commission Rules; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to give to any employees and agencies (as applicable) affected by this Resolution the following notices: (i) written notice to any affected employee, within 5 working days of this Resolution (per Labor Law §§ 195 and 217), of the exact date of such termination as well as the exact date of cancellation of employee benefits connected with such termination; (ii) to any affected employee, a required COBRA notice for extending health insurance coverage and any other required notification; and (iii) to the Civil Service Commission, a notice of elimination of such position from the Town's Civil Service Roster; and it is further

RESOLVED, that: (i) the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs that all water clerk and related billing functions shall be hereafter undertaken by the Town Clerk's Office, with the assistance of the Town Bookkeeper; (ii) the Organizational Resolutions for 2015 reflect this change; and (iii) the adopted budget for FY 2015 be amended by moving any funding for such now abolished position to the General Fund, the Town Clerk's budget line(s), or to such other budget location as appropriate as hereafter determined by further Resolution of the Town Board should it be determined it needed to be done; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Board member Donald Slocum, duly seconded by Board member White, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Board member Albert J. Armstrong, Jr.	-	absent
Board member Cheryl Shields	-	aye
Board member Donald Slocum	-	aye
Board member Brandon White	-	aye
Supervisor Lorie Fessenden	-	aye

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on December 10, 2014.

The Town of Genoa end-of-year Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 29 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Supervisor was contacted by a representative of Colonial Life Insurance Co. She is a local resident and would like to speak with Town employees about disability, life, accidental death, etc. insurance policies. Brandon will talk with the Highway employees to see if anyone is interested.

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With no further business, on a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Slocum, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk