

**Town of Genesee  
Little Genesee, NY 14754  
Board Meeting  
July 21, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE:** Town Supervisor Donald Jordan, Deputy Supervisor Joshua Bluhm, Councilmen Alyn Holcomb and Howard Cornwall, Highway Superintendent Ben Reynolds, Town Assessor Carol Palidar, Town Clerk Bonita Brunner.

Absent: Councilman Michael Cannon

Townspople: Peg Cowell, Linda & Bill Schram, Kayla Bluhm, William Dibble

This meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Jordan at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**CONCERNS OF TOWNSPEOPLE:**

Mrs. Peg Cowell (who generally attends the Board meetings) has not been able to attend as her husband has been ill. She asked if she could get copies of the minutes from the Board Meetings since February 2015. The Board approved this request. The Clerk will make these available to Mrs. Cowell.

Linda & Bill Schram requested information about zoning in the Town of Genesee. They asked if the storage trailers brought into the community by the landscaping business on Route 417 are legal. They feel that this could lower assessment values in the town, may deter people from buying property and they wonder if anything could be done. The Board advised that there are no zoning laws in the Town and, therefore, if the property owners keep their property cleaned up there is nothing that the Town can do. They also questioned the Board about some properties in Ceres that have obvious code violations. They were informed of any actions presently ongoing on the properties in question. Mr. and Mrs. Schram advised that, if you had further questions, they would be contacting the Department of State.

Mr. Dibble provided a map of the Town of Genesee and its' buildings for the Board's review. He also presented a letter to the Board of his concerns about the Town Hall. He would recommend that the Board look into the possibility of putting up a new building instead of just repairing the present Town Hall. The letter was read to the Board by the Clerk. It was the consensus of opinion that, with the repair of the building to start August 3, it is much too late now to consider prolonging the process with additional meetings about a new building.

## **REPORTS:**

### Supervisors Report:

- Provided by Accountants Berry & Berry. Ayes all carried to accept.

### Town Clerks Reports:

- Clerk's Report for June submitted. Monies collected in June total \$733.50. Petty Cash Report for June submitted. The only transaction was for postage and the balance remains at \$51.00.
- Minutes from the June meeting were submitted for approval. CP Bluhm made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Seconded by CP Holcomb. Ayes all carried.

### Town Justice Report:

- Review of Court Fines collected by the Court during June totaled \$3,110.00.

### Code Enforcement Report:

- James Cline, Code Enforcement Officer, submitted his report for the period between June 19, 2015 and July 21, 2015.
- At the June meeting the Board requested information from the Court regarding the pending Court case against Mr. Doxey on his property. The Board was advised that the Court is facing issues because the property is actually owned by Jack Doxey. However, due to disabilities, Jack's father Robert always appears in Court regarding this. Also, according to the Court, there is presently a \$50,000 lien against this property and that is holding up any possible sale. The matter is due to come back before the Court on Thursday, July 23.

Motion made by CP Holcomb to accept all reports. Seconded by CP Cornwall. Ayes all carried and all reports were accepted.

## **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS:**

### Highway Dept: CPs Holcomb & Bluhm

- Discussion about the repair/replacement to the roller which was discussed last month. Superintendent Reynolds advised that the repairs should be completed in about 10 days.

### Park: CP Cannon and Cornwall

- Discussion about the large tree that came down in the park. Highway Department personnel partially cut down the large limbs but, when the park dries out more, they will work at removing the entire tree and clean up the area.

### Cemeteries: CP's Holcomb & Cornwall

- In measuring off a cemetery plot recently purchased, it was necessary to have the West Genesee Cemetery resurveyed by Mike Canada so that pins could be inserted for the boundary lines. CP Holcomb requested that Highway Superintendent add two more permanent marking pipes to replace the temporary ones that are there presently.

- The pipe needed for the 4' sluice pipe at West Genesee Cemetery which was approved in April, has been repaired by the Highway Department. Also, a fence was built near the back of the cemetery to help protect that area from the public.

Grants: Supervisor Jordan & Cornwall  
 Code Enforcement – CP Cannon  
 Labor Relations: CP Cannon & Supervisor Jordan

**OLD BUSINESS**

- The insurance company requested that Griffin Construction revise their bid to break down actual replacement work and code upgrades (the handicapped bathroom). This was done by Mr. Griffin. The total bid of \$204,000 remained the same, with the breakdown to show \$184,000 for the replacement work and \$20,000 for the code upgrades.

Resolution #7-21-2015 was presented to the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-21-2015**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID TO AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WITH GRIFFIN CONSTRUCTION FOR RESTORATION OF THE GENESEE TOWN HALL**

WHEREAS, due to the fire that occurred at the Genesee Town Hall, Little Genesee, New York on December 13, 2014, it was necessary for bids to be obtained for restoration;

WHEREAS, bids were obtained from contractors for this restoration and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

Vision Contracting, Bolivar, NY	\$254,833.00
Griffin Construction, Cohocton, NY	204,000.00

WHEREAS, the Town of Genesee Town Board determines Griffin Construction to be the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, therefore, RESOLVED that

(1) Griffin Construction is hereby awarded the bid, as the lowest responsible bidder, for the restoration of the Genesee Town Hall

(2) The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any necessary documents between the Town of Genesee and Griffin Construction for the completion of the restoration project.

Motion made by CP Bluhm and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Holcomb to adopt this resolution. Roll call vote was made:

Alyn Holcomb	Aye
Howard Cornwall	Aye
Joshua Bluhm	Aye
Donald Jordan	Aye

- Conference call with Mr. Paul Mayer from the insurance company. He reviewed the Statement of Loss which had been e-mailed earlier. This indicates a total of \$175,485.43 will be provided to the Town and \$32,115.64 will be provided directly to vendors Serv-Pro and Vision Construction. The remaining balance will be provided to the Town when the project is completed and approved by the Board.
- Supervisor Jordan told the board that he had spoken with Kathy at Richardson & Stout. She said we should go over the present policy and its' limits. Don has spoken with George Johnson and tentatively set a meeting with him for the September Board meeting so we can review the insurance policy before it expires in November.
- Last month there was a discussion about the pipeline coming through the Town and crossing town roads. Information was received from Town Attorney Brautigam regarding this issue. Highway Superintendent Reynolds advised that he was in contact with a representative from the pipeline today and they told him that there would be 2-3 more meetings before the actual work begins on this project.
- Town Board members were advised that the town received a letter June 30 advising that a payment for \$97,442.78 has been processed. This is FEMA monies from 2011.
- A contract has been provided from Thomas Tierney's attorney for the purchase of the land on Salt Rising Road. The contract was reviewed by Town Attorney Brautigam and he sent the Town a letter noting various issues with the contract. The first issue is the fact that the Town cannot unconditionally accept the offer until a permissive referendum is done. The Board directed that a letter be sent to Tierney's attorney listing these concerns and request that the contract be amended to include our costs.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A resident contacted the Town Clerk regarding Election Inspectors for the upcoming elections. There are presently no inspectors from the Town of Genesee. The Board of Elections would like to have 4 republications and 4 democrats. Last year the Town was charged \$132.00 mileage for workers who had to travel from other jurisdictions. It is requested that, if anyone knows someone who might be interested in doing this, they contact the Town Clerk or the Board of Elections in Belmont for information. There is training scheduled during August for anyone interested in doing this. According to Town Assessor Palidar the individuals are paid \$35 for the training and \$10.75/hour on the election day.

- Supervisor Jordan has been contacted about getting house numbers for Town residents. These numbers were state mandated a few years ago. This has been discussed before and it was determined that the cost to the Town would be prohibitive. According to CP Holcomb, residents living in the Bolivar Fire District already have the numbers, so it would be necessary for the Portville Fire District residents only. It is estimated that this would cost the Town approximately \$18,000. No further action was taken at this time.
- The Board was advised that the Town Constable Al Morrow is in need of surgery and will be off work for 6-8 weeks. Judge Calcagno has requested that the bailiff from the Town Court in Bolivar be allowed to cover his duties while he is off sick. CP Holcomb made a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Cornwall that Erica Kreamer be appointed on a temporary basis to cover the constable duties at the same rate of pay as Mr. Morrow. So carried.
- Information received from the NYS Office of Community Renewal that the Town of Genesee needs to complete the formal closeout process for the CDBG Grant from 2006. In checking with the accountants, this grant was handled through the Cuba Community Development Program. CP Cornwall advised that a Mark Sabella is presently in charge of that department and he can be contacted for any paperwork that is necessary for closing our this grant.

Abstracts totaling \$41,932.17 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

<b>Abstract</b>	<b>Voucher Nos.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Fund	107-123 & 125	\$ 13,716.49
General Fund – Fire	109 - 111	\$ 202.90
Highway Fund	91-95 & 97-103	\$ 28,012.78

A motion was made by CP Holcomb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Cornwall to approve payment. Ayes all carried and abstracts were approved for payment. (It should be noted that in the General Fund Voucher #124 for \$226.09 to Verizon was pulled by the Board and further information was requested from the Clerk before this is paid. Also, in the Highway Fund Voucher #96 to IA Construction for \$729.51 was pulled by the Highway Superintendent as there was an error in the amount due on this voucher.)

Motion to adjourn the meeting by CP Cornwall and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Holcomb. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonita Brunner  
Town Clerk

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**BID OPENING**  
**On June 16, 2015**  
**for**  
**Reconstruction of Town Hall**

<b>Bid Number</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
1	Vision Contracting, Bolivar, NY	\$254,833.00
2	Griffin Construction, Cohocton, NY	\$204,000.00

NOTE: The Lowest Bidder was:

Griffin Construction of New York State, Inc.  
P O Box 307  
Cohocton, New York 14826