TOWN BOARD OF GENOA ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Organizational Meeting of 2024 of the Town Board of Genoa, Cayuga County, State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 1000 Bartnick Road, Genoa NY on January 3, 2024.

Present Don Slocum, Supervisor Paul Wheeler, Highway Superintendent

Cheryl Shields, Board Member Joe Philip, Board Member Kristi Gans, Board Member Shannon Armstrong, Town Clerk

The Organizational and Regular Board meetings were called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Don Slocum with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Budget Transfers for 2023 Year End Items: 1) Transfer \$60.00 from A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual To A1220.2 Supervisor Equipment

RESOLUTION 1-2024 APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET TRANSFER

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Slocum, Shields, Philip, Gans

Nays 0

Resolved to approve the Budget Transfer.

Year end bills were approved to be paid by Genoa Town Bookkeeper at December 27 Year end Meeting.

The Supervisor's Financial Report will be presented at the February board meeting due to closing of accounts at yearend.

Court Records to be audited at February board meeting.

Organizational Meeting of the Town of Genoa.

- A Appointments
- B Schedule of Salaries
- C Appointment Term Schedule for Variance, Assessment and County Planning Board
- D Holiday Schedule
- E Standard Workday, ROA and Reinstatement of ROA documents (will be available at February board meeting)
- F Code of Ethics
- G Town Highway and Water Department Pay Date Schedule

Attachment A APPOINTMENTS for 2024

- a. Assessor: Jay Franklin -2-year term through 9/30/2025 or further if he desires
- b. Attorney to Town: Thaler & Thaler (Guy Krogh) one-year term expiring 12/31/2024
- c. Board of Assessment Review: Five-year terms (see personnel and term schedule below in Section C)
- d. Variance and Cayuga County Planning Boards: Five-year terms (see personnel and term schedule below in Section C)
- e. Code Enforcement Officer: Kevin Foster– one year term expiring 12/31/24
- f. Court Clerk: Claire Hebbard–term coincides with term of Justice 12/31/2024
- g. Deputy Highway Superintendent: vacant
- h. Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, two-year term: Donald Slocum term expiring 12/31/2025
- i. Deputy Supervisor-Cheryl Shields one-year term expiring 12/31/2024
- j. Dog Control Officer: Suzie Tracy yearly contract expiring 12/31/2024
- k. Dog Enumerator: Vacant -- one-year term expiring 12/31/2024.
- 1. Registrar of Vital Statistics: Shannon Armstrong two-year term expiring 12/31/2024
- m. Records Management Clerks: Lorie Sellen-Gross and Shannon Armstrong- one-year term expiring 12/31/2024
- n. Superintendent of Highways: Paul Wheeler–two-year term expiring 12/31/2025
- o. Superintendent of Water Department: Paul Wheeler- two-year term expiring 12/31/2025
- p. Town Payroll Officer/Bookkeeper: Pamela Landon-one-year term expiring 12/31/2024.
- q. Town Budget Director: Donald Slocum one-year term expiring 12/31/2024.
- r. Town Budget Director Assistant: Pam Landon- one-year term expiring 12/31/2024
- s. Town Historian: Shannon Armstrong-one year term expiring 12/31/2024.
- t. Building Care Person: Christine Tanner-one year term expiring 12/31/2024
- u. Web Master: Tonya Miles -one year term expiring 12/31/2024
- v. Consultant to Supervisor Temporary- Lorie Sellen-Gross

Attachment B SCHEDULE OF SALARIES FOR 2024

- a. Assessor: \$21,000.00 annual salary pro-rated monthly & paid at the end of each month, \$60 per month for personal designated cell phone. Mileage and cost of training meetings are reimbursable should they occur.
- b. Attorney to the Town: Per current contract at hourly rate of \$270 and \$170 for his paralegal
- c. Board of Assessment Review Member: \$200.00 annual salary and paid the 15th of December or unless resignation occurs, mileage can be reimbursed for meetings that qualify for coursework towards position
- d. Board of Appeals/Variance Member and Cayuga County Planning Board Member: \$200.00 annual salary and paid the 15th of December, Chairman of this Board receives \$300.00 annual salary paid the 15th of December, see personnel and term schedule below in section C
- e. Code Enforcement Officer: \$10,600 annual salary pro-rated monthly paid at the end of each month, plus \$70 monthly contractual expenses for his phone and laptop but no mileage reimbursement for town duties paid at monthly meeting.

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- f. Court Clerk: \$7,000 annual salary prorated monthly & paid at the end of each month, term expires when Judge's does.
- g. Deputy Highway Superintendent: vacant
- h. Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics \$10 per service as received by the Supervisor
- i. Deputy Supervisor- No additional Compensation
- j. Dog Control Officer: \$7,800.00 year, per current contract, paid monthly.
- k. Dog Enumerator: \$2.00/dog plus mileage at the town's reimbursement rate.
- 1. Registrar of Vital Statistics: \$10 per service as received by the Town Clerk
- m. Records Management Clerk, Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Bookkeeper: \$20.00 per hour, Town Bookkeeper may be needed for records management at times at same hourly rate.
- n. Superintendent of Highways: \$67,200 annual salary pro-rated monthly & paid on the 15th & last day of the month. \$60 per month for personal cell phone
- o. Superintendent of Water Department \$29,000 annual salary pro-rated monthly & paid on the 15th & last day of the month.
- p. Town Payroll Officer/Bookkeeper: \$12,000 annual salary pro-rated monthly & paid at the end of each month
- q. Town Budget Director: \$1600.00 annual salary paid on 12/15
- r. Town Budget Director Assistant: \$500.00 annual salary paid on 12/15
- s. Town Historian: \$1,900.00 annual salary pro-rated monthly & paid at the end of each month
- t. Building Care Person: \$21.00 per hour
- u. Web Master \$ 1,100 annual salary. Paid quarterly.
- v. Consultant to Supervisor: \$ 25 per hour
- w. Town Clerk/Tax Collector: \$15,300 annual salary pro-rated monthly & paid at the end of each month
- x. Town Council Member: \$4,250 annual salary & paid in a lump sum on 12/15
- v. Town Justice: \$9,800 annual salary pro-rated monthly & paid at the end of each month
- z. Town Supervisor: \$13,000 annual salary pro-rated monthly & paid at the end of each month. \$60 per month for a personal cell phone.
- aa. Motor Equipment Operator: Hourly rates ranges based on experience and evaluation w/ time & ½ over 40 hours, 2023 rates range between \$23.00 to \$25.75 with new pay rate increases effective w/ first day of the new pay period 1/11/24. Hourly rates based on Organizational Meeting approval on 1/3/24.
- bb. Motor Equipment Operator Part-time: \$22.00 per hour with time and a half over 40 hours, no benefits

Section C: Appointments for 2024 BAR, Variance Board and Cayuga County Planning Board Representative

Board of Assessment Review: Five-year terms

- (1) Joel Meade -10/1/23 06/30/2028
- (2) Michael Minnies -10/1/22 9/30/2027
- (3) Robert Ward -7/1/2022 6/30/2027

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Variance Board and Terms: Five-year terms

- (1) Dale Sellen, Chairman 12/31/2028
- (2) Sue Bower, 12/31/2025
- (3) Joel Meade, 12/31/2024
- (4) Anton Parseghian, 12/31/2024
- (5) Chris Wilbur, 12/31/2026

Cayuga County Planning Board Term: Five-year Term

(1) Anton Parseghian 12/15/2021 – 12/31/2026

Appendix D

2024 Town Holiday Schedule (Paid Days)

Monday, February 19, 2024, Presidents' Day Monday, May 27, 2024, Memorial Day Wednesday, June 19, 2024, Juneteenth Day Thursday, July 4, 2024, Independence Day Monday, September 2, 2024, Labor Day Monday, October 14, 2024, Columbus Day Tuesday, November 5, 2024, **Election Day** Friday, November 11, 2024, Veterans Day Observed Thursday, November 28, 2024, Thanksgiving Wednesday, December 25, 2024, Christmas Wednesday, January 1, 2025, New Year's

<u>Appendix E</u> Standard Workday, ROA and Reinstatement of ROA: Presented at 2/14/2024 meeting for approval.

Attachment F 2024 CODE OF ETHICS - TOWN OF GENOA

- **1. Definition.** The term "Town Agency" shall mean any department or office of the Town of Genoa, New York. The term "Board" shall mean Town Board of the Town of Genoa, New York.
- **2. Rule with respect to conflicts of interest.** No officer or employee of a Town Agency or member of the Board should have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity or incur any obligation of any nature, which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of duties in the public interest.

3. Standards.

- a. No such officer or employee or member of the Board should accept other employment which will impair independence of judgment in the exercise of official duties.
- b. No such officer or employee or member of the Board should accept employment or engage in any business or professional activity which will require disclosure of confidential information gained by reason of official position or authority.
- c. No such officer or employee or member of the Board should disclose confidential information acquired in the course of official duties nor use such information to further personal interests.
- d. No such officer or employee or member of the Board should use or attempt to use an official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemption(s) for anyone.

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- e. No such officer or employee or member of the Board shall engage in any transaction as representative or agent of the Town of Genoa, New York, with any business entity in which the individual has a direct or indirect financial interest that might reasonably tend to conflict with the proper discharge of official duties.
- f. An officer or employee or member of the Board should not by his conduct give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can improperly influence his or unduly enjoy his favor in the performance of official duties, or that he is affected by the kinship, rank, position or influence of any party or person.
- g. An officer or employee or member of the Board should abstain from making personal investments in enterprises which he has reason to believe they may be directly involved in decisions to be made by him or which will otherwise create substantial conflict between duty in the public interest and private interest.
- h. An officer or employee or member of the Board should endeavor to pursue a course of conduct which will not raise suspicion among the public that the individual is likely to be engaged in acts that are in violation of the public interest.
- i. No such officer or employee or member of the Board employed on a full-time basis nor any firm or association of which such officer or employee or member of the Board is a member nor corporation a substantial portion of the stock of which is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such officer or employee or member of the Board should sell goods or services to any person, firm, corporation or association which is licensed or whose rates are fixed by the Town Agency in which such officer or employee or member of the Board serves or is employed.
- j. If any such officer or employee or member of the Board shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, having a value of ten thousand dollars or more in any activity which is subject to the jurisdiction of a town regulatory agency, a written statement must be filed with the Town Clerk attesting to such a financial interest in such activity, which statement shall be open to public inspection.
- **4. Violations.** In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of law any such officer, member or employee who shall knowingly and intentionally violate any of the provisions of this section may be fined, suspended, or removed from office or employment in the manner provided by law.

APPENDIX G and G2 TOWN OF GENOA 2024 HIGHWAY AND WATER EMPLOYEE PAY SCHEDULE

See separate attachments.

Town Board

- a) Be it resolved that the Genoa Town Board will continue with the practice of using the rules as outlined in the 2021 Town Law Manual until such time when most of the board feels that more specific rules are needed.
- b) Be it resolved that the Genoa Town Board shall convene for purposes of a regular Town Board Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Genoa Town Hall, 1000 Bartnick Road, Genoa, New York.
- c) Be it resolved that the Auburn Citizen shall be designated as the official newspaper of the Town of Genoa for all legal notices. The Ithaca Journal or The Shopper will be used as a backup. Facebook, and/or the Southern Cayuga Tribune may be used for non-legal announcements.

Fiscal Matters

- a) Be it resolved that the official repository for the Town of Genoa Supervisor and the Town Clerk/Collector shall be the Cayuga Lake National Bank.
- b) Be it resolved that the Genoa Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to pay for public utility services such as gas, electric, water, sewer, fuel oil and telephone service as well as for postage, freight, and express charges in advance of audit of claims. Claims for these payments shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit.
- c) Be it resolved that the Genoa Town Board establishes a Town Clerk petty cash fund of \$125.00.
- d) Be it resolved that the Supervisor is authorized to invest any available funds, consistent with Town obligations, on a timely basis in such manner that funds accrue the largest return for the Town and still comply with the requirements of New York State.
- e) Be it resolved that the Superintendent of Highways is authorized to spend up to \$8,000.00 in aggregate from the Highway Department budget without prior approval of the Board.
- f) Be it resolved that the Town Supervisor is authorized to spend up to \$6000.00 in aggregate out of the General Budget without prior approval of the Board. Any purchase by any other Town Official or other Town employees, other than the Highway Superintendent and Town Supervisor, for more than \$2,000 must receive Town Board approval. Emergency purchases more than \$5,000 may be authorized by the Deputy Supervisor.
- g) Be it resolved that any check rendered to the Town of Genoa and returned for any reason will be assessed a \$20.00 redemption fee.
- h) Be it resolved that the Deputy Supervisor be empowered to sign checks in the absence of and/or at the request of the Supervisor.
- i) Be it resolved that the Supervisor shall file with the Town Clerk within 60 days after closing of the fiscal year a copy of the Annual Update Document to the state comptroller. Be it further resolved that the Town Clerk shall publish in the official newspaper, within 10 days, notice that said report is on file for public inspection in the Clerk's office.
- j) NYS Mileage Reimbursement rate for 2024 is set at \$67.0 per mile.

RESOLUTION ON Officers and Employees:

Resolution 2-2024 <u>APPROVAL ATTACHMENT A (a-v) on Town Appointments</u>
On a motion of Board Member Philip, seconded by Board Member Shields, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Slocum, Shields, Philip, Gans Navs 0

Resolved to accept Attachment A (a-v).

Resolution 3-2024 <u>APPROVAL ATTACHMENT B (a-w) on Schedule of Salaries for 2024</u>

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Slocum, Shields, Philip, Gans Navs 0

Resolved to accept Attachment B (a-w).

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Resolution 4-2024 **APPROVAL SECTION C – Bar, Variance, & County Planning Board Members**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Slocum, Shields, Philip, Gans

Nays 0

Resolved to accept Section C-Bar, Variance & County Planning Board Members.

Resolution 5-2024 APPROVAL APPENDIX D – Paid Town Holidays

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Slocum, Shields, Philip, Gans

Nays 0

Resolved to accept Appendix D – Paid Town Holidays.

Resolution 6-2024 APPROVAL ATTACHMENT F – Code of Ethics- Town of Genoa

On a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Gans, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Slocum, Shields, Philip, Gans

Nays 0

Resolved to accept Attachment F – Code of Ethics 1, 2, 3 a-j and 4.

Resolution 7-2024 APPROVAL APPENDIX G and G2 – 2024 Town Highway & Water Employee Pay Schedule

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Slocum, Shields, Philip, Gans

Nays 0

Resolved to accept Appendix G and G2 – Town Highway and Water Department Pay Date Schedule.

Resolution 8-2024 APPROVAL OF Town Board Practice Statements (a - c)

On a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Gans, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Slocum, Shields, Philip, Gans

Navs 0

Resolved to accept the Town Board practice statements (a - c).

Resolution 9-2024 APPROVAL OF Fiscal Matters (a - j)

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Slocum, Shields, Philip, Gans

Nays 0

Resolved to accept Fiscal Matters (a- j).

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Nomination of Albert Armstrong to fill the vacant board seat.

Resolution 10-2024	APPROVAL OF ALBERT ARMSTRON TO FILL THE VA	<u> CANT</u>
BOARD SEAT		

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Slocum, Shields, Philip, Gans Nays 0

Resolved to accept the nomination of Albert Armstrong.

New Business: Still in the process of hiring a shredding company to shred the old records from the repository room.

The Organizational Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm on a motion by Board Member Shields and seconded by Board Member Philip. Carried unanimously.

Shannon Armstrong, Town Clerk	