

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

October 11, 2017

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 October 11, 2017

Present	Lorie Sellen-Gross, Supervisor	Paul Wheeler
	Cheryl Shields, Board Member	Mick Piechuta
	Don Slocum, Board Member	Lisa Corless
	Brandon White, Board Member	Carmen Branca
	Al Armstrong, Board Member	
	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.

Carmen Branca, President of New Visions Communication and Lisa Corless, Director of Sales and Marketing for New Visions, attended the meeting to talk with the Board about their company and their plans to bring high speed broad band network to our area. This will include the towns of Genoa, Locke, Summerhill and Moravia. They have received a grant from the State to fund this project. They offer cable TV, telephone and internet service.

RESOLUTION 89-2017 APPROVAL OF September 13, 2017 MINUTES

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

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

Resolved that the September 13 minutes be approved.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Lorie Sellen-Gross

RESOLUTION 90-2017 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

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

Resolved that money be transferred within the Highway budget be approved

RESOLUTION 91-2017 SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

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

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

Resolved that the September 2017 Supervisor’s Report be approved

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CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for September 2017

Marriage License	\$ 17.50
Certified Copies	10.00
Dog Licenses	221.00 (\$260.00 total - \$39.00 Ag & Mkts population control fund)
Building Permits	614.50

Disbursements for September

Paid to Supervisor	\$ 863.00
Paid to NYS Ag & Markets	39.00
Paid to NYS Health Department	22.50

RESOLUTION 92-2017 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

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

Resolved that the September 2017 Clerk's Report be approved

HIGHWAY REPORT

Brandon White

County Line Hill Road, we have worked on filling in the ditches that were washed out from the rains we had in July. We still need to add few loads of gravel to the road.

Matt has been mowing. He is waiting for the farmers to get their crops harvested so he can mow the back side of the ditches.

We hauled cinders (bottom ash) from Cayuga Operating Company, mixed them with salt and piled them for the up and coming winter. Towns of Venice and Locke assisted with trucking.

Eric and I spent the week of September 18th studying for our Grade D Water Distribution class. We both now have Grade C and D certifications.

The guys are still hauling material for next year's road projects.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Lorie Sellen-Gross

School tax bills were mailed to property owners in September. This year a couple things did not show on the bills as they had in the past. These changes did cause a few issues, unfortunately making it more difficult for property owners.

Last year, each bill clearly STATED if a property owner received the STAR EXEMPTION, the exemption and star saving amount were listed on the bill OR if property owner would be receiving the STAR REBATE check in the mail. Apparently this year only the STAR exemption appeared. Many people were very confused by this.

Secondly, the school tax bill ONLY included my name and phone number as a contact. If the owner had a question about how, where or when to pay their bill I was unable to answer or give specific guidance as to who to contact. If a property owner wanted to know if they were all set for the STAR REBATE through New York State Tax and Finance, they would call me and then they would have to call NYST&F. Both situations were frustrating and frequent. Out of 100 calls approximately 4 were relevant to Assessment and exemption.

By the week after Labor Day very few calls came in about school tax bills.

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October 1-4, I attended the New York State Assessors' Association's Annual meeting and Seminar on Assessment Administration.

During the Legislative Session NYS attorneys and Tax and Finance administrators informed us of the fantastic job they have done administering the STAR rebate program. Assessors offered input on how it could be improved and gave many examples of the problems property owners and Assessors have experienced.

I attended training on Veterans exemption administration. I was most interested in the Cold War Veterans exemption. This exemption fills in the time of service gaps of the Alternative Veterans exemption each town currently participates in. Previously, the Cold War exemption was offered to the town as a local option. Most towns did not opt-in to participate. This exemption was a 10-year exemption allowing the property owner a maximum of 10 years to the exemption then they would lose it. This year a change in Legislature is allowing a change in the exemption from 10 year sunset to a permanent exemption. I would recommend that every town adopt a local law to allow the PERMANENT Cold War veterans exemption using the same maximum ceiling as the adopted Alternative exemption.

I also participated in a Valuation of Wineries course. I found it very interesting and informative. Among building construction, uses and other real estate we discussed soil types and ground make-up and nutrients and the impact the "dirt" has on the flavor of the grapes and wine. I look forward to meeting with many vineyard and winery owners in the near future.

Lastly, I was able to find out more information about records retention specifically for Assessment Records. It has been very helpful and I will be putting it to good use as I continually update, file and organize old records.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Garner

CODE ENFORCEMENT (September 2017)

Hours: Regular – 26.5

Miles: Regular – 98.0

PERMITS ISSUED:

17 – 37	Andrew Ridley	411 Mahaney Rd.	Addition
17 – 38	Norman Hildeth	1018 Indian Field Rd.	Roof
17 – 39	Jasper Redmond	145 Lake Rd.	Single Wide Mfg. Home
17 – 40	Thomas Addy	Creek Rd.	Pole Barn
17 – 41	Michael Berrittini	919 FL #6	Roof
17 – 42(R)	Tryg Agar	721 FL #5	House
17 – 43	George Welch	8830 Rt. 90	Roof
17 – 44	Loris Beyea	10088 Rt. 90	Porch.

INSPECTIONS/VISITS:

T. Fessenden	FL #6	C. Starner	Powers Rd.
J. Lewis	Oberon Dr..	Jesse Ingalls	Rt.90
Bright Leaf Winery	Clearview Rd	R. Woodhouse	Maple St
A. Brown	FL #5	S. Weeks	Tupper Rd.
G. Rataczak	Oberon Dr	A. Ridley	Mahaney Rd
J. Redmond	Lake Rd	Tryg Agar	FL #5

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Meet with residents about new projects and the proceed with issuing permits
- Issued Appearance Ticket to Contractor that did two (2) projects without a Permit

WATER

Sue Moss

4,833,300 - total

100,620 - average

WATER COMMITTEE

The Town was recently awarded a Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant for \$1,069,225. Mick is going to contact NYS Soil & Water and the Division of Water within the DEC to inquire about funds available to fund the mapping and engineering costs of this project.

RESOLUTION 93-2017 **PERMISSION TO SIGN FUNDING AGREEMENT/CONTRACT**

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved that Supervisor has permission to sign funding agreement/contract and secure grant through NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

GROUNDS

Lorie Sellen-Gross

Lorie will contact the County to find out availability of CC jail inmates to clean up shrubs and bushes surrounding the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the need for cyber breach insurance. The annual premium would cost \$363 annually. Lorie will contact the Association of Towns to find out if the other towns have this insurance.

AP Towers contacted the Town to ask if other entities can use the tower. The Board says no.

The Board of Election is requesting an increase of \$25 for each election employee.

The Scat Van is asking for the town's contribution to be increased to \$800.

Workers Comp sent a report stating that all claims are closed and the town is in good standing.

Nationwide Insurance sent a letter informing the town that they will no longer carry disability insurance after the first of the year. The Board tabled a decision until other possibilities have been investigated.

There will be a small increase in 2018 health insurance premiums along with a higher deductible.

The Board will stay with this insurance.

Paul discussed the purchase of a new truck with the Board. He will do further research.

RESOLUTION 94-2017 **SPEND \$13,000 TO REPAIR A TOWN TRUCK**

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved that the Town will spend \$13,000 to have one of the Highway's trucks repaired

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The Board discussed the purchase of a new truck for the Water Department

RESOLUTION 95-2017 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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

Resolved to accept the bills as presented

The Board reviewed the preliminary 2018 budget.

RESOLUTION 96-2017 **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 8, 2017 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2018**

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

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

Resolved to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 8, 2017

With no further business, on a motion of Board member Shields, seconded by Board member Armstrong, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk