

**MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA**

**February 11, 2009**

A Public Information Meeting followed by 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 February 11, 2009

Present:	Stuart Underwood, Supervisor	Doug LaFave
	Peggy Bradley, Council Member	James Malseed
	Cheryl Shields, Council Member	Doug Radcliffe
	Dale Sellen, Council Member	Hans Pecher
	Lorie Fessenden, Council Member	Gene Reynolds
	Sue Moss, Town Clerk	Don Potter
	Heather Garner, Assessor	Ken Patchen
	Guy Krogh, Town Attorney	Don Slocum
	Kim Bennett, Town Justice	George Nettleton
		Frank Sellen
		Jose Ardai

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by S. Underwood with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Heather Garner addressed the group concerning the on-going property revaluation. She handed out a copy of a letter and a 2008 assessment notification that will be sent to all property owners in the Town.

**CLERK’S REPORT**

Report on Revenues from Clerk’s Office for January 2009

Certified Copy \$ 10.00

Dog Licenses:

Total received:	\$ 76.50
Supervisor:	\$ 35.78
CC Treasurer:	31.72
Ag & Mkts:	9.00

**Disbursements for December:**

Pd to Supervisor:	\$ 45.78
Pd to CC Treasurer for dog licenses	\$ 31.72
Pd to Ag & Mkts for dog licenses	\$ 9.00

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT January 2009 CLERK’S REPORT

On a motion by Fessenden, seconded by Shields, the above resolution was

ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Bradley, Shields, Fessenden, Underwood, Sellen  
Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept Clerk’s Report for January 2009

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

RESOLUTION: APPROVE January 7 REGULAR AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Fessenden, seconded by Bradley, the above resolution was

ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Bradley, Underwood, Fessenden, Shields, Sellen  
Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept January 7, 2009 minutes

## **REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

### **WATER REPORT**

Shields, Cheryl

Total gallons pumped for December was 1,847,400

Average daily usage for the month was 59,500 gallons

Total gallons pumped for January was 2,175,400

Average daily usage for the month was 70,170 gallons

The meter reading went well this quarter

On January 21, we had a water main break on the corner of Maple and Route 34. It was an 8 inch main that went under the creek.

The new meter reading handheld has been put into service. We will be using it for the May reading.

The annual Rural Water Conference is May 11-14 in Saratoga Springs. I would like permission to go again this year. The prices have not been published yet.

The storage barn at the pump house has never had electric put to it. I would like to have this done. Have been in contact with Pleasant Valley Electric and received a ballpark figure of \$2000 to run power to the building and put up lights and outlets.

### **WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

None

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

None

Justice Bennett reported that the courtroom should be done by next week. Painting needs to be done.

### **HISTORIAN**

The Genoa Historical Association insurance issue and the "Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Town of Genoa (Town) and the Genoa Historical Association (GHA) " will be discussed at the March meeting.

### **PROGRAMS AND GRANTS**

None

- Town Attorney Guy Krogh talked about the 2007 Property Maintenance Code of New York State He addressed the Code regarding Unsafe Structures and Equipment (Section 107) because of a concern brought to the Board by Doug LaFave, Fire Chief for the Genoa Fire Department. He suggested this site:  
<http://publicecodes.citation.com/st/ny/st/index.htm>
- Also discussed by Mr. Krogh was the FOIL which must be updated each year to comply with New York State. There have been 2 major amendments since 2003 and a written procedure is needed by the Town.
- The Town's Employee Handbook needs to be updated. Mr. Krogh said an attorney can be paid to do this which would cost more money but would be done well or a consulting firm can be used for less money but the handbook would be a canned copy that would be tweaked for the Town.
- Mr. Krogh explained that zoning regulates land use. Zoning (if wanted) should be instituted after completion of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. That way, the Town can protect what its residents like about the Town.

Three people from the Office of Real Properties Services attended the meeting. They were to be here while Heather gave her presentation but were held up at the Town of Scipio Town Meeting. They further explained the revaluation process.

On a motion by Fessenden, seconded by Shields the Public Information meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Bradley, Fessenden, Shields, Sellen

Nays: 0

The Regular Town Board Meeting resumed at 8:30 p.m.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Underwood, Stuart

Five inspections were conducted for the month of January

A certified letter was sent to Robert McLaughlin.

A meeting took place with the Fire Department

Yearly permit report was done for the local and Federal government

### **HIGHWAY REPORT**

Sellen, Dale

In January, the men applied 486 ton of salt and cinder mix to our State roads and 246 tons of mix on our Town and County roads. This week of warmer weather has been nice as the men have had a chance to repair and service the equipment.

Frank sent a letter to Cover-All Buildings and accepted their offer for the pro-rated price on the new cover for the salt storage building. The end cap was ordered as well.

The three-year contract with the Cayuga County Highway Department for plowing their roads has been revised, reworded and needs to be signed by the Superintendent and the Supervisor.

The Certificate of Abandonment is complete and should be signed for the closure of Center Road, between Bartnick and Creek Roads.

At the last Superintendents' meeting, there was discussion about the proposed CHIPS payment. The latest budget proposal showed a 42% decrease in our payment from the State. If this carries through, it will make a devastating difference in our rebuilding program. Hopefully, the annual trip to Albany will help sway their thoughts and lessen the decrease in money.

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Underwood, Stuart

Hold until Bonnie Johnson can attend a meeting

### **BILLS**

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT January 2009 BILLS

On a motion by Fessenden, seconded by Shields, the above resolution was

ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Bradley, Underwood, Fessenden, Shields, Sellen

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept above mentioned bills

### **ASSESSOR'S UPDATE**

Garner, Heather

She spoke at the Public Information Meeting earlier in the evening.

### **DOG REPORT**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

See **HISTORIAN**

Dog Enumeration and increased license fees will be publicized in the Tribune.

Peggy Bradley reminded the Board that she would be attending the Association of Towns Annual Meeting in New York City February 15 – 18. Board members will call her with their voting decisions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Gene Reynolds will send to the Supervisor, a list of the King Ferry Fire Commissioners and Jim Malseed will do the same for the Genoa Fire Department.

Gene Reynolds wants to discontinue his role as the Town's representative on the Cayuga County Planning Board. Peggy Bradley recommended Dave Stilwell. This will be discussed at the March meeting.

The US Bureau of the Census will conduct the 2010 Census enumeration on April 1, 2010. They are looking for local Complete Count Committees. Lorie Fessenden will call to get more information.

The Supervisor had received an email in January from G. Jeffrey Haber, Executive Director of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, requesting assistance for Rep Paul E. Kanjorski's initiative to restore the General Revenue Sharing to Local Governments in the Federal Stimulus proposal. Unfortunately, the deadline for this assistance was January 15.

There is an American Farmland Trust meeting on March 25.

Stuart received a letter from Camp Gregory requesting help from the Towns of Ledyard and Genoa with the camp's water situation. It is cost prohibitive for the Town of Genoa. Stuart will inform them.

The Supervisor needs to pay the Southern Cayuga Ambulance \$15,000 and SCAT Van \$500. These amounts were accepted into the 2009 budget.

**RESOLUTION: SEND PAYMENT TO THE SC AMBULANCE AND CAYUGA COUNTY SCAT VAN PER THE 2009 BUDGET**

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Sellen, the above resolution was  
**ADOPTED**

Ayes: 5: Bradley, Shields, Fessenden, Underwood, Sellen

Nays: 0

Resolved: To pay the budgeted amounts to SC Ambulance and Cayuga County SCAT Van

With no further business:

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Sellen, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Bradley, Shields, Sellen and Fessenden

Nays: 0