

**Town of Genesee  
Little Genesee, NY 14754  
Regular Board Meeting  
July 17, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE:** Supervisor Alex Smith; Councilpersons Joshua Bluhm, Howard Cornwall, Michael Cannon and Alyn Holcomb; Highway Superintendent Ben Reynolds; Deputy Town Clerk Sadie Ellis

**Visitors:** Kayla and Colt Bluhm, Peggy Cowell, Kevin and Lori Dzielski

This meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Smith at 7:00 pm.

**FLOOR PERMISSION:**

Residents who reside on Coon Hollow Road attended the Board Meeting to inquire again what the Town could do regarding an on-going problem with sheep running free in their neighborhood. They spoke about problems with animals being in the roadway, not being able to let their children play outside, property damage to plants and flowers, and feces on the lawn.

Department of Agriculture sent over older laws that state there must be a fence up. The Department of Agriculture advised the town to enact a local law.

Mr. Barnes mentioned a farmer that would be willing to help the town with holding the animals.

**REPORTS:**

Supervisor's Report June 2018:

- ➔ The report was provided and reviewed.

Town Clerks Reports:

- ➔ Clerk's Report for June was submitted. Total monies collected were \$ 455.00 for landfill tickets, certified copies, and dog licenses. Of this, \$294.50 was paid to the Supervisor for the General Fund, \$37.00 to NYS Animal Population Control Program, and \$123.50 to Allegany County DPW for landfill tickets.
- ➔ Minutes from the June Board Meeting were printed and given to the Board Members.

Town Justice Report:

- ➔ Review of Court Fines collected during June totaled \$1745.00.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

- ➔ Mr. Barnes presented that Peggy Cowell will be putting a roof on her garage. Not pursuing the Doxey or Colosseum yet. General Construction on a couple of houses.

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

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS**

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Cannon

Highway Department – Holcomb and Bluhm

- ➔ Working on the wash outs.

Parks – Cannon and Cornwall

➔ Mr. Reynolds stated that he will clean up the tree that has fallen in the park.

Cemeteries – Holcomb and Cornwall

Grants – Smith and Cornwall

➔ CP Cornwall advised that he has been looking into grants for a generator. Have a price for one from Donald Ross. Also looking into one from Cathy Young and Gilbert.

Code Enforcement – Cannon and Holcomb

Audit Committee – Holcomb and Cannon

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Animal Law on Coon Hollow Road*

➔ The local law from the Town of Hume was the law of choice to use as a template for drafting a Town Ordinance or Local Law for Little Genesee. Creating an Ordinance instead of a Local Law was suggested. Mr. Barnes stated that Brad Scherelli is willing to house the animals when the animals are confiscated. Disposal, selling, auctioning, and relocation of the animals was discussed. The cost to the town was mentioned and possible solutions such as selling the animals were discussed. Adding a clause was proposed that the cost of holding the animals would be handled through the courts. A provision of keeping the animals properly contained on the owner's property was discussed.

➔ A suggestion was made to create an Animal Control position instead of just a Dog Control position.

*Generator for Highway Department*

➔ CP Cornwall has been working on securing potential grant money to put towards purchasing a generator. CP Cornwall is waiting for another application.

*Fallen tree in the park*

➔ Highway Superintendent Reynolds advised that the Town Highway will clean up the tree when they have time.

*Possible Resolution regarding plowing/ mowing at Genesee Library after Lease*

The Lease for the Library will be able to be signed on Thursday July 19, 2018 if no objections are made.

A resolution was suggested to modify the original lease regarding mowing and plowing the Library. All in favor to modify the lease.

Suggestions to modify include having the Library hire a private contractor with the money the town gives the Library. It was also suggested that the General Fund should pay for the expense, not the Highway Fund.

Mowing and Plowing were suggested to be dealt with separately from the lease. CP Bluhm motions to strike item number five from the lease. CP Holcomb seconds the motion to strike. All ayes.

Motion carried.

**PAYING OF BILLS:**

Prepaid General Expenses totals \$ 1,917.09. Regular Highway and General Abstracts totaling \$52,661.89 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

| Abstract | Voucher Nos. | Abstract Amount |
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| General Fund | 114-131 | \$ 9,238.71  |
| Highway Fund | 84-96   | \$ 45,340.27 |
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CP Holcomb made a motion to pay the above bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Cornwall. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by CP Cannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Cornwall. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sadie Ellis  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Dated: July 18, 2018