

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

December 9, 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 December 9, 2015

Present	Lorie Sellen-Gross, Supervisor Cheryl Shields, Board Member Don Slocum, Board Member Brandon White, Board Member Al Armstrong, Board Member Sue Moss, Clerk	Mick Piechuta Frank Sellen Ed LaVigne Mark Conner Connie Wilcox
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The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Lorie Sellen-Gross with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Ed LaVigne, (Supervisor-elect of Lansing) spoke to the Board. He is aware of our water district project and wanted to offer assistance to the Town. There is an underused water tank on Emmons Road in Lansing that could be of use to the Town. It is connected to Bolton Water Point.

The November 4 and 11 minutes were approved via email.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Lorie Sellen-Gross

Because Bonnie is still on medical leave, the Supervisor’s report wasn’t ready for review by the Board.

CLERK’S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk’s Office for November 2015

Certified Copies	\$ 30.00
Dog Licenses	155.00
Building Permits	420.00

Disbursements for October

Paid to Supervisor	\$ 605.00
Paid to NYS Ag & Markets	25.00

RESOLUTION 67-2015 CLERK’S REPORT

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

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

Resolved that the November 2015 Clerk’s Report be accepted

ASSESSOR REPORT

None

DOG CONTROL

None

WATER REPORT

Mark Conner

2,900,700 - November total

69,700 - November average

Mark was approached about putting an antenna on the King Ferry water tower. It would aid local farmers with GPS as they are in the fields as this location has a strong signal. The Board would like to find out more about this and Mark said he will get in touch with this resident and tell him.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT (December 2015)

Mick Piechuta

Hours: 22.5

Miles: 124

PERMITS ISSUED:

15 – 66 Willet Dairy	15 Bell Circle	Single Wide Mfg. Home
15 – 67 Mark Miller	1211 Rt. 34	Renovations
15 – 68 JP Builders T. Driscoll	735 Indian Field Rd.	Deck
15 – 69 Robert Latin	462 Powers Rd.	Pole Barn
15 – 70 Bethel Baptist Church	2215 Atwater Rd.	Handicap Ramp
15 – 71 Delta Construction	8703 Rt. 90	Rehab Porch

INSPECTIONS/VISITS:

A. Thompson	FL#6	KFBC	Rt. 34B
S. Nolan	Mahaney Rd	M. Starner	Powers Rd.
Ag Trac	Rt. 34	T. Driscoll	Indian Field Rd
J. Beyea	Rt. 34	J. Binns	Rt. 34B
G. Mahanna	Rt. 90	N. Boles	FL#5
Willet Dairy	Mahaney Rd	R. Latin	Powers Rd
Ag Trac	Rt. 34		

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Attended BOCES Training –Special Permits
- Inspected and sent “Notice to Remedy Violations” to resident on Blakely Rd.
- Met with Contractor for new winery on Clearview Rd.
- Inspected and visited Bower Home that burned.
- Met with resident that wants to sub-divide a parcel into three. Needs to be conforming lots
- Prepared an application to DESIGN CONNECT for help with the Trash/Junk Law.
- Continue to work with residents with questions on new projects.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Brandon White

The men have been working on plow frames and the sanders, getting them finished up. Had to put new tires on #6 and #4 for the winter months as they were getting down on tread.

Everyone has been hauling limestone from Seneca Stone, taking advantage of the weather and stock piling for next season's chip sealing and paving.

The equipment that was sold on line has been removed. They say the check is in the mail.

The new guy is working out well. He's getting used to the loader and the ditcher and has been hauling stone in between.

The new pickup has landed in Auburn at MDI Truck. They are talking two weeks to get it up and fitted with plow equipment and box.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Cheryl Shields

The Water Committee met just before the Board meeting. The three companies that submitted RFPs to the town were very similar to each other and within a few hundred dollars of each other. The Committee suggested the Town hire Hunt Engineers. They are located in Horseheads.

RESOLUTION 68-2015 **APPROVE HUNT ENGINEERS AS COMPANY FOR WATER DISTRICT PROJECT**

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

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

Resolved that Hunt Engineers will be offered the Water District Project
Lorie will send their RFP to Guy Krogh, the Town attorney, for his perusal and Mick will contact Michelle Baines from the County Water and Sewer Authority.

HISTORIAN

None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

None

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

None

RESOLUTION 69-2015 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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

Resolved to accept the bills as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Lorie asked that the Board revisit the Water operator assistant position. Mark and Frank will ask Paul Wheeler, the new Highway hire, if he would be interested in the position.

NEW BUSINESS

GHA has asked for \$1500 for future projects. This would replenish the fund that was used to purchase the new buildings.

RESOLUTION 70-2015 APPROVAL OF GHA FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000

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

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

Resolved to approve GHA funding in the amount of \$1000.

Jonathan A. Orkin, Esq. will be sworn in as the new Town of Genoa Justice on December 17. He will be out of town for the holidays and needs to be available, as Justice, starting January 1, 2016.

Excellus, Simply Blue Plus Silver 4 is now the Town's health insurance carrier. The Town will continue to pay the premiums.

RESOLUTION 71-2015 APPROVAL OF SUPPORT FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

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

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

Resolved to support the Local Transportation Funding resolution

Whereas, a reliable transportation infrastructure is vital for the safety of New York's travelling public and its economy; and

Whereas, 85 percent of New York's roads and bridges are maintained by local governments; and

Whereas, despite well-timed and targeted preventative maintenance treatments, the age and condition of many of our locally-owned transportation assets means that they are beyond preservation and in need of much more costly rehabilitation and reconstruction; and

Whereas, estimates by the State Comptroller, DOT and independent studies show a large portion of road mileage is deteriorating and many bridges in the state are rated structurally deficient and functionally obsolete; and

Whereas, the State Comptroller estimates that there will be \$89 billion in unmet local infrastructure needs over the next 20 years; and

Whereas, the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways commissioned its own fifteen year analysis that indicates an annual funding gap of \$1.3 billion for the local system (excluding NYC) alone; and

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Whereas, funding for our local system has been far short of what is needed and we've fallen further and further behind in maintaining the vast and aging transportation infrastructure over this long period with severe consequences for conditions ratings; and

Whereas, the New York State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPS) provides essential funding for every municipality in the state and is part of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) capital program; and

Whereas, in the early 1990's the Governor and Legislature created the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF) to pay for the NYSDOT capital program and the Dedicated Mass Transit Trust Fund (DMTTF) to assist with the Metropolitan transportation Authority (MTA) and other transit systems' capital programs; and

Whereas, when the DHBTF was created, it was agreed that the NYSDOT and MTA five-year capital programs would be similar in size and would be negotiated concurrently; and

Whereas, through 2005-09, both five-year capital programs were similar in size and adopted within months of each other; and

Whereas, in 2010 the Executive and Legislature broke traditional parity and enacted a five-year capital program for the MTA but not the DOT; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Genoa calls upon the Governor and the state Legislature to make additional state funding and resources available at levels that accurately reflect the critical needs of local roads and bridges; and increase CHIPS funding in the 2016-17 state budget; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town of Genoa calls upon the Governor, and members of the state Legislature to fully fund and submit a new NYSDOT five-year transportation capital plan; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town of Genoa calls upon the Governor and members of the state Legislature to recognize the equality of roads, bridges and transit by restoring funding equality between the MTA and NYSDOT five-year programs and by voting on the plans simultaneously.

RESOLUTION 72-2015 **APPROVAL OF 2016 DOG CONTROL CONTRACT**

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

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

Resolved to approve the 2016 Dog Control contract with the Finger Lakes Dog Protection Agency

A broadband tower has been installed on Cowan Road. Clarity Connect is waiting for money from the State

The year-end meeting for the Town has been scheduled for December 29th at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall

The 2016 Organizational meeting is scheduled for January 4 at 6:30 pm

The clerk received an email concerning the Cell Tower project and an archeological survey. The Supervisor turned this over to board member Slocum for investigation.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:15 pm to discuss some salary issues.

With no further business, on a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Armstrong, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk