

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

March 11, 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 March 11, 2015

Present	Lorie Sellen-Gross, Supervisor	Frank Sellen
	Cheryl Shields, Board Member	Mick Piechuta
	Don Slocum, Board Member	Mark Conner
	Brandon White, Board Member	Pat Jensen (SCCS Superintendent)
	Al Armstrong, Board Member	Kim Vile
	Sue Moss, Clerk	Ann LaFave

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Lorie Sellen-Gross with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Other guests included Joe Lonsky, Dorothy Lonsky, Dean Winspear and Kim Bennett.

The SCCS Superintendent presented the proposed 2015-2016 SCCS budget to the Board and visitors.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Lorie Sellen-Gross

RESOLUTION 18-2015 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

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

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

Resolved that the February 2015 Supervisor’s Report be approved.

Board minutes for the February 11 meeting were approved via email.

CLERK’S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk’s Office for February 2015

Certified Copies	70.00
Dog Licenses	110.00

Disbursements for February

Pd to Supervisor	\$ 180.00
Pd to NYS Ag & Markets	16.00

RESOLUTION 19-2015 CLERK’S REPORT

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

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

Resolved that the February 2015 Clerk’s Report be accepted.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT (March 2015)

Mick Piechuta

Hours: 16.5 Miles: 0

PERMITS ISSUED:

15 – 07	Renovus Energy-J. Phillips	557 Powers Rd.	Photo-Cell System
15 – 08	Halco-J. Posner	695-FL#7	Geothermal System

INSPECTIONS:

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Work on Junk Law
- Plan review for J. Phillip’s Solar System
- Again continue to work with residents on future projects.
- Work on Permit Renewal forms
- File

REPORTS

HIGHWAY REPORT

Brandon White

In February the men applied 36 ton of salt, cinder mix to our County roads and 46 ton of mix to our Town Roads. These totals are down from what they usually are due to more wind and snow and less rain and ice. The men have been plowing and sanding constantly, nearly every day in February. In between times, they have been repairing equipment that broke under stress.

ASSESSOR REPORT

None

WATER REPORT

Mark Conner

1,924,100 - February total

68,700 – Average

Mark stated that a lot of water was lost during the month of February. He is constantly looking for leaks as he drives the roads. He feels some of the leaks are within residents’ homes. He also reported he had major problems with the pump house flooding because of a switch failure. Pumps #2 & 3 failed. Pleasant Valley Electric was called in and everything was repaired. Mark mentioned that a few years ago, the Health Department suggested a call system. He now feels that this is a good idea.

Mark asked permission to attend the Water Conference in May at the Turning Stone. The cost will be \$733.

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RESOLUTION 20-2015 **APPROVAL OF MARK ATTENDING WATER CONFERENCE**

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

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

Resolved to approve Mark's attendance at the water conference in May.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Lorie asked Cheryl to discuss with the Committee where they feel the new water line replacement should begin (when weather allows) - perhaps in King Ferry with the Special Contract residents.

HISTORIAN

None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

None

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Lorie Sellen-Gross

The Swim Program received \$425 from the Cayuga County Youth Bureau. She will contact the surrounding Towns to find out who will be participating and ask for their share of the expenses.

RESOLUTION 21-2015 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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

Resolved to accept the bills as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Cheryl called the Town of Fleming to inquire about the procedure and firm used when their cell tower was introduced. Apparently, the cell tower is not located on Town property. She also spoke with Locke but didn't receive much helpful information. She will call Springport and inquired as they have a tower on Town property.

Lorie reported on an update from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services concerning Ralph Gray's appointment. Kim wants to speak with Ralph to make sure he agrees with this position and will get back to Lorie next week.

The Town Board received a request from David Nesbit last April or May to remove Tax Parcel 228.00-1-46 from the Special Lighting District. It was too late to do so for that 2014 roll so the request was not granted then.

Therefore, the Supervisor would like to make a motion that the Town Board now resolve to remove Tax Parcel 228.00-1-46 from the Special lighting district on the 2015 Assessment Roll.

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This parcel is currently owned by Nesbit Family LLC and located at 1030 State Route 34 Town of Genoa.

RESOLUTION 22-2015 **APPROVAL OF REMOVAL OF NESBIT PROPERTY FROM SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT**

On a motion of Supervisor Sellen-Gross, seconded by Board member Slocum, the following resolution was

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

Resolved to approve removal of Nesbit property from special lighting district

Lorie informed the Board that the FOIL request from Kim Bennett has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Lorie received word that the land permit for Genoa Sand & Gravel-Caitlin Julia Enterprises LLC has been completed.

On March 10, Local Law #1 for 2015 (banning of hydrofracking) was sent to the County for their review. A public hearing will be held at the next Board meeting on April 8.

RESOLUTION 23-2015 **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD CONCERNING PROPOSED HYDROFRACKING LAW**

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

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

Resolved to approve public hearing to be held on April 8

The Laberge Group sent a survey concerning grant needs by the Town

The NYS Public Service Commission was in contact regarding the exhaustion of the 315 area code by 2017

Cayuga County Soil and Water sent their annual report

Al will speak with Malcolm Underwood about performing yearly maintenance on the town hall furnace. It had to be repaired as there was no heat in the building for four days. The rubber gasket at the bottom of the front door needs to be replaced as cold air is seeping into the building. There is a delay when the door closes also allowing cold air to come into the building.

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The following was read to the Board by the Supervisor:

In light of recent incidents at our town board meetings in regards to public participation in public town board meetings, the NY State Comptroller has rendered the following opinion as to what extent may residents of a town participate to meetings of the town board:

- ***Town Law § 63** The town board may invite and permit residents of the town or public in general to participate therein so long as such participation is orderly and constructive and does not interfere with the business and purpose of the meeting.*
- ***The Town Supervisor** presides over the Town Board Meetings and has the authority to request a person or persons (including elected officials of the town) to leave the meeting should it be determined that their attendance is disruptive or obstructs, impairs or prevents the general mission of the meeting. The Supervisor does have the authority to call the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department, Tompkins County Sheriff's Department or the NY State Police Department for removal of any person or persons who will not voluntarily leave after being requested to do so under the circumstances or behavior described in this paragraph. Let it be known that obstructing governmental administration is a class A misdemeanor. Additional information regarding this can be found in Penal Law Article 195, including § 195.05*

With no further business, on a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member White, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk