

**Town of Genesee
Little Genesee, NY 14754
Regular Board Meeting
March 15, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Deputy Supervisor Joshua Bluhm, Councilmen Alyn Holcomb, Michael Cannon and Howard Cornwall; Town Clerk Bonita Brunner, Highway Superintendent Ben Reynolds

Absent: Town Supervisor Donald Jordan

Town Residents: Kayla Bluhm, Peggy Crowell, David Parker

This meeting was brought to order by Deputy Supervisor Bluhm at 7 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

REPORTS:

- Supervisor's Report for the period February 1 to February 29, 2016 was presented and reviewed by the Board.
- Financial Statements prepared by Berry & Berry were also presented for the year ending December 31, 2015. Deputy Supervisor Bluhm stated he had been advised by Accountant Kathy Berry that, due to the increased costs during 2015 for equipment repairs in the Highway Department, only \$25,000.00 was transferred to Highway Equipment Reserve instead of the anticipated \$50,000.00.

Town Clerks Reports:

- Clerk's Report for February submitted. Monies collected totaled \$140.75.
- Petty Cash Report for February submitted. There is currently \$75.85 in Petty Cash as stamps were purchased and an overnight letter was required to RG&E.
- Minutes from the February meeting had previously been e-mailed to the Board Members for approval.

Town Justice Report:

- Review of Court Fines collected by the Court during February totaled \$2,470.00.

Code Enforcement Report:

- Report submitted by James Cline covering February 16, 2016 to March 15, 2016.
- One demolition permit was issued on March 9, 2016 for a property at 8114 Main Street, Little Genesee, NY owned by Thomas Randolph.

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

Resolution No. 2016-3 was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-3

March 15, 2016

Town of Genesee, NY

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2015 BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make monetary transfers to the 2015 Town of Genesee Budget to finalize figures for the year ending December 31, 2015;

RESOLVED, that the 2015 Budget be amended by the transfers between appropriations and appropriations of unanticipated revenues and fund balance as listed in the Town of Genesee Financial Statements as prepared by Berry & Berry, CPA's.

CP Holcomb made a motion to adopt the above-listed resolution, 2nd by CP Cannon. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

CP Cannon	Aye
CP Cornwall	Aye
CP Holcomb	Aye
CP Bluhm	Aye

Resolution carried.

Committee Assignments & Reports

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Cannon:

- Question by CP Holcomb about the problems with the handicap bathroom door. The Clerk advised that she contacted Mr. Griffin on March 2 about this. He advised that he would be in the area “in a couple weeks” and would stop at the Town Hall. However, as of this meeting date, he has not come.
- The Town Clerk thanked the Highway Superintendent and his employees for the work they had done in the main hall constructing a small kitchen area. They have also installed the drop door in the Judge's office as discussed at the last meeting.

Highway Department – Holcomb and Bluhm:

- Discussion about the purchase of the truck for the Highway Department. Prices have increased and, if a truck with a Cummings motor is purchased, it will be approximately \$215,000. There will be no trade-in of any other vehicle. It will take approximately six months to take possession of the truck after it is ordered. Supervisor Jordan has contacted Rural Development for a possible grant to purchase the vehicle.

Park – Cannon and Cornwall

- Discussion about what needs to be done in the Park. The Highway Department still needs to remove the large tree trunk that fell last fall and the gazebo needs to be painted. The Clerk advised that the workers from the Jobtrak Work Unit through the Department of Social Services do this type of work during the summertime.

Audit Committee – Jordan and Cannon

- CP Cannon advised that he has completed his portion of the 2015 audits and forwarded all information back to Berry & Berry.

OLD BUSINESS

- Regarding the upcoming Pipeline Project, Highway Superintendent Reynolds has received the road permit bond in the amount of \$500,000.00 as requested at the January Board meeting. However, the original bond requested was to cover five (5) roads in the Town. Now that we have received an updated map of the proposed haul route, there will be six (6) roads involved. Superintendent Reynolds will speak with Bryce Walker, Project Manager, about this discrepancy and attempt to add Prosser Road and increase the bond to \$600,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Superintendent Reynolds has requested that the following resolution be presented to the Board. This was requested by the NYS Association of Town Superintendents of Highways:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-2

Dated: March 15, 2016

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO RESTORE FUNDING PARITY BETWEEN THE CAPITAL PLANS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) AND THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Offered by: Town of Genesee, County of Allegany

WHEREAS, Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Mayor deBlasio recently announced an agreement to jointly subsidize the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) nearly \$11 billion funding gap for its 2015-19 five-year capital program; and

WHEREAS, as part of this agreement, the Governor is committing \$8.3 billion in state resources to cover the MTA plan's multi-year deficit; and

WHEREAS, while we may agree that this vital investment in downstate transit is needed, the state has yet to develop a new Department of Transportation Five-Year Capital Plan designed to assess current conditions and determine investments needed to provide for the future needs of a modern, safe, reliable, and efficient multimodal transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of the FAST Act, a fully funded five-year authorization of federal surface transportation programs that provides long-term federal funding predictability, should now facilitate the state to develop and fund a Transportation Five-Year Capital Plan; and

WHEREAS, locally-owned roads and bridges account for 87% of the State's 110,000 miles of roadways and 50% of the State's 18,000 bridges and are responsible for a vast system of aging culverts. These locally-owned transportation facilities are deteriorating at a rapid rate as counties continue to struggle to find adequate funding for their maintenance and replacement; and

WHEREAS, three of the last four DOT/MTA five-year capital programs were virtually identical in size; and

WHEREAS, for nearly two decades, through 2009, the parity agreement was honored and both five-year capital programs were similar in size as well as adopted within a month of each other. It is necessary to once again restore parity between the programs; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2014 Comptroller's report, 34% of bridges are deficient and 48% of road pavements in the state are rated fair or poor and getting worse; and

WHEREAS, restoring parity between the Department of Transportation's (DOT) highway and bridge five-year capital program and the MTA's capital program will assure each program is funded at a \$26.1 billion level, providing enough resources to help fund the local needs as described above, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the Town of Genesee calls upon Gov. Cuomo and our State Legislative Delegation to work with our County and other local governments in order to develop and fully-fund a Five-Year Capital Plan that will provide the necessary and proper funding to New York's Counties, Towns and Villages by substantially increasing CHIPS and Marchiselli funding and establishing a five-year State Aid to Local Bridge and Culvert Program to give them the ability to adequately maintain their infrastructure.
2. That the Town Clerk of the Town of Genesee shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Gov. Andrew Cuomo; Senator Catharine M. Young; Assemblyman Joseph M. Giglio; and the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways

Motion made by CP Cannon, 2nd by CP Holcomb, to accept this resolution. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

CP Cannon Aye
CP Cornwall Aye
CP Holcomb Aye
CP Bluhm Aye

Resolution was carried. The Clerk was instructed to forward certified copies of this resolution as requested.

- The Annual Tax Sale of properties will be held on April 30, 2016. There are five properties in the Town that are involved.
- Donna Emrick of the Allegany County Employment and Training Center in Belmont has contacted Superintendent Reynolds about the possibility of using a young man from the Little Genesee area (Dakota Pierce) during the summer. He could work 20-28 hours per week for 6-8 weeks. He would be paid minimum wage through the Allegany County Payroll and they would cover Workers Comp and liability insurance. The Board members agreed to allow Mr. Reynolds to proceed with this.
- Clerk advised that the 23rd Annual Local Government conference will be held in Houghton on May 11, 2016. She asked if anyone is interested in attending, they should advise her to complete the registration process.
- Town resident Bill Dibble has requested a copy of the plans used when the Judge's bench was made. This is in conjunction with a movie project he is involved with titled "The Eighth Round." CP Holcomb said he believed there was not any actual plans for the bench, there was only a small sketch drawn. The Clerk will advise Mr. Dibble of this.
- The Clerk has received a request from the Board of Elections asking if there will be anyone on the Town level that will be included in the 2016 Election in November. No one will be up for election this year.

PAYING OF BILLS:

Abstracts totaling \$21,565.76 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

Abstract	Voucher Nos.	Abstract Amount
General Fund	52-72	\$ 10,156.71
Highway Fund	24-41	11,409.05

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by CP Cannon. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonita Brunner
Town Clerk

Dated: March 23, 2016