

**Town of Genesee
Little Genesee, NY 14754
Regular Board Meeting
June 21, 2016**

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

Town Residents: Peggy Cowell, Kayla Bluhm, Rose Geschwender, Paul Geschwender, David Parker

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

FLOOR PERMISSION:

Mrs. Cowell asked if the Board would approve her sending a letter to the newspaper as a concerned citizen regarding the need for residents who have property complaints to file a formal complaint with the Town Clerk. This was approved by the Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Geschwender asked if the logging companies who are running on the Towns' roads have to place a bond for any damage done to the roads they travel. They were advised that the Town does not require a bond. The logging companies are required to clean up the roads of any debris left behind.

Mr. Parker asked Highway Superintendent Reynolds if they would be working on High Street in the near future. Mr. Reynolds advised that they would be doing repairs soon. He also asked about the properties owned by Mr. Tanner and the progress on getting these cleaned up. The Clerk advised that the Code Enforcement Officer had sent a letter to Mr. Tanner giving him 30 days to clean up his property or a formal complaint would be filed with the Court.

REPORTS:

Supervisor's Report for May 2016 provided by Accountants Berry & Berry, was reviewed. CP Holcomb asked why Account # 5142.1 Snow Removal Wages was over by \$4,251.30. The accountants will be asked about this.

Town Clerks Reports:

- Clerk's Report for May was submitted. Total monies collected were \$594.75. Of this, \$570.75 was paid to the Town Supervisor, and \$24.00 was forwarded to NYS Animal Control for dog licenses.
- Petty Cash Report for May was submitted. There is currently \$53.00 in Petty Cash as stamps were purchased.
- Minutes from the May meeting had previously been e-mailed to the Board Members for approval.

Town Justice Report:

- Review of Court Fines collected by the Court during May totaled \$3,713.50.

Dog Control Officer Report:

- Report from Gary Wagner covering April 12 to May 31, 2016 was presented. A total of three calls were received during this time.

Code Enforcement Report:

- No formal report was presented by the Code Enforcement Officer.
- The Clerk presented a letter from a town resident, along with three formal complaints, regarding properties in the Town. These complaints will be provided to the Code Enforcement Officer.
- The Clerk advised that Mr. Cline had written letters on May 25, 2016 regarding three properties (Tanner, The Coliseum, and the small house located at 8118 Route 417). He gave them 30 days to clean up their property or face Court action.
- The Clerk advised that there have been four building permits completed between May 18 and June 21, 2016.

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

Committee Assignments & Reports

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Cannon:

- The Clerk advised that contractor Griffin had returned and made the requested repairs. There was also a problem with the water softener unit and Mr. Griffin replaced the small pump, which was covered by warranty.

Highway Department – Holcomb and Bluhm:

Park – Cannon and Cornwall

- CP Cannon submitted his report on the Park. The only issue that needs to be addressed is the garbage needs to be emptied.

Cemeteries – Holcomb and Cornwall:

- The Clerk advised there is a problem with the stockade fence in the West Genesee Cemetery. It is about 30 years old. The Board requested that CP Holcomb look at the fence and give them an estimate to replace it.

Grants – Jordan and Cornwall:

Code Enforcement – Cannon and Holcomb

- The Clerk advised that she had a conference with Judge Pritchard and the Assistant District Attorney regarding the Doxey matter. Mr. Doxey appeared in County Court again, presented pictures of some clean-up done to the property, and the Court has given him additional time to continue the clean-up. He must appear in Court again August 8. If the property is not cleaned up at that time, it is the intention of the District Attorney to ask for State Prison for Mr. Doxey. Based on the additional formal complaint filed, the Board requested that Code Enforcement Officer Cline begin making weekly visits to the property, take pictures, and speak with Mr. Doxey to remind him of the Court's order.

Audit Committee – Jordan and Cannon

OLD BUSINESS

- The Town Supervisor advised that he made contact with Community Bank regarding the bond for purchase of the Highway Department truck and plow. The bond would be for \$200,000 for 5 years at the rate of 3.29%. We would be locked into this rate for the full 5 years. Kathy Berry advised that the next step in the process would be a resolution to bond for the purchase.
- In February a request had been made by Garret Stephen for a repair shop on Wolf Creek Road. This was approved by the Board and a letter was forwarded to Mr. Stephens. In May, Mr. Stephens requested that our approval letter contain a description of "Automotive or Heavy Vehicle Repair Shop." Supervisor Jordan felt that the entire Board should make this determination due to the heavy vehicle issue on Wolf Creek Road. The Board determined that, since the Town has no zoning laws, we cannot deny this request. The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Stephens of this decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Clerk asked the Board's opinion on looking into the use of accepting credit/debit cards. The Board advised that she could investigate this procedure and check with some possible vendors. Their main concern would be any cost to the Town.

Resolution 2016-5 was presented to the Board:

RESOLUTION APPROVING SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL CONTRACT BETWEEN COUNTY OF ALLEGANY AND TOWN OF GENESEE

Pursuant to Highway Law Section 135-a

WHEREAS, A Contract has been proposed between the County of Allegany and the Town of Genesee for the removal of snow from County Roads within the Town of Genesee and for sanding or otherwise treating them for the purpose of removing the danger of snow and ice, and

WHEREAS, the Allegany County Board of Legislators did approve said Contract by Resolution passed on June 13, 2016, and

WHEREAS, this Board feels that the terms and conditions of said Contract are fair and equitable, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED,

1. That the proposed Snow Removal and Ice Control Contract between the County of Allegany and the Town of Genesee, New York, for each mile contained in Appendix A County Road for the three (3) seasons beginning with the 2016-2017 snow season and ending with the 2018-2019 snow season, are approved.
2. That the Supervisor for the Town of Genesee is authorized and directed to execute the said Contract in duplicate and the Town Clerk is directed to file one of the duplicate original Contracts in her office and to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Allegany County Board of Legislators for filing in her office.

A motion was made by CP Cannon, 2nd by CP Holcomb, to approve this resolution. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Supervisor Jordan	Aye
Deputy Supervisor Bluhm	Aye
CP Cornwall	Aye
CP Holcomb	Aye
CP Cannon	Aye

The Clerk declared this Resolution approved.

- A letter has been received from the Allegany County SPCA regarding a new contract with them. The Dog Control Officer presently uses Joyful Rescues for any dogs due to the cost of using the SPCA and the time-frame involved. The Board did not approve a new contract with the SPCA.
- Supervisor Jordan advised that he has received information from the Portville Fire Department regarding fire numbers on houses. Apparently, this was made mandatory in 2003. This has been discussed before but, due to the cost, the Board has not approved it. The Highway Superintendent was instructed to get prices for the cost of these numbers. There was also a request to check the possibility of getting a grant for this project. More information will be available for the July meeting.

PAYING OF BILLS:

Abstracts totaling \$37,120.30 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

Abstract	Voucher Nos.	Abstract Amount
General Fund	121-141	\$ 8,871.58
Highway Fund	71-90	28,248.72

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by CP Cannon, 2nd by CP Holcomb. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonita Brunner
Town Clerk

Dated: June 22, 2016