

TOWN OF GENOA REGULAR MEETING

September 14, 2022

The 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 September 14, 2022.

Present: Lorie Sellen-Gross, Supervisor Paul Wheeler, Highway Superintendent
Cheryl Shields, Board Member
Don Slocum, Board Member
Joe Philip, Board Member
Shannon Armstrong, Town Clerk

Absent: Brandon White, Board Member

Visitors: Jim Muscato, Bob Ward, Mark Gaasche, Rhonda Gaasche, Dave Baildon, Sally Klingel, Shane Warner, Glenn Warner, Hattie Saltonstall, Lev Saltonstall.

The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Lorie Sellen-Gross with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Sally Klingel/Lev Saltonstall spoke to the Town Board regarding Lake Road Traffic and Concert Concerns: The traffic situation from the last few concerts at Treleaven has improved. Lev Saltonstall said they were diverting the traffic so most went down Center Road. The band noise level over the last few weeks have been extremely loud. Sally said during one of the recent concerts had a decibel level of 90 inside her house. Lev said each band has a different PA system, which is hard to manage from concert to concert. If the sound is uncontrollable, that is one issue. Another issue is the frequency of 30-40 times this summer. The third issue is the timing of the concerts not ending until 11:00 pm at night. The community members on Lake Road agreed they would come up with written suggestions of ways to minimize the loud band noise that will be shared with the Board next month.

Jim Muscato, an attorney representing ConnectGen answered questions from the visitors that were present as well as the Town Board. There will be more community meetings as this large scale project moves forward. The town discussed the need to have an escrow account set up and paid by the developer for which payments will be made to a Town engaged engineering firm the Town chooses to review the pre-application and or actual application being made by Harvest Hills/ConnectGen to the State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES). This pre-application/consultation process is done prior to actual application filing, which will be in late Summer of 2023. In the meantime, there will be more community/town house meetings.

Next, the Town Board continued reviewing agenda items:

RESOLUTION 68-2022 APPROVAL OF AUGUST 10, 2022 MINUTES

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

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

Resolved to adopt the August 10, 2022 minutes.

One Budget Transfer/Transfer of Funds: 1) Budget transfer of \$116.00 from the Contingent Account to the Election Contractual Account.

RESOLUTION 69-2022 APPROVAL OF THE ONE BUDGET TRANSFER

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

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

Resolved to approve the Budget Transfer.

RESOLUTION 70-2022 APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

Resolved to approve the Supervisor's Financial Report through August 31, 2022 with the transfer that was made and approved.

RESOLUTION 71-2022 APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for August 2022

Certified Copies (5)	\$ 40.00
Marriage License (4)	\$ 70.00
Dog Licenses (15)	\$ 120.00 (\$15 Ag & Markets population control fund)
Building Permits (3)	\$ 255.00

Disbursements for August 2022

Paid to Supervisor	\$ 485.00
Paid to NYS Health Dept. for Marriage Lic.	\$ 40.00

RESOLUTION 72-2022 CLERK'S REPORT

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

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

Resolved that the August 2022 Clerk's Report be approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

My report for September Board Meeting is as follows,

August 10

- Call from Mike Rose Atwater Rd
- Donna Walters Questions on Honoco Road

August 12

- John from King Ferry

August 15

- Spoke with Ivan about fence requirements King Ferry
- Mike / Lake Homes about Property on Honoco Road Permitting
- Mellissa need Town Approval Stamp on survey maps for county apt. Wed.

August 17

- Office Hours
- Worked on budget
- Call on project Rabbit Run / Knapp Stairway on Garage
- Call for inspection on Oberon Drive
- Spoke with Kris at CC Health about septic requirements on lake front
- Completed C 404 form for census dept.
- Signed Lot adjustment 8547&8553 State Rt 90 Emery both lots exceed minimum set forth in local law
- Meeting about permit requirements 868 Bartnick Rd Rameizi
- Follow up Permit 8899 Route 90 Plumbing Knopp
- Plumbing Inspection Rt 34 John Underwood
- Inspection on Oberon Drive Plumbing and Insulation
- Mike Rose Atwater Road Fire Wall Inspection

August 24

- Office Hours
- Spoke with Resident about lot line set backs
- Spoke with Brice Gains Honoco Road
- Issued Permit 22-40 Doug Bower 629 Cowan Rd Pole Barn
- Issued Permit 22-41 Shannon Saville 2975 Blakley Road Pole Barn

August 25

- Spoke with Linda Leader Real-estate about property on Honoco Road

August 29

- Spoke with John Chi Fire Lane 1 Questions about Tiny House
- Spoke with Steve questions on Honoco Road
- Spoke with Tim questions on set Back of Green house on Cowen Rd for Office expansion

August 31

- Office Hours
- Issued Permit 22-42 Craig & Jeanette Owens Pole Barn
- Spoke with Doug Folk about Permit requirements
- Spoke with Victoria @ Old Genoa School about Roof Permit requirements
- Questions on Permit Blakley Road
- Meet Mr. Lyon 371 Rt 34B

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- OTR for Building condition and junk cars 483 Powers Rd Epstein

September 1

- Spoke with Tim Cornell Grisamore Building advised Him even Agricultural buildings require a permit

September 4

- Slab and footer inspection 629 Cowen Road

September 7

- Office Hours
- Answer questions for Steve Morse on Smoke and CO detector installation
- Complete August c404 report for census
- Check on resident Rt90 answer question on Plumbing venting
- Framing Inspection at 871 Fire Lane 8
- Meet with Mr. Wheeler on Clearview Rd about erosion on privet property encroaching highway.

September 9

- Plumbing Inspection 1135 Maple St
- Complete Report for September Meeting

I am unable to attend this month's meeting as I will be in Kentucky at The ICC Conference voting on code changes. I put up a notice and will be available by phone if needed.

ACCESSOR REPORT

Read by Lorie Sellen-Gross

Genoa Assessment Report

OutPost update was addressed, and the tablet and process are now active again. I have been working with it to get familiarized again with the whole process of using the software and technology.

The last few weeks have been focused primarily on the school tax bill roll out and exemptions or any issues/merged parcels/apportionments.

I had several lengthy phone calls from a property owner and then met onsite with the owner of one of the Old Schools to discuss the current condition and future ideas they have for the building and site. I directed them to Code Enforcement for many of their questions as they pertained to his wheelhouse not mine.

The County changed the software for replication. It required two trips to the County office building, many emails and phone calls, but is now all set and replication for v-4 was successful. As we discussed at the last board meeting, I will continue pulling the photos together from the last few years.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Paul Wheeler

We helped Sempronius and Venice finish some of their road work. Making another round mowing roadsides. Removed and cleaned up trees on North Street and Indian Field Road, swept loose stone from roads we chip sealed. Cleaned ditches on Hill Road.

Water Department - We repaired a leak on RT34B in front of the bowling Center, changed a few pressure reducing valves, repairing water meters that have not been reading properly.

Snowplow Contract – The county highway wants to finance by each trip; \$887.00/trip. Last year the trucks went out around 90 times. A lighter winter. The total we got last year from the county was \$87,359.00. We would have to send out the truck around 100 times to get what we got last year. This a one-year contract. Some towns are not on board. Paul thinks we should sign up for the one-year contract. The contract needs to be signed by October 11.

RESOLUTION 72-2022 APPROVE THE COUNTY SNOWPLOW CONTRACT FOR WINTER 2022-2023

The following Resolution is duly presented for consideration by the Genoa Town Board regarding the above contract. The question of approving of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Board member Slocum, duly seconded by Board member Sheils and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Supervisor Lorie Sellen-Gross - aye
Board member Cheryl Shields - aye
Board member Joe Philip - aye
Board member Donald Slocum - aye
Board member Brandon White – absent

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on September 14, 2022.

DOG CONROL REPORT – None.

WATER REPORT

Read by Paul Wheeler
Total - 4,094,400 gallons
Average - 132,000 gallons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds- The Town Hall does not have hot water. Malcom Underwood is working on it.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

Need to continue deciding when, where and on what to use/release the Town's ARPA funds. Two businesses do qualify.

On October 3, Parkitects Inc. from Cortland will be here at the Town Hall at 1:00pm to see what is involved in building a playground here at the Town Hall. Any board members who can attend this meeting would be helpful.

Steve Fedrizzi, Paul Wheeler, and Lorie Sellen-Gross were on a webinar with Cayuga County Shared Services. No guarantee getting any money back from this service. The Board decided not to use the shared services for 2023.

No updates on the sale of the property that Crossman Law Firm initiated for the parcel of property (Tax Map No. 238.00-1-14.22) which went up for sale September 7.

Lorie is still working on the Cyber Security Policy. She will be sharing the policy she has so far with the Computing Center, which is now called Synergy IT Solutions, located in Ithaca.

The Highway Department attended the annual NYS Required Safety Training on 8/25/22 in Moravia that Cayuga County Highway Superintendents hosted regarding: Accidents, Right-To Know, Blood-Borne Pathogens, Harassment, Discrimination, Workplace Violence and HAZWOPER

NEW BUSINESS

Cyber Awareness Training-9/15/22 and NYAOT's Annual Mtg, Feb 2023. Early bird rates thru October.

NYS Retirement System has standard workday incorrect for a few of the employees.

RESOLUTION 73-2022 REQUEST TO HAVE NYSERS ADJUST THE STANDARD WORKDAY.

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

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

Resolved that the Board will sign a letter to NYSERS to make the change for the standard workday.

We need to update the Town's Mitigation Plan again.

Meals on Wheels 2023 – The Board will increase the amount we donate from \$600.00 to \$650.00.

The SCAT Van donation will increase from \$600.00 to \$750.00.

The Board agreed to engage with Hunt Engineering regarding the solar project pre-application review.

The Board did not feel the need to enforce tobacco and smoke-free laws in outdoor public areas at this time.

NYClass, an investment firm met with Town Supervisors who attended their meeting at the Hollywood Restaurant in Auburn. They are interested in securing assets as collateral from the ToG as the firms APR's are yielding much higher than most banks can offer. Several townships in Cayuga County already work with NYClass and like the yields on interest they are receiving. More research needs to be done on this.

Health insurance has increased. There are 2 plans to review and a decision by the Board will be on 10/12.

RESOLUTION 74-2022 REQUEST TO SET UP A HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE CAPITAL FUND.

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

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

Resolved to set up a highway equipment reserve capital fund. Current unspent funds will be transferred once the checking account is opened in October 2022.

Electronic Recycling – Need to sign up for it. Cayuga County Cooperative Extension. Before October 1.

SCIA is asking for an increase in funds for next year. The ToG will budget \$55,985 for 2023 as requested.

2023 dues, \$1209.75 to Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization are due by June 30, 2023.

GHA programs for September and October: Two Open Houses on Sunday, September 25, and October is Cemetery Month at the Rural Life Museum. GHA Cemetery Funds – The GHA Board needs to decide what to do with the funds that were allocated to the GHA from the Town of Genoa.

Don Slocum met with the Cayuga County Sewer & Water Authority. They need to upgrade the Aurora Sewer Plant. Discussions were had regarding the need for a feasibility study on Honoco Road.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm on a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Slocum. Carried unanimously.

An Executive Session was called to order at 8:00pm to discuss employment issues. The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:35pm. Board members stayed to discuss the tentative budget plan.

With no further business, on a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Slocum, the Tentative Budget Session was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Carried unanimously

Shannon Armstrong, Town Clerk