

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

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

VISITORS: Kayla Bluhm, Peggy Cowell

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

FLOOR PERMISSION:

No one requested to speak when offered floor permission.

REPORTS:

Supervisor's Report for October 2018 was presented and reviewed. Regarding questions on overages in some line items that were discussed at the October meeting, the following was presented to the Board:.

1220.4 Supervisor – Contractual – overages due to Supervisor Training, checks ordered and Annual Software charges for Sage Accounting Program

5132.4 Garage – Contractual - overages due to floor drain covers that were replaced, plus a window repair

8810.4 Cemetery-Contractual – shows an overage of \$2,470 but is offset by \$3,800 in additional Revenues (A2192)

Town Clerk presented the following reports:

- Clerk's Report for October indicated total monies collected were \$359.75. Of this, \$263.25 was paid to the Supervisor for the General Fund, \$30.00 to NYS Ag and Markets for dog licenses, and \$66.50 to Allegany Co DPW for landfill tickets purchased.
- Petty Cash Report was presented for the month of October. There is currently \$100.00 available as no monies were spent during the month of October.
- Minutes from the October Board Meeting were previously e-mailed to all Board Members.

Town Justice Report: Review of Court Fines collected during October totaled \$2,750.00.

Supervisor Smith advised that Judge Pritchard has requested that any monies left in his 2018 contractual be encumbered to 2019 to cover any extra costs associated with a JCAP Grant request for security cameras in the Court room. Clerk will speak with Accountant Kathy Berry about this and ask if this will require a formal resolution.

Code Enforcement Officer Barnes presented a written report to the Board covering October and November 2018. This covered the Doxey property; a double-wide installation by Cole Davis; Dave's Diner inspections after the fire; building by James Palidar; a residence on Sanford Hollow that will require demolition; and the Coliseum.

The Board requested that the Doxey and Collesium matters both be placed on the “Old Business” agenda each month for further discussion. CP Bluhm also requested that the Clerk send the Time Table for Code Enforcement Complaints be forwarded to Jonathan Barnes for his use in reporting regarding code violations. This should be updated and submitted monthly along with his report.

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

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Cannon

As requested, CP Holcomb completed his inspection of the Genesee Library for any possible building issues. The new boards from the last construction need to be painted; there is a problem with the foundation on the left side of the building and some small cracks along the wall that will need to be addressed; the roof on the front-side of the building appears to need new shingles. CP Holcomb believes that the roof on the back side of the building may have been replaced/repared in the last few years. It is the Board's understanding that, since they now lease the building, the Library Board will apply for grants for these items before they come to the Town for funding.

Highway Department – Holcomb and Bluhm

CP Holcomb asked Mr. Reynolds if the town roads are posted. He advised that signs will be going up as of December 1 and it will be published in the Olean Times Herald.

Parks – Cannon and Cornwall

Cemeteries – Holcomb and Cornwall

Grants – Smith and Cornwall

Code Enforcement – Cannon and Holcomb

Audit Committee – Holcomb and Cannon

OLD BUSINESS

Grant for Highway Barns

CP Cornwall advised he is still working on the grant request that would be for an additional bay on the highway garage and an emergency generator. Mr. Reynolds advised that he has not received any information back from contractors. He will contact Dugan & Dugan and request one from them,. It is possible that the problem is the prevailing wage aspect of any project done by the Town.

Grant for Animal Shelter from Ag & Markets

Supervisor Smith advised that he has looked into this grant. However, there is a minimum request of \$50,000. Therefore, this grant would not work for the Town of Genesee.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2018-17 – Excess Liability Umbrella Policy with NYMIR

Discussion by the Board regarding reducing our Umbrella Coverage with NYMIR. Information was received from Ian Whitehouse as to the savings if we reduce this amount. By reducing the \$5,000,000 to \$2,000,000 the Town would save approximately \$2.500 yearly. The policy would cover any damages over and above any of our additional coverages.

Resolution #2018-17 was presented to the Board as follows:

**RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE TOWN OF GENESEE'S
INSURANCE POLICY WITH NYMIR
RELATIVE TO EXCESS LIABILITY UMBRELLA POLICY**

WHEREAS, the recently renewed insurance policy with NYMIR for 2018-2019 contains a \$5,000,000 Excess Liability component;

WHEREAS, after discussion by the Town Board and information received from insurance agent Ian Whitehouse, the Board desires to reduce the amount of this Excess Liability component to \$2,000,000.

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Genesee Board approves this change and directs Town Supervisor Smith to contact Richardson & Stout (The Evans Agency) to make whatever adjustments are necessary to our 2018-2019 Insurance coverage.

CP Cornwall made a motion, 2nd by CP Cannon, that this resolution be approved.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

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| CP Cornwall | Aye |
| CP Bluhm | Aye |
| CP Cannon | Aye |
| CP Holcomb | Aye |
| Supervisor Smith | Aye |

Resolution adopted.

Resolution #2018-18 – Approving Agreement w/Portville Fire District for 2019

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE PORTVILLE
FIRE DISTRICT AND THE TOWN OF GENESEE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Genesee’s fire protection is partially covered by the Portville Fire District and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Genesee hereby approves the agreement between the Town of Genesee and the Portville Fire Protection District for the year 2019, furnishing the necessary fire protection for their portion in the Town of Genesee;

WHEREAS, included in the Town of Genesee Approved 2019 Budget are sufficient funds as requested to pay the Portville Fire District \$35,718.80 for the year 2019;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Town Supervisor Alexander Smith execute the necessary paperwork for this agreement.

CP Cannon made a motion, 2nd by CP Holcomb, that this resolution be approved.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

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| CP Cornwall | Aye |
| CP Bluhm | Aye |
| CP Cannon | Aye |
| CP Holcomb | Aye |
| Supervisor Smith | Aye |

Resolution adopted. Clerk is to prepare the contract for signatures and return to the Portville Fire District.

Resolution #2018-19 - Approving Agreement w/Bolivar Fire District for 2019

Discussion regarding the possibility of changing to another fire company for coverage. A problem has been reported with Bolivar volunteer firemen not answering calls and the need to use Richburg, Portville or Wellsville to cover Bolivar calls. Supervisor Smith has looked into this and found that the State must issue a Certificate of Need in order to change fire districts. The Board requested that the Supervisor look into this matter and attempt to get some statistics regarding Bolivar calls that are being answered by other departments.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOLIVAR JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
AND THE TOWN OF GENESEE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Genesee's fire protection is partially covered by the Bolivar Fire District and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Genesee hereby approves the agreement between the Town of Genesee and the Bolivar Joint Fire District for the year 2019, furnishing the necessary fire protection for their portion in the Town of Genesee;

WHEREAS, included in the Town of Genesee Approved 2019 Budget are sufficient funds as requested to pay the Bolivar Fire District \$45,246.00 for the year 2019;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Town Supervisor Alexander Smith execute the necessary paperwork for this agreement.

CP Bluhm made a motion, 2nd by CP Holcomb, that this resolution be approved.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

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| CP Cornwall | Aye |
| CP Bluhm | Aye |
| CP Cannon | Aye |
| CP Holcomb | Aye |
| Supervisor Smith | Aye |

Resolution adopted. Clerk is to prepare the contract for signatures and return to the Bolivar Fire District.

Tax Exemption for Persons Over 65 w/Limited Income

Information has been requested by Allegany County Real Property as to the Board's decision on the monetary level for partial tax exemptions on residents over the age of 65. The Board will not change the amount for 2019 and will stay with the \$19,500 level. The Clerk will complete the information and return same to the Real Property office.

District III Meeting Update

Supervisor Smith presented information from the District III meeting held here on Wednesday, November 14. A representative from the Health Department was here to discuss the services available through the Health Department. She also addressed cancer services available to residents of Allegany County. A county resident, who is diagnosed with cancer, can be given a \$500 fuel card for transportation to treatment and Dr. visits. (It should be noted that this does not apply to

individuals who receive Medicaid.) Also discussed was the Crossroads project outside of Belmont which involves building a Hilton Hotel with easy access to Interstate 86.

PAYING OF BILLS:

Abstracts totaling \$49,609.18 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

| Abstract | Voucher Nos. | Abstract Amount |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| General Fund | 181 - 196 | \$ 32,221.24 |
| Highway Fund | 147 - 162 | \$ 17,387.94 |
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CP Holcomb made a motion to pay the above bills, 2nd by CP Cannon. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by CP Cannon, 2nd by CP Cornwall. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonita Brunner
Town Clerk
Dated: November 21, 2018