

**Town of Genesee
Little Genesee, NY 14754
Regular Board Meeting
July 19, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Donald Jordan, Deputy Supervisor Joshua Bluhm; Councilpersons Alyn Holcomb, Michael Cannon and Howard Cornwall; Highway Superintendent Ben Reynolds; Town Clerk Bonita Brunner

Town Residents: Peggy Cowell, Kayla Bluhm, David Parker

This meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Jordan at 7 pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

FLOOR PERMISSION:

Supervisor Jordan asked Mrs. Cowell if she had written the letter to the newspaper as discussed at the June Board Meeting. She stated that, after discussing this with other town residents, she has decided not to do this letter. She feels that it would put her between other town residents and the Town Board.

REPORTS:

Supervisor's Report for June 2016 provided by Accountants Berry & Berry, was reviewed. Regarding the question raised last month as to why Account # 5142.1 Snow Removal Wages was over by \$4,251.30, the Clerk spoke with Accountant Kathy Berry. She advised that this would be taken care of when she does the end-of-year transfers between Account #5142.1 and #5148.1.

Town Clerks Reports:

- Clerk's Report for June was submitted. Total monies collected were \$651.25. Of this, \$556.75 was paid to the Town Supervisor, \$34.00 was forwarded to NYS Animal Control for dog licenses, \$22.50 was sent to the NYS Health Department for a marriage license, and \$38.00 was paid to the Allegany County DPW for landfill tickets sold.
- Petty Cash Report for June was submitted. There is currently \$53.00 in Petty Cash as stamps were purchased.
- Minutes from the June meeting had previously been e-mailed to the Board Members for approval.

Town Justice Report:

- Review of Court Fines collected by the Court during June totaled \$3,400.00.

Dog Control Officer Report:

- Report from Gary Wagner covering June 1 – July 16, 2016. A total of three calls were received during this time, including an on-going dog bite issue. .

Code Enforcement Report:

- Code Enforcement Officer James Cline provided a report to the Board covering April 18 – July 18. He has also sent letters to two residents, certified, return-receipt-requested, advising them they had 30 days before a formal Court notice will be filed. Regarding the Doxey property, the Clerk has pictures that Mr. Cline had taken during the week of July 4 and 11. “There doesn't seem to be any improvement on that clean-up.”
- The Clerk advised that there have been three building permits issued between June 22, 2016 to July 18, 2016.

Motion made by CP Holcomb and 2nd by CP Cannon to accept all reports as submitted. Ayes all, motion carried.

Committee Assignments & Reports

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Cannon:

- The Clerk advised that it was necessary to call Root Water Well Systems again regarding the water softener. Mr. Griffin had replaced the first water pump on the system but did not set it up properly and it failed again. Root did another service call and made the necessary changes to the system. He did find there was water in the basement. Discussion about the drains from the furnace and softener system going into the septic system. Also, CP Holcomb asked if there might be any mold growing down there. Clerk was instructed to contact Root again and ask about these issues.

Highway Department – Holcomb and Bluhm:

- Discussion about the procedure for the purchase of the new truck. Highway Superintendent Reynolds has ordered the truck. The Clerk asked if a permissive referendum was necessary. CP Bluhm advised that there will need to be one to actually bond for the truck. The Clerk was advised to contact the Town Attorney and ask him when this should be done.
- Superintendent Reynolds showed the Board a picture of a Salt Shed that he feels would work for the Town. The shed has poured cement walls and a vinyl covering. He believes they are guaranteed for up to 30 years. He states that the Town of Caneadea just completed a similar salt shed for approximately \$53,000. CP Holcomb asked about the need for a new pick-up in the future also. He feels that this is also something the Town should be thinking about.

Cemeteries – Holcomb and Cornwall:

- Discussion about the stockade fence at the West Genesee Cemetery which needs to be replaced. CP Holcomb advised that this fence costs approximately \$75.00 for an 8-foot section and plus the cost of installation. It is estimated that we would need about 80 – 90 feet. Supervisor Jordan advised that a town resident (Mr. Dibble) has offered the services of the Obi Community Church to install this fence. Discussion about insurance if it was done on a “volunteer” basis. The Clerk was instructed to contact Richardson & Stout and ask about this issue.

Code Enforcement – Cannon and Holcomb

- Discussion about the problem with getting town residents to actually file formal complaints regarding the Junk Law. Many residents do not want their neighbors to know who complained because they worry about retaliation. The Clerk was instructed to

contact the town attorney regarding the issue of the Code Enforcement Officer **having** to disclose who made the complaint.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Clerk has obtained information from the Allegany County Treasurer's office and two additional companies regarding the use of credit/debit cards. The service used by Allegany County does back-charge the county a small amount. There is one company out of Indiana who would not charge the Town but it was decided, at this time, to leave the collections as they are, accepting money orders, personal checks or cash.
- Supervisor Jordan advised that, regarding the 911 number signs, he has obtained information from Cattaraugus County DPW that they make these signs. They cost \$5.25 each and the needed posts would be \$5.72 each. Discussion about the “mandate” issue, who is actually responsible for supplying these signs, and if there is a liability issue if we don't provide them. Also, we need to determine how many signs would be needed for residents in the Portville Fire District.

PAYING OF BILLS:

Abstracts totaling \$17,999.20 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

Abstract	Voucher Nos.	Abstract Amount
General Fund	142-158	\$ 6,066.03
Highway Fund	91-102	11,933.17

CP Cannon made a motion to pay the above bills, 2nd by CP Holcomb. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by CP Cannon, 2nd by CP Holcomb. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonita Brunner
Town Clerk

Dated: July 20, 2016