

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

December 11, 2019

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 11, 2019

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 (absent)
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 105-2019 APPROVAL OF November 6, 2019 MINUTES

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

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

Resolved that the November 6 minutes be approved

RESOLUTION 106-2019 APPROVAL OF November 13, 2019 MINUTES

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

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

Resolved that the November 13 minutes be approved

RESOLUTION 107-2019 TRANSFER of FUNDS

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

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

Resolved to transfer from A1990.4, the Contingent Account:
\$3200 to A1420.4, the Attorney Contractual account
\$1500 to A1620.4, the Buildings Contractual account
\$ 255 to A1930.4, the Judgements & Claims account
\$ 100 to A3510.4, the Dog Control Contractual account

Also transferred was \$100 from SW1-8320.2, the Power and Pumping Equipment account to SW1-1910.4, the Unallocated Insurance account

RESOLUTION 108-2019 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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

Resolved to approve the bills as presented

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for November 2019

Certified Copies	30.00
Dog Licenses	40.00 (\$45 total - \$5 Ag & Markets population control fund)
Building Permits	50.00
Disbursements for November 2019	
Paid to Supervisor	\$ 120.00

RESOLUTION 109-2019 **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, Stout
Nays 0

Resolved that the November 2019 Clerk's Report be approved

HIGHWAY REPORT

Paul Wheeler

Jeff has repaired some oil leaks and welded new deck and painted the Woods Mower.

Matt has put plow, wing and sander on truck # 9 to use if we have a truck go down. The grader is also ready to plow snow.

The guys were busy the last couple weeks with snow and ice removal.

Eric and Bob helped Grant Street Construction locate water mains for the installation of new fire hydrants. Directional drilling for new water main on RT 34 south of RT 90 is done, drilling has started on RT 34B south of King Ferry. It's going slow drilling in solid rock. Well #4 at the pump house is down, installing new pump and electrical service.

Paul will expend funds for the Highway 284 Report. The Board signed off on this.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Lorie Sellen-Gross

The following is a summary of activity since the November 12, 2019 report:

- Issued 4 building permits.
- Performed routine inspections on outstanding permits and site inspections for new permits.
- Office hours on Monday afternoons and by appointment.

Summary of building permits issued since the November 12, 2019 report:

#19-47 James D. Kenyon	11150 State Route 90	install single-wide home
#19-48 Michael Heary	982 State Route 34B	interior alteration (beauty salon)
#19-49 Michael Heary	992 State Route 34B	remove back addition
#19-50 Holbrook Heating (Jeff Swan)	1034 State Route 34	HVAC install

I hosted a meeting with Cayuga County Code Enforcement Officials at my Owasco office on November 20, 2019. Two representatives from the New York State Department of State – Division of Code Enforcement Administration attended the meeting to provide training and updates on recent and upcoming Code changes.

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 - 2,515,400 gallons

Average - 83,845 gallons

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Lorie Sellen-Gross

Shared Services: The Towns of Genoa, Ledyard, Scipio, Sempronius, Throop and Venice have participated in some shared Assessment Services LONG BEFORE it was pushed by New York State and Cayuga County.

Our municipalities have been reaping the benefits of shared and reduced Assessment and Revaluation costs for about 12 years. Some of these costs include annual mandatory education, professional membership fees, sharing costly equipment like a laptop, computer protection and software programs as well as necessary field equipment.

I have purchased and will be transferring all Assessment records from my PERSONAL laptop to the new Assessment laptop. My Assessment laptop died last year. I have been using my personal one awaiting the 2019 6-year reappointment. My personal laptop has Windows 7 which will no longer be supported by Microsoft after January 14th. I do not fully understand the implications of this change, but having a usable laptop and programs are a MUST!

The Town of Genoa has purchased an Android Tablet to use in conjunction with programming purchased by Cayuga County Real Property to aid in data collection accuracy. I am hoping the other municipalities will recognize the benefits this will have financially. It will also increase ease of Assessment data and property photos. Property owners will be able to view new, updated images and property data more quickly when they visit the Cayuga County website.

Exemptions: This year I will not be mailing ENHANCED STAR renewal applications. If a property owner has received an Enhance Star Exemption in the past, this year it will be fully administered by NYS Tax and Finance. They need to respond **ONLY IF** they receive a correspondence from NYST&F.

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I will be mailing renewal applications for Low Income Senior Citizens and Agricultural Exemptions after Christmas.

Town and County tax bills will be out soon. My expertise is with Assessment & Exemption information, but as always, I will do my best to field and answer questions property owners may have. I start the process if folks purchase only a portion of property and need to know how much of the taxbill they should be responsible for. In this case, please direct them to me.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Garner, Sole Appointed Assessor

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

The Shared Services Plan was adopted in late November.

With regard to the LED lighting situation, the Board decided to go with the second option. This will mean a brighter light.

RESOLUTION 110-2019 **APPROVE LED LIGHT FIXTURES**

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

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

Resolved to approve the LED light fixtures for the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

Lorie sent an email to Senator Pamela Helming with regard to AIM Funding. Below is the response from Senator Helming's Counsel and Director of Operations:

Senator Helming asked me to follow up with you in regard to your AIM funding inquiry. In the FY 2020 Enacted Budget, the State eliminated Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) for 1,326 towns and villages. These towns and villages experienced cuts because their 2018 AIM payments (the base payment) represented less than 2 percent of their total expenditure in 2017, according to the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). To note, cities were not affected by this elimination.

The \$715 M appropriation was reduced to \$655.8 M, a \$59.2 M decrease.

According to the Executive, the State would restore that funding ("traditional" 2018 AIM funding) for the affected municipalities with revenue from their county sales tax (increase by the newly passed internet sales tax). OSC is now responsible for withholding county sales tax and distributing AIM-related funding to towns and villages.

Distribution Schedule:

- 1) Cities: (\$647.1 M) - Most cities receive installments in September and December. A handful receive payments in March, June, or October
- 2) Towns: (\$5.2 M) - down from \$47.9 M. Towns will receive a single payment in December 2019
- 3) Villages: (\$3.3 M) - down from \$19.8 M. Villages will receive a single payment in May 2020

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The Issue with Erie and Nassau Counties:

Both counties have fiscal control and stability boards in place. The Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority was established in 2005 and the Nassau Interim Finance Authority was established in 2000.

The issue is that there is a conflicting law that requires that these boards and authorities receive all collected sales tax in the county, without a mechanism in place to distribute money to towns and villages. DOB, OSC, and leaders in Erie and Nassau counties are working on a proposed plan this situation. The hope is that this can be accomplished before the December 15 distribution date for towns.

The 2019 Swim Program numbers are available. The average number of attendees was 23 with 44 being the highest attendance for one day.

The total cost of the program was \$4563. Bills have been sent to the participating Towns.

Lorie has written an article for the next issue of the Tribune set to be mailed next week.

RESOLUTION 111-2019 **PERMISSION TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH ATTORNEY GUY KROGH**

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

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

Resolved to grant permission for Supervisor to sign 2020 attorney contract

RESOLUTION 112-2019 **APPROVE 2020 DOG CONTROL CONTRACT WITH THE FINGER LAKES DOG PROTECTION AGENCY**

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

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

Resolved to sign contract for 2020 Finger Lakes Dog Protection Agency

It was brought to the attention of the Board that the AT&T bill for the pump house bill increased \$38 from last month to this month.

With no further business, on a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Stout, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk