

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

January 14, 2015

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 January 14, 2015

Present	Lorie Sellen-Gross, Supervisor	Frank Sellen
	Cheryl Shields, Board Member	Mick Piechuta
	Don Slocum, Board Member	Brenda Tyrrell
	Brandon White, Board Member	Kim Bennett
	Al Armstrong, Board Member	John Boles
	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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT (January 2015)

Mick Piechuta

Hours: 37.0

Miles: 113.0

PERMITS ISSUED:

15 – 01	Michael VanAmburgh	815 Lake Rd.	Demo Barn & Garage
15 – 02	G. VanBenschoten	539 Powers Rd.	Photovoltaic System
15 – 03(R)	Ted Rejman	943 – Rt. 34B	Deck (Renewal)
15 – 04	Ted Rejman	943 – Rt. 34B	Geo-thermal system
15 – 05	Verizon Wireless	8407 Rt. 90	New Antennas

INSPECTIONS:

M Goldfarb	FL#6	J. Mitchell	Bradley St.
P. Wilson	Gen/Lan Townline	D. Mandel	Rt. 90
G. VanBenschoten	Powers Rd.	J. Binns	Rt. 90
P. Donovan	Lake Rd.	B. Bilinski	FL#6
T. May	Rt. 34B	J. Grant	Creek Rd.
Helena Chemicals	Rt. 34	J. Beyea (C o C)	Bradley St.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Did plan review of the Photovoltaic system at 539 Powers Rd.
- Worked on New Junk Law (No AI)
- Met with contractor on a project on Powers Rd. (No Permit Needed).
- Talked to B&J Consultants regarding King Ferry House Project.
- Sent Chet Ferguson a detailed “Order to Remedy Violations” after doing a thorough inspection.
- Reviewed Verizon’s proposal for additional antennas on Tower on Rt. 90 (Dunkel)
- Start to work on Yearly Reports
- Again continue to work with residents on future projects.

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Judge Bennett handed out (to everyone in attendance) the Checklist for Review of Justice Court Records for 2014. He went over each page and answered questions from the Board. He also asked that he receive the monthly Supervisor's Report.

Resolution 8-2015 **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 29 YEAR-END MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

Resolved to accept December 29 year-end meeting minutes

Cheryl informed Judge Bennett that John Conner will be finishing up with the parking lot lights in a few days. Judge Bennett will need a receipt when the work is finished.

Board member White left the meeting at this time.

RESOLUTION 9-2015 **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT TRANSFERS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Sellen-Gross, Slocum, Shields
Nays 0

Resolved that account transfers be approved

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Lorie Sellen-Gross

RESOLUTION 10-2015 **APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Sellen-Gross, Shields, Slocum,
Nays 0

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

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for December 2014

Certified Copies	50.00
Dog Licenses	112.00
Building Permits	1350.00

Disbursements for September

Pd to Supervisor	\$ 1512.00
Pd to NYS Ag & Markets	12.00

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RESOLUTION 11-2015 CLERK'S REPORT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Sellen-Gross, Slocum, Shields
Nays 0

Resolved that the December 2014 Clerk's Report be accepted

REPORTS

HIGHWAY REPORT

Frank Sellen

There was no written report but Frank said the crew has been "plowing, sanding and fixing".

ASSESSOR REPORT

None

WATER REPORT

Frank Sellen

1,802,800 - December total

58,100 - Average

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

None

HISTORIAN

As Town of Genoa Historian, I worked collaboratively with the GHA Board to develop a list of goals for 2014. Together, we were very successful with these and will do the same for 2015.

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 5 volunteers.

There were approximately 635 recorded visitors to the Rural Life Museum between January-December 2014, with additional contact through our website and Facebook page.

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. We hope to give more attention to the website this year, with more labeled photographs that are being scanned (GenoaHistorical.org). This is an on-going process.

Mary Beth Correll has taken on a leadership role with the museum. Together we have researched and submitted three applications for the Pomeroy Grant, each consisting of interest in placing another Historical Marker in the Town of Genoa. Our plan, should any of these grants be accepted, would be to move the Town of Genoa sign, currently in front of the museum, to the Town Hall property. Hopefully, we would place a Northville sign in its place. Also, we have submitted a request for a sign indicating the Genoa Mill and for the property of

Jabez Bradley. Recipients of these awards will be announced in March. We are hopeful. We will also be searching for a grant to apply toward the barn project.

Typically GHA aims for 8- 12 programs for the year. Our group and individual tours, plus our programs, were considered successful, especially the 25th Anniversary of the Schoolhouse. School classes continue to visit from SCCS and it is especially nice to work with the high school students and individual SCCS alumni at various colleges. Generally, we receive positive feedback on whatever services we provide to 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 (Mary Beth Correll, Marcia Hagin, Marge Utter, Dorothy Barger, Pauline Lippincott) and a Board of Trustees (attached list) that puts in many hours to keep the facility working smoothly.

Goals for 2015 will be developed at our January meeting. I look forward to working with the Genoa Historical Association and Rural Life Museum volunteers as Town of Genoa Historian for 2015.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Mann

Team effort Accomplishments 2014 - Genoa Historical Association and Town of Genoa Historian:

- 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 three grants to facilitate our mission of preservation, programming.
- Shared resources and encouraged student involvement with Wells College, Brockport and Southern Cayuga Schools through an internship, programs and community service opportunities.
- Shared responsibility with the Town of Genoa for facility repairs.
- 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, ...
- Developed a proposal for storage space behind the barn. Intent to implement in 2015.
- Organized a number of community programs related to local history
- Continued to be involved with publication of 4 yearly issues of the SC Tribune

2015 GHA Board of Trustees

Mary Beth Correll – President

Chris Wilbur – Vice-President

Shannon Armstrong

Pat Sellen – Secretary

Bob Folts –Treasurer

Bruce Manuel

Jill Wilson

Greg Wilson

Marilyn Mann

Kelsie Emerson – SCCS Student Trustee

Topics to investigate further with the Town the Genoa:

- Storage space through barn expansion.
- Reorganization of the repository/records room.
- Better familiarization with historical records that are available at the Town Hall.
- Insulation of attic
- Marked out boundaries of the Rural Life Museum property
- Historical Marker possibilities including movement of the current sign at the RLM providing we are awarded a replacement.

Genoa Historical Association Programs/Workshops – 2014

*St. Patrick’s Day Celebration – Hagin Family (seventh year)

Cemetery Restoration

Genealogy Research

*25th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Schoolhouse

SCCS Fourth Grade Tour (61 students)

*King Family Reunion

Walking Tour of King Cemetery

*Wheat Harvest Festival and Parade (20th year)

*Annual Meeting/Luncheon

Technology Workshop

**Indicates major event*

Total – 10 programs

This year the GHA focused on reorganization of several of the rooms at the Rural Life Museum. This is a work in progress. It was the consensus of the association to focus on fewer programs, with several of those programs being larger in design.

A major project for 2015 will be to continue the process of two storage/exhibit space extensions to the back of the Threshing Barn. It is our hope to complete this project before summer.

In addition, the GHA and I worked with, supported or hosted group meetings for History Coalition of Cayuga County (H3C), Cayuga County Community Service Program, Smith’s General Store Museum, Manzari’s Texaco Station, West Genoa Cemetery Assoc., Maplewood Cemetery Volunteers , Wilcox Cemetery Volunteers and others.

The Genoa Historical Association is a great group of people to work with. It is exciting to see the interest and ideas of the volunteers of all age groups. The Cayuga County Community Service Program (inmates from the jail) is also instrumental to what we are able to accomplish. This program deserves our support.

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RESOLUTION 12-2015 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Sellen-Gross, Slocum, Shields, White, Armstrong
Nays 0

Resolved to accept the bills as presented.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

None

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

None

Board member Armstrong arrived.

OLD BUSINESS

Don reported on the Maplewood Cemetery Association meeting which took place on January 8. The by-laws from 1951 were found and he thinks this was the last time by-laws were established. The next meeting will be an afternoon meeting at Chris Wilbur's house.

The Cell tower proposal was reviewed again after the town attorney had reviewed it. The Board felt they needed another meeting to look over the proposal more closely.

John Berry has once again agreed to continue as the Town representative on the Cayuga County Planning Board.

Lorie received permission from the Board to sign the SCIA contract and has done so.

The Rotach house still has not been demolished. Lorie has fielded calls about this. Mick said the demolition permit issued is nearing its expiration date.

Lorie talked with Kimmarie Victoria, the Senior Training Technician for the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services regarding the paperwork she sent to Albany back in November. Ms. Victoria told Lorie that she had forwarded the information on November 18 to the Office of Legal Services. That office says

there is no record of receiving it. This is in regard to the appointment of Ralph Gray as the Court Security Officer.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a Land Use training series offered and the Variance Board has been informed.

RESOLUTION 13-2015 APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY AGREEMENT FOR 2015

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

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

Resolved to accept the Attorney agreement for 2015.

RESOLUTION 14-2015 APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMMENDMENT FOR 2015

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

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

Resolved to accept the transfer of funds. The funds in account SW1-8310.1 will be moved to SW1-8310.4

The Board has scheduled a special meeting for January 28 at 6 p.m. to discuss the cell tower proposal.

With no further business, on a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Armstrong, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk