

**Town of Genesee
Little Genesee, NY 14754
Regular Board Meeting
May 17, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Deputy Supervisor Joshua Bluhm; Councilpersons Alyn Holcomb, Michael Cannon and Howard Cornwall; Highway Superintendent Ben Reynolds; Code Enforcement Officer James Cline; Town Clerk Bonita Brunner

Absent: Supervisor Donald Jordan

Town Residents: David Parker, Kayla Bluhm, Peggy Cowell

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

REPORTS:

Supervisor's Report for April 2016 and the Accountant's Compilation Report as of March 31, 2016, provided by Accountants Berry & Berry, were reviewed.

Town Clerks Reports:

- Clerk's Report for April was submitted. Total monies collected were \$568.90. Of this, \$489.90 was paid to the Town Supervisor, \$22.00 was forwarded to NYS Animal Control for dog licenses, and \$57.00 was sent to Allegany County DPW for landfill tickets sold.
- Petty Cash Report for April was submitted. There is currently \$49.13 in Petty Cash as it was necessary to have another set of keys made for the dog kennels and stamps were purchased.
- Minutes from the April meeting had previously been e-mailed to the Board Members for approval. CP Holcomb noticed an error regarding the spelling of Coliseum. The April minutes will be corrected by the Clerk.

Town Justice Report:

- Review of Court Fines collected by the Court during April totaling \$2,273.00.

Code Enforcement Report:

- No formal report was presented by the Code Enforcement Officer as he attended the meeting at the request of the Board.
- The Clerk advised that there have been four building permits completed between April 20 and May 17.

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

Committee Assignments & Reports

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Cannon:

- Question by CP Holcomb if contractor Griffin had been in as requested. The Clerk advised that she contacted him March 2, but he has not responded to our request. CP Holcomb requested that the Clerk contact him again regarding these issues.
- The Town Clerk advised that she had contacted Root Water Well Specialists regrading the water softener in the building. They inspected the new water softener, made some adjustments, and added salt. They will check back with us in six months.

Highway Department – Holcomb and Bluhm:

- The Clerk advised that Supervisor Jordan wants to thank CP Howard Cornwall for his donation of wood to the Highway Department. Superintendent Reynolds was able to pick up the scrap wood on Mr. Cornwall's property and will use it in the wood furnace at the Town Barns.
- CP Holcomb asked about the gravel pit off Streeter Brook. Highway Superintendent advised that he has begun working there putting in a road.

Park – Cannon and Cornwall

- CP Cannon submitted his report on the Park. The only issue that needs to be addressed is the grass on the benches and gazebo floor after the mowing is done.

Cemeteries – Holcomb and Cornwall:

- Deputy Supervisor Bluhm advised that at the Bowler Cemetery he noticed that there was a lot of grass on some of the stones. He asked if Mr. Fuller could be contacted to see if his workers could be more aware of this when they mow.

Grants – Jordan and Cornwall:

- Supervisor Jordan, CP Cornwall and Town Clerk Brunner had a meeting regarding obtaining a grant through the USDA for the truck purchase. She contacted the USDA and obtained the following information:

She spoke with Thomas Becker from the USDA who advised the first step would be to e-mail him a copy of our 2015 Financial Update. He would review these and let us know if it would be worth our time to even apply based on our financial circumstances.

He said after we apply it will take 6 mos to a year for any kind of decision on the money we could get. He said that for snowplows, the usual grant is for approximately \$30,000 but the amount would be based on the money available, how many grants are approved, etc.

I asked him how it would affect the grant if we bonded for the truck. He said that, in actuality, the USDA would hold the bond. There would be a Bond Counsel that would work with us setting up the bond, the steps involved, etc. At the present time the interest rate for a Federal held bond is 2.875%. In order to be grant eligible we would have to bond for 15 years. Also, there would be a Bond Counsel fee of between \$3-\$5,000 that would be added to the price of the loan.

- After discussion, the Board felt that this grant would be too cumbersome for the Town. It would extend our bond from 5 years to 15 years, meaning additional costs. Also, the cost of the Bond Counsel would be prohibitive. It was their decision that the Town not apply for this grant and that the matter die in committee.

Code Enforcement – Cannon and Holcomb

- Discussion with Code Enforcement Officer Cline regarding several issues in the Town. The Local Law states that he has to have a written complaint before he can begin the violation process and people are very hesitant to file formal complaints. When he does receive a formal complaint he notifies the landowner of the problem and gives them 30 days to reply. If, after that 30-day period, no progress is made, the matter is referred to Court. At that point, it is out of Mr. Cline's hands. On occasion, after receipt of a verbal complaint, CEO Cline has spoken with the owner and advised them of the issue.
 - Doxey property (Ceres): The Allegany County Court presently has a case open on the owner and has added a stipulation to the County Court case that, as part of his sentence, he would clean up his property as Community Service. Discussion about the other property on Route 417 owned by the Doxey family. No written complaint has been received on that property to date.
 - The Coliseum: Verbal complaints received regarding people being inside the building. Again, no written complaint has been received. CEO Cline has spoken with the owner and there is a final insurance hearing in October regarding a settlement in this matter.
 - Keller Road property: CEO Cline has spoken with the owner. Highway Superintendent Reynolds has also spoken with the owner regarding the issue of debris in the ditch which could cause drainage problems.

Audit Committee – Jordan and Cannon

- CP Cannon advised that he has returned the audit paperwork to Berry & Berry but has heard nothing further from them.

OLD BUSINESS

- Receipt of the final payment on the property sold on County Road 5. A total of \$8,586.32 was received. This covers the balance due on the property, plus the Town's expenses.
- The Clerk submitted information on the truck purchase for the Highway Department. A resolution has to be approved to allow the exception of competitive bidding (the Piggybacking Law); a motion needs to be made to allow the Highway Superintendent to order the equipment; and the Town Supervisor has to contact banks in the area for the bond. At that point a Permissive Referendum will be published for public input.

Resolution 2016-4 was presented to the Board as follows:

**RESOLUTION ALLOWING EXCEPTION TO
COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AS PER GML 103(16)**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town of Genesee Highway Department to purchase a new dump truck and snow plow for use in the Town of Genesee

WHEREAS, political subdivisions that wish to make purchases under GML 103(16) through the use of a contract let on the basis of best value, otherwise known as the “Piggybacking Law” which will reduce administrative and product cost and increase efficiencies;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town of Genesee to authorize this process by adoption of this resolution;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Genesee approves the purchase of equipment through the County of Onondaga Award Contract, Bid Reference No. 7823, in effect from June 24, 2013 through June 23, 2018.

CP Cannon made the motion that this resolution be approved, 2nd by CP Holcomb. Roll call vote was taken:

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

Resolution so adopted.

A motion was then made by CP Holcomb, 2nd by CP Cannon, that Highway Superintendent Reynolds be given permission to order the equipment using the State Contract with Onondaga County. All members voted Aye, no objection. Motion so carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk advised that there will be an Allegany County District 3 meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at the Town Hall. This will be held by Legislators Fanton, Burt and Root. The public is invited to attend. The main discussion will be the Allegany County Landfill.

PAYING OF BILLS:

Abstracts totaling \$33,625.79 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

Abstract	Voucher Nos.	Abstract Amount
General Fund	99 - 120	\$ 10,315.68
Highway Fund	56 - 70	23,310.11

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, 2nd by CP Cornwall. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonita Brunner
Town Clerk

Dated: May 18, 2016