

**Town of Genesee
Little Genesee, NY 14754
Regular Board Meeting
February 20, 2018**

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

Absent: CP Alyn Holcomb

Visitors: Kayla and Colt Bluhm, Peggy Cowell, Kay Reynolds

This meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Smith at 7 pm.

REPORTS:

Town Clerks Reports:

- Clerk's Report for January was submitted. Total monies collected were \$256.25. Of this, \$187.25 was paid to the Supervisor for the General Fund, \$12.00 to NYS Animal Control for dog licenses, and \$57.00 to Allegany County DPW for landfill tickets.
- Clerk also informed the Board that, as Tax Collector, she has collected \$1,051,436.68 to date. The Town has been paid in full for their share of the 2018 taxes (\$685,963) and \$350,000 has been forwarded to the County Treasurer. Collection will continue until the end of March 2018.
- Petty Cash Report for January was submitted. There is \$97.95 in Petty Cash as the Clerk used \$2.05 for postage when mailing the signed contract to the Union.
- Minutes from the January Organizational meeting and Regular Board Meeting had been e-mailed to the Board Members for approval.

Town Justice Report:

- Review of Court Fines collected during January totaled \$822.

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

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Cannon

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

- ➔ The Clerk presented corrected Abstracts to the Board. The Abstracts approved at the January meeting contained errors. Two payments listed for RG&E bills were actually for National Fuel. This was discovered when the Clerk was preparing the checks for mailing. Also, the postage as listed in the January Abstract was listed at \$49 per roll of 100 stamps. However, stamps are now \$50 per roll due to a price increase. The checks were corrected by

Accountant Kathy Berry. The corrected abstracts were prepared for the Board's information only.

- ➔ At the Organizational Meeting in January the appointment for Dog Control Officer was tabled. After discussion, a motion was made by CP Bluhm, 2nd by CP Cornwall, to reappoint Mr. Wagner, Ayes all. Motion was carried. He was reappointed as the Dog Control Officer effective immediately. A formal letter will be sent Mr. Wagner informing him of this appointment.
- ➔ At the Organizational Meeting in January the appointment for Code Enforcement Officer was tabled. After discussion, a motion was made by CP Cannon, 2nd by CP Bluhm, to appoint Jonathon Barnes as Code Enforcement Officer. Ayes all. Motion was carried. Mr. Barnes was appointed effective immediately. A formal letter will be sent to Mr. Barnes informing him of this appointment. Supervisor Smith will draft a letter to Mr. Cline advising him that he must return all Code Books which were provided and also all paperwork relating to the Town of Genesee (both complaints and Building Permits) that he worked on during his tenure.
- ➔ Discussion about the Genesee Library Contract. The Board would consider a 5-year lease on the building if that would benefit the Library. It would be necessary to include an agreement that all elections be held at the Library. Any funding would have to be considered on an annual basis, probably during the Budget process. A long-term lease for 5 years would require a permissive referendum and Public Hearing. Need to get additional information regarding this from the Library Board.
- ➔ Discussion about the Cold War exemption on real property. The Board decided they would like to go ahead with the Local Law necessary for this action. Clerk will contact Attorney Brautigam to have him prepare the necessary paperwork for a Public Hearing in this matter.
- ➔ Clerk advised an estimate was received from Dave Thompson, Allegany Fence, regarding repairs at the Wells Cemetery. However, the insurance company wants a further breakdown of the estimate as far as supplies and labor. Clerk will attempt to contact Mr. Thompson regarding this. The Clerk has attempted to contact Lotter & Lotter about this but has not received a return call from them. Board also suggested that the Clerk contact a Chris Perkins regarding a quote.

NEW BUSINESS

- CP Cannon returned the completed annual Audit paperwork for the year 2017. This will be provided to Berry & Berry for their review before the Board actually accepts the audits.
- Town Supervisor recently had a discussion with Attorney Brautigam about the appointment of a new Code Enforcement Officer. He was advised that the State just recently passed a law requiring Towns to have a Local Law that would require residence in the State of New York to be eligible for a position of Code Enforcement Officer. The Board requested that the Public Hearing needed for this be set for the same date as the Local Law on the Cold War Veteran's Law. Clerk will advise Attorney Brautigam about this.
- Supervisor Smith received a call from Little Genesee resident Jodi Adams. She is asking about 5 cement stones in front of her house, previously a sidewalk. She would like these removed and is asking the Town for assistance. The Board determined that, since this is on a State Road she might contact NYS DOT about this. Otherwise, it would be up to the landowner for removal of these items. Supervisor Smith will advise Ms. Adams.
- Supervisor Smith received a complaint through Senator Cathy Young's office. A complaint was made by Josiah Herne of 487 Butternut Brook Road, Portville regarding a location near his home which has had several car accidents and needs more signage. Mr. Herne is stating

that the Town has been contacted about this and “won't do anything.” This location has been inspected by both Supervisor Smith and Highway Superintendent Reynolds. They state that there are currently signs posted in both directions to warn of the sharp corner. After discussion it was decided that Superintendent Reynolds will again view the spot, note the number and location of signs and contact NYS DOT and request that they review the location for any safety suggestions. After this is done, Supervisor Smith will send a letter to both Senator Young's office and Mr. Herne advising them of our action. It should also be noted that the Clerk has reviewed her records and can find no complaints made regarding this location.

- Association of Towns has provided information regarding the NY Municipal Energy Program. This program allows NY communities and municipalities to save money on energy costs. Each municipality must adopt a Local Law to allow towns and residents to select Good Energy to obtain competitive energy rate for participants. Supervisor Smith will look into this program further.

PAYING OF BILLS:

Abstracts totaling \$150,452.83 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

Abstract	Voucher Nos.	Abstract Amount
General Fund	14 – 38	\$ 92,267.28
Highway Fund	4 - 22	58,185.55

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by CP Cannon, 2nd by Supervisor Smith. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonita Brunner
 Town Clerk
 Dated: February 21, 2018