

**Town of Genesee  
Little Genesee, NY 14754  
Regular Board Meeting  
June 19, 2019**

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

**VISITORS:** Joe Luzier, Gail Shaw, Jason Dobson, Jen Hadlay, Loren Wedge, Drew Keim, Paul Lundfelt, Carol Thwing, Jim Steinbacher, John Wilber, Peggy Cowell

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

**FLOOR PERMISSION:**

Several residents are concerned about the condition of Bells Brook Road, in particular the Dobson/Shaw properties. They state that, even after the extensive work done there last year by the Highway Department, the problem still persists with rain water causing damage to Mr. Dobson's driveway. He wonders who is responsible to pay for the damage that is still being done. Supervisor Smith advised that he will be looking into this matter and checking with the Highway Department about this.

Another resident asked about the bad road condition on Deer Creek Road. He states that nothing has been done to the road "in over 20 years". CP Holcomb advised that the town's money only goes so far when resurfacing a road. It was also suggested that residents contact authorities in Albany regarding additional CHIPS funding which would help in fixing the roads.

Discussion about the cars at the car sales lot on Route 417 across from Dave's Diner. Resident who lives nearby states that he is having problems with rodents and a lot of cats coming from all the abandoned cars there. Code Enforcement Officer Barnes advised that he has been attempting to reach the owner of this property (who lives in Pennsylvania) to discuss this issue. He states that he must first talk with the owner, do an inspection and give them time to remedy the situation. If they don't comply, he will then issue a ticket for the owner to appear in Court.

**REPORTS:**

- Supervisor's Report for May 2019, a payroll summary and bank reconciliations were reviewed.

Town Clerk presented the following reports:

- Clerk's Report for May 2019 indicated total monies collected were \$346.00. Of this, \$303.00 was paid to the Supervisor for the General Fund, \$24.00 to NYS Ag and Markets for dog licenses, and \$19.00 to Allegany Co DPW for landfill tickets sold.
- Petty Cash Report was presented for the month of May. There is currently \$100.00 available. No expenses in the month of May.
- Minutes from the May Board Meeting were previously e-mailed to all Board Members.

Town Justice Report:

- Review of Court Fines collected during May totaled \$1,773.00.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

- A report was presented by Code Enforcement Officer Barnes. Court tickets are being issued for both the Doxey and Shaw (Coliseum) properties for July. He has prepared an extensive report on the Coliseum property regarding all code violations. He is also doing a similar report on the Doxey property. He is also looking into the car sales lot in Ceres and other dilapidated properties in Ceres.

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

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS**

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Cannon

An update was presented regarding the Genesee Library and their construction aid program for 2019. They intend to renovate the bathroom for ADA compliance; install insulation for energy efficiency and upgrade the electrical service. They will apply for a state grant for 75% of the cost and the library will pay for the remaining 25%.

Highway Department – Holcomb and Bluhm

Parks – Cannon and Cornwall

Cemeteries – Holcomb and Cornwall

Grants – Smith and Cornwall

Code Enforcement – Cannon and Holcomb

Audit Committee – Holcomb and Cannon

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Doxey and Shaw Properties**

Covered previously.

**Septic System at Town Barns**

The 1000-gal septic tank has been installed at the Highway Barns. The additional work of piping to the leach field will be completed by the Highway employees.

**Highway Department Grant - Generator**

The generator has been ordered. The unit will have a 10-year warranty. When delivery is scheduled Lighthouse Electric will be notified for the installation.

**Search for New Highway Pick-Up**

Superintendent Reynolds is still getting prices for this purchase.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Upgrade to Town Hall – Railings & Front Landscaping**

Clerk presented an estimate for work requested. This totals \$688. After consideration, it was agreed that the handicapped accessible railings will be completed by CP Holcomb and Cornwall during the

upcoming month. The Clerk will order the enclosed Bulletin Board for the Clerk's door. The landscaping in front of the building will be put on hold to see if a more cost-effective method could be used.

**DOT work on Route 417**

A letter from DOT has been received indicating that work will be done between Powerhouse Road and County Road 5.

**Updated Drug & Alcohol Policy**

The Allegany County Highway Association is updating the Drug & Alcohol Policy for all Towns. The Board was asked to review this, note any changes or additions, and let Mr. Reynolds know. He will be working with a John Haller regarding our municipality. We will then get a compliance manual from Occustar.

**NYS Dept Taxation Report – Equalization Rate**

Information received from NYS Office of Real Property which indicates that the Town of Genesee's 2019 Equalization Rate is at 80%. This is a drop of 15% from the 2018 rate. Supervisor Smith was advised by Assessor Karen Reynolds that the state is recommending that the Town do a full re-evaluation. The Board decided not to take any action on this at this time.

**PAYING OF BILLS:**

Abstracts totaling \$23,922.21 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

<b>Abstract</b>	<b>Voucher Nos.</b>	<b>Abstract Amount</b>
General Fund	96 - 111	\$ 13,363.71
Highway Fund	62 - 73	\$ 10,558.50

CP Cannon 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 Holcomb. Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Bonita Brunner  
Town Clerk  
Dated: June 19, 2019