

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

December 12, 2018

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 12, 2018

Present: Lorie Sellen-Gross, Supervisor Paul Wheeler, Highway Supt.
Cheryl Shields, Board Member
Don Slocum, Board Member
Chris Stout, Board Member
Brandon White, Board Member
Sue Moss, Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 101-2018 **APPROVAL OF November 14, 2018 TOWN BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2019 BUDGET MINUTES**

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

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

Resolved that the November 14, 2018 Board meeting and Public Hearing minutes be approved.

RESOLUTION 102-2018 **TRANSFER of FUNDS**

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

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

Resolved to transfer \$190.00 from SW1-8340.4 to SW1-8320.4 to cover Water Dept. mileage overage and transfer \$320.00 from A3510.41 to A3510.4 to pay for Dog Control in December

The CHIPS check will be mailed to the Town the week of December 17.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Lorie Sellen-Gross

RESOLUTION 103-2018 **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

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

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

Resolved that the December 12, 2018 Supervisor's Report be approved

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RESOLUTION 104-2018 **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, Shields, Stout, White
Nays 0

Resolved to approve the bills as presented

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for November 2018

Certified Copies	\$ 50.00	
Dog Licenses	84.00	(\$99 total - \$15 Ag & Markets population control fund)
Building Permits	1309.00	
Disbursements for November 2018		
Paid to Supervisor	\$ 1393.00	

RESOLUTION 104-2018 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

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

Resolved that the November 14, 2018 Clerk's Report be approved

HIGHWAY REPORT

Brandon White

The men have been doing a good job plowing and sanding to keep the roads cleared. They have been keeping up on service and maintenance on plowing equipment.

Eric and Bob are almost done building the new gates for the landfill.

Jeff and Matt changed the teeth on our forestry mower and have started trimming brush and trees on County Line Hill Road.

Water department has completed a directional bore under Route 90 for a water service for Dylan Parmenter's new house.

The hook-up fee of \$500 has not been received from Dylan Parmenter because the Clerk has not received the bill to pass along to Dylan.

Lorie mentioned an article in the most recent issue of *Talk of the Towns & Topics* from the Association of Towns. The article, "Counties Must Guarantee Property Maintenance Charges Incurred by Towns" states; This coming January, the Appellate Division Fourth Department will decide whether counties must continue to guarantee property maintenance and demolition charges placed on tax bills.

ASSESSOR

Lorie Sellen-Gross

Exemption renewal applications have been or will be mailed to resident- property owners receiving Enhanced STAR recipients who bring in their proof of income and renewal application each year.

Resident-Property owners receiving the Enhanced STAR who have signed up to have their annual income verified by NYS will receive either a post card indicating they need to do nothing further OR I will be mailing renewal application to those NY State was unable to verify income for. The income verification process is underway with NYS. After I receive the report back I will be able to mail the postcards or applications.

Low-income Senior Citizen renewal applications have been mailed. These go to resident-property owners who have a total household annual income of less than \$25,000.

Each year, I review applications of resident-property owners over the age of 65 to calculate if they may be eligible.

ANYONE who purchases a new home OR if they are a first time STAR applicant MUST apply for a BASIC OR ENHANCED STAR rebate/credit through New York State Tax and Finance. If property owners have questions about these they must contact NY State.

Please remind any property owners you know with land that is actively being farmed, over the age of 65, or are low income & disabled, to please come see me BEFORE MARCH 1st. Every year I have to deny and remove exemptions because property owners who are entitled, fail to return the required renewal and documentation. This is troubling for BOTH the property owner and myself. ALL RENEWAL EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS ARE DUE no later than MARCH 1st.

ALL NEW exemption APPLICATIONS are also due by March 1st. New Resident-home owners should apply for the Veterans, Low income Disability and Senior exemptions with me and REGISTER FOR STAR WITH NYS TAX & FINANCE. I have printed flyers with the star rebate process and made them available with the exemption applications for property owner's convenience.

Respectfully Submitted

Heather Garner, Assessor

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Lorie Sellen-Gross

The following is a summary of activity since the November 14, 2018 report:

- Issued 3 Building Permits.
- Performed routine inspections on outstanding permits and site inspections for new permits.
- Office hours on Monday afternoons and by appointment.
- Will be attending meeting with Cayuga County Code Enforcement Officials on December 19, 2018 to discuss common code enforcement issues of local concern.
- Will be attending Annual Business Meeting of NYS Building Officials Conference Central Chapter in Syracuse on December 20, 2018. NYS code updates will be provided by state officials. This is another opportunity to network with other local Code Enforcement Officials.

Summary of building permits issued since the November 14, 2018 report:

- #18-63 Helena Agri-Enterprises – 1108 NYS Route 34. Commercial addition.
- #18-64 Glenn and Diane Withiam – 455 Powers Road. Porch/deck addition.
- #18-65 Glenn and Diane Withiam – 455 Powers Road. Kitchen remodel.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this report or Town Code Enforcement activities.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

WATER REPORT

Sue Moss

Total - 2,088,900 gallons

Average - 69,630 gallons

OLD BUSINESS

Lorie is checking with Bonnie Bennett regarding the Swim Program and numbers.

Paul met with Carmen Branca (New Visions) to discuss laying internet cable particularly on Clearview Road.

More discussion is needed with Levi Saltonstall regarding the King Ferry Winery permits for events during the summer.

The contract has been broken with AmeriGas.

With regard to the cemetery contract with GHA, the Association of Towns suggested the Town have a tighter hold on the money given to them. The Town attorney is advising.

On advice from the Town's attorney, only SCIA can make the decision to form their own ambulance district.

RESOLUTION 105-2018 **RESOLVED TO PURCHASE BOBCAT EXCAVATOR WITH A DASNY GRANT & HIGHWAY FUNDS**

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved that the Town purchase a Bobcat excavator with a DASNY grant (\$50,000) and Highway funds for the remaining amount.

NEW BUSINESS

A Year-end meeting has been scheduled for December 27 at 1 pm and the Organizational meeting has been scheduled for January 2 at 6:30 pm

A new humidifier will be purchased for the Archive room

Don sent an email to Board members concerning the hydrilla in Cayuga Lake

There has been a request to lease the cell tower near Route 90 and Indian Field Road. The Board said no.

The Cayuga County Planning Board has a vacancy they would like filled by December 21st

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The Association of Towns will hold their annual meeting in New York City, February 17 through 20

There are items to be moved into the furnace room. It was taken care of after the meeting was adjourned.

With no further business, on a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Slocum, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk