

**Town of Genesee  
Little Genesee, NY 14754  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 20, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE:** Supervisor Alex Smith; Councilpersons Joshua Bluhm, Alyn Holcomb, Howard Cornwall, Michael Cannon, Town Clerk Bonita Brunner; Code Enforcement Officer Jonathon Barnes,  
**VISITORS:** Shannon Schoonover, Gail Shaw

This meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Smith at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FLOOR PERMISSION:**

Mrs. Schoonover asked what the Town Board was doing about the situation with the Doxey property on Route 417. She resides behind this property and is having problems with rodents, wild animals, and the general condition of this property. She states that she and her husband have offered to purchase the property from the Doxey family but they will not sell. Mrs. Schoonover has been in contact with the D.E.C. about the tires that are being dropped on the property but they advise that this is a problem for the Town Code Enforcement Officer. Jonathon Barnes advised her that he is working on getting a formal appearance in Court for the owner of the property. The Town Attorney is working on this matter. Discussion about the options available to the Town Board and residents.

**REPORTS:**

- Accountant's Compilation Report ending June 30, 2019 was supplied by Accountants Berry & Berry. This was reviewed by the Board members.
- Supervisor's Report for July 2019, payroll summary and bank reconciliations were not available due to computer issues with the Town Supervisor's computer.

Town Clerk presented the following reports:

- Clerk's Report for July 2019 indicated total monies collected of \$937.75. Of this, \$800.75 was paid to the Supervisor for the General Fund, \$99.00 to NYS Ag and Markets for dog licenses, and \$38.00 to Allegany Co DPW for landfill tickets sold.
- Petty Cash Report was presented for the month of July. There is currently \$93.15 available. \$6.85 was used for a certified mailing on an Animal complaint.
- Minutes from the July Board Meeting were previously e-mailed to all Board Members.

Town Justice Report:

- Review of Court Fines collected during June totaled \$896.00.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

- A report was presented by Code Enforcement Officer Barnes. Paperwork on both the Doxey property and the Coliseum have been forwarded to the Town Attorney for him to prepare tickets for both owners to appear in Justice Court. Mr. Barnes has also been in contact with the owner of the "car sales lot" on Route 17. He was given 10 days to begin work on the property, i.e. mowing the grass, getting rid of the cars that are there. CP Cornwall advised that a portion of the property has been mowed as of today. Mr. Taylor was also advised that his rental properties have to be inspected before occupancy. At some point in the future, Mr. Barnes will be conducting an inspection on all rentals. He is still overseeing a garage being built on Route 417, an addition to a residence on Main Street in Little Genesee, and continued remodeling work on a property in Little Genesee. He continues to investigate the properties on Low Street and 417 in Ceres.

Motion made by CP Cannon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Holcomb to accept all reports as submitted. Ayes all.  
Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS**

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Cannon

Clerk requested she be allowed to hire someone to do weeding outside by the walkway and to help her move boxes to arrange the storage room. Board said that Scott Fuller should be contacted regarding the weeding and Supervisor Smith said he would be able to help her moving the boxes.

Highway Department – Holcomb and Bluhm

Parks – Cannon and Cornwall

Cemeteries – Holcomb and Cornwall

Grants – Smith and Cornwall

Code Enforcement – Cannon and Holcomb

Audit Committee – Holcomb and Cannon

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Doxey and Shaw Properties**

Covered previously.

### **Septic System at Town Barns**

The 1000-gal septic tank has been installed at the Highway Barns. The additional work of piping to the leach field will be completed by the Highway employees.

### **Highway Department Grant - Generator**

The generator has been installed and is operational. The 10-year warranty has been activated. The change of the 250-amp service has not been completed yet. Superintendent Reynolds will be in contact with the contractor to find out when that will be done.

### **Search for New Highway Pick-Up**

Superintendent Reynolds is still getting prices for this purchase.

### **Upgrade to Town Hall Railings**

Thanks to CP Cornwall and Holcomb, the new railings are now in place. The Clerk advised that she spoke with the individuals from Job Corps and they will go over the railings again with a sander to remove any splinters and will stain the new wood.

### **RG&E Information on Street Lights**

Supervisor Smith has been in contact with a Kim Geer from RG&E regarding the change-over to LED streetlights. She advised that RG&E has a Conversion Program. The Town would purchase the unexpired life of the present lights for \$1,011.62. Then, early next year they will convert all 32 lights to the cobra-head LED lights. They would then maintain the lights as necessary. Discussion about how much we would save on our monthly bill after the conversion. Supervisor Smith will get more information prior to the next board meeting.

**284 Agreement with Highway Department**

Discussion about this agreement. It is felt that this should be generated during the budget process. Meeting should be schedules between Supervisor Smith, and Committee members CP Holcomb and Bluhm with Superintendent Reynolds regarding his needs and projections for next year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Animal Control Procedures**

There have been 2 complaints received during the last month regarding pigs running free on Coon Hollow. The owner has been notified of both complaints and advised that, if another complaint is received in the next six months, he would run the risk of having his animals seized. Code Enforcement Officer Jonathon Barnes will be responsible for taking the animals if necessary. He will speak with Mr. Schiralli about housing such animals.

**Resolution #2019 – 9**

Supervisor Smith advised that, if and when an individual received an appearance ticket on a violation of a Local Law, it will be necessary for the Town Attorney to represent the Town in Court. The following resolution was presented by CP Cannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Holcomb: :

**RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE TOWN IN ANY MATTERS CHARGING VIOLATION OF A LOCAL LAW**

**WHEREAS**, matters have come to the attention of the Town of Genesee which involve violations of a Town of Genesee Local Law;

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary for the Town Attorney to prosecute these matters if and when a Court appearance is necessary

**RESOLVED**, after discussion, the Genesee Town Board has approved this and directs the Town Supervisor to make arrangements with the Town Attorney for any action involving violation of a Town Local Law and to approve any expenditures as necessary.

Roll call vote taken as follows:	CP Bluhm	Aye
	CP Cannon	Aye
	CP Cornwall	Aye
	CP Holcomb	Aye
	Supervisor Smith	Aye

Resolution 2019-9 approved.

**Donated Bench at Bowler Cemetery**

The Town Clerk has received a request from the Sanford family to donate a bench to the Bowler Cemetery. The Board agreed to this but questioned who would be responsible for the upkeep on the bench. The Clerk will advise the family and tell them that the Board would make a stipulation that the bench be granite or stone, not wood, and the family accept responsibility for upkeep on the bench.

**Full Burial & Cremation in one Plot**

The Clerk has received two requests that the Town approve a cremation burial on top of a full burial. Discussion about this. The Board has no problem with doing this but would stipulate that there be only one cremation on top of a full burial.

**Back Handicap Entrance at Town Hall**

Discussion about the condition of the back entrance to the Town Hall. It is not handicapped accessible and the wood is deteriorating. CP Cornwall advised that the Town is only required to have one accessible entrance. The Board determined that the ramp should be changed to stairs. Mr. Cornwall did advise that there should be an arrow sign by the handicapped parking space showing people where the handicapped entrance is located.

**Inspection of Election Machines**

CP Cornwall advised that there is an inspection of election machines to be held by the Board of Elections. He will be inspecting these machines on our behalf.

**PAYING OF BILLS:**

Abstracts totaling \$33,890.85 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

<b>Abstract</b>	<b>Voucher Nos.</b>	<b>Abstract Amount</b>
General Fund	129 - 148	\$ 14,615.40
Highway Fund	89 - 102	\$ 19,275.45

CP Holcomb made a motion to pay the above bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Cannon. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by CP Cannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Holcomb. Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Bonita Brunner  
Town Clerk  
Dated: August 27, 2019