

**Town of Genesee
Little Genesee, NY 14754
Regular Board Meeting
July 18, 2017**

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

Absent: Councilperson Alyn Holcomb

Visitors: Peggy Cowell, Paul Lundfelt, Carol Thwing, Loren Wedge, Kayla Bluhm, Gail Shaw, Jason Dobson, Carol Palidar

This meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Jordan at 7:00 pm. with the pledge to the Flag.

FLOOR PERMISSION:

Several residents attended to discuss the condition of Bells Brook Road. The Highway Department has begun the process of tar & chipping this road. Mr. Reynolds stated that it was his decision to do the work on Bells Brook Road even though there are several other roads in the Town which also need work. A letter was presented to the Board signed by Gail Shaw and Jason Dobson outlining their complaints. Mrs. Shaw also provided pictures. They state that the road is graded incorrectly and, when it rains, water runs into their lawns and driveways. They also state that the “road in being raised” which affects their driveways and that the Town is “taking from their lawns” each time the road is resurfaced. After a heated discussion, the Board adjourned the matter to give the Board members time to inspect the road themselves and attempt to come up with a solution to the residents' problems.

REPORTS:

Supervisor's Report for June 2017 was reviewed as presented by Accountants Berry & Berry.

Town Clerks Reports:

- Clerk's Report for June was submitted. Total monies collected were \$503.50. Of this, \$417.00 was paid to the Supervisor for the General Fund, \$39.00 to NYS Animal Control for dog licenses, and \$47.50 to Allegany County DPW for landfill tickets.
- Petty Cash Report for June was submitted. There was \$92.50 in Petty Cash at the end of June as the Clerk used certified mail.
- Minutes from the June meeting had been e-mailed to the Board Members for approval.

Town Justice Report:

- Review of Court Fines collected during June totaled \$3,711.00. Of this, \$750.00 is retained by the Town and \$2,961.00 will be paid to the NYS Comptroller.

Code Enforcement Report:

- Code Enforcement Officer James Cline provided a report to the Board covering June 20 to July 17, 2017. He states that he made 9 inspections during this period. He again failed to provide the requested timetable form that had been provided. Short discussion about the issues with the service being provided by Mr. Cline and his possible untruthfulness.

Supervisor will notify him, in writing, of the Board's continued dissatisfaction. If he continues to disregard the Board's request for monthly updates, it may be necessary for the Board to look for a new Code Enforcement Officer.

- The Clerk advised there were three building permits issued between June 22 and July 18, 2017.

Motion made by CP Cannon and 2nd by CP Cornwall to accept all reports as submitted. CP Cannon, Cornwall and Supervisor Jordan voted Aye. CP Bluhm opposed. Motion carried by a 3 to 1 margin.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Cannon

Highway Department – Holcomb and Bluhm

Parks – Cannon and Cornwall

Cemeteries – Holcomb and Cornwall

Grants – Jordan and Cornwall

Code Enforcement – Cannon and Holcomb

Audit Committee – Jordan and Cannon

OLD BUSINESS

- Regarding the necessary repairs at the Genesee Library, the Clerk contacted Vision Contracting and Ryan Loucks Contracting and requested that they provide a quote to the Town for the work. To date nothing has been received. Board requested that the Clerk contact them both again and see if they are still interested in giving us a quote.
- At the June meeting the Board requested that the Clerk contact Association of Towns to ask if they could make a donation to the Bolivar Legion for placement of flags at the Town's cemeteries prior to Memorial Day. Clerk received a reply stating that, per Article 8, Section 1 of the NYS Constitution, the Town may not make this donation unless they adopted a local law authorizing such donation. The Board requested that a letter be written advising the Legion of this and thanking them for their time and effort in placing these flags. .

NEW BUSINESS

- Supervisor provided copies of a letter received from Richardson & Stout regarding a group, Sovereign Citizens, who may attempt to disrupt Board meetings. Supervisor Jordan advised he researched this group on the internet and found that they are considered to be a homeland terrorist organization. According to Court Officer Kreamer, she understands that some of these people live in the Friendship area. This letter was only sent to us as a precaution about future meetings.
- Clerk advised that Tom Randolph has contacted the town. He owns property on Main Street that was recently burned and now has a big hole where the foundation was located. He is requesting that any dirt from graves be used to fill this. After discussion with both CP Holcomb and Scott Fuller, Mr. Randolph was advised that any dirt dug at Wells Cemetery will be moved to his property.

- Discussion about the request from Mark Gleason to place a tree in the Park on County Road 5 in memory of his parents. The Board decided that, due to insurance restraints, this will not be approved. Clerk will send a letter to Mr. Gleason informing him of this decision.
- Request by Clerk about the Bell Atlantic box hanging on the outside of the Town Hall beside the Clerk's office. CP Bluhm advised that anything relating to Bell Atlantic or Verizon is not needed at the Hall. Highway Superintendent will see that this box is removed.
- CP Cannon asked about the Dog Census for this year. Clerk will speak with Mr. Wagner about this.

PAYING OF BILLS:

Abstracts totaling \$34,512.12 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

Abstract	Voucher Nos.	Abstract Amount
General Fund	129 - 146	\$ 9,231.52
Highway Fund	96 - 114	\$ 25,280.60

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonita Brunner
 Town Clerk
 Dated: July 19, 2017