

**Town of Genesee
Little Genesee, NY 14754
Regular Board Meeting
September 17, 2019**

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

VISITORS: Gail Shaw, Paul Geschwender

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

FLOOR PERMISSION:

Mrs. Shaw requested if anything will be done on Bells Brook Road in front of her home before winter. She also asked about the “ATV” signs on Bells Brook. They need to be replaced and something needs to be done with people riding ATV's on the road. At the present time the Town has no Local Law regarding ATV's. This would be handled through State Law.

REPORTS:

- Supervisor's Reports for July and August 2019 were reviewed by the Board.

Town Clerk presented the following reports:

- Clerk's Report for August 2019 indicated total monies collected of \$1,060. Of this, \$861 was paid to the Supervisor for the General Fund, \$91.00 to NYS Ag and Markets for dog licenses, \$22.50 to NYS Health Department for a marriage license and \$85.50 to Allegany Co DPW for landfill tickets sold.
- Petty Cash Report was presented for the month of August. There is currently \$93.15 available. \$6.85 was used for a certified mailing on an Animal complaint.
- Minutes from the August Board Meeting were previously e-mailed to all Board Members.

Town Justice Report:

- Review of Court Fines collected during August totaled \$1,960.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

- Report submitted by Jonathon Barnes covering August 20 to September 17, 2019. He reported that the Doxey property next to Dave's Diner has officially been sold. The new owners have already begun clean-up. The Doxey residence property on Route 417 is still a problem and Mr. Barnes will be considering further action there. Action on the Colosseum is still under consideration. The clean-up to the car sales lot on Route 417 has begun. Building on 3 properties continues. Mr. Barnes continues to investigate the properties on Low Street and 417 in Ceres.

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

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Cannon

Highway Department – Holcomb and Bluhm

Parks – Cannon and Cornwall

Cemeteries – Holcomb and Cornwall

Town Clerk advised that a town resident has been given permission to purchase, plant and take care of flowers at the entrance to the Bowler Cemetery.

Grants – Smith and Cornwall

Code Enforcement – Cannon and Holcomb

Audit Committee – Holcomb and Cannon

OLD BUSINESS

Doxey and Shaw Properties

The Doxey property was covered previously.

CP Cannon made a motion, 2nd by CP Holcomb, that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss a Code Enforcement Matter. Motion made by CP Bluhm, 2nd by CP Holcomb, that the regular Town Board resume. Supervisor Smith advised Code Enforcement Officer Barnes that he should continue to pursue the Colosseum issue with a referral to the local Justice Court.

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 installed and is operational. The 10-year warranty has been activated. The change of the 250-amp service has been completed and inspected by RG&E.

Search for New Highway Pick-Up

Superintendent Reynolds provided a state bid price for a 2018 Ford F350 one-ton dump truck with a plow in the amount of \$46,299. This will need to be updated next year if the Board approves the purchase. This matter was put on hold until the October meeting.

Painting to Town Hall

Thanks to the Job Corps workers who recently stained the new wood railings and also painted the outside of all three building doors.

RG&E Information on Street Lights

Supervisor Smith has been in contact with a Kim Geer from RG&E regarding the change-over to LED streetlights. She advised that RG&E has a Conversion Program. The Town would purchase the unexpired life of the present lights for \$1,011.62. Then, early next year they will convert all 32 lights to the cobra-head LED lights. RG&E would then maintain the lights as necessary. She also advised that the estimated savings would be approximately \$760 per year with a payback of the \$1,011 in 1.3 years. After discussion a motion was made by CP Holcomb, 2nd by CP Cornwall, that we should proceed with this program. Vote taken, ayes all, motion approved. (Supervisor Smith is to contact Association of Towns to determine if a resolution would be needed for this. If so a resolution will be available at the next Board meeting.)

284 Agreement with Highway Department

Discussion about this agreement. This will be completed at the Organizational Meeting in January. Superintendent Reynolds will provide the necessary form to be used.

Back Entrance at Town Hall

Discussion about getting rid of the ramp at the back entrance and put in stairs. Supervisor Smith will contact 2-3 contractors to get prices for this. Clerk also provided suggestions for handicapped signs directing individuals to the front of the building for the entrances. Permission to purchase 3 signs.

Portville-Obi Stone Permit

The official permit has now been issued to the Portville-Obi Stone Company and is on file with the Town Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Smith advised that the Judge has requested permission to apply for a JCAP Grant that would cover 4 cameras, 2 monitors, and electrical work for additional security measures in the Court room. He is also requesting that any remaining amount in his contractual account this year be carried over to cover the cost of an additional monitor for the Clerk's office. After discussion, CP Cannon made a motion, 2nd by CP Bluhm, that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolution 2019-10

**RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE TOWN OF
GENESEE JUSTICE COURT
TO APPLY FOR A JCAP COURT GRANT**

WHEREAS, upgrading the Courtroom facilities will serve the public better and provide the Judge with additional security options;

WHEREAS, through the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP,) the Court may apply for a grant to assist the Town of Genesee Justice by furnishing essential courtroom necessities to provide suitable and sufficient services to the Town of Genesee;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Genesee Board approves Justice Robert Pritchard applying for a JCAP grant that would allow changes to be made to the Courtroom facilities in the Town of Genesee.

Roll call vote taken as follows:	CP Bluhm	Aye
	CP Cannon	Aye
	CP Cornwall	Aye
	CP Holcomb	Aye
	Supervisor Smith	Aye

Resolution 2019-10 approved.

CP Bluhm requested that Supervisor Smith contact Association of Towns to get a ruling on who would have access to any recordings from the cameras. Would they be discoverable with a Freedom of Information request?

Repairs to Highway Department Overhead Doors

Superintendent Reynolds provided a quote from Twin Tiers Overhead Doors to replace some sections of the overhead doors at the Highway Barns. These doors have been in place since 1978 and are in need of repair before winter. After discussion, Mr. Reynolds was given permission to contact Twin Tiers Overhead Doors to order the materials and to replace the sections as needed.

2020 Budget Calendar & Accounts

A tentative budget was presented to the Town Board. After line-item review the Board set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7 pm prior to the regular Board Meeting. The completed Tentative Budget will be provided to the Board by the Budget Officer as soon as it is available from the accountant. Town Clerk was instructed to advertise the Public Hearing in the Olean Times Herald.

Judge Pritchard 2019 Training

Certificate of Completion received from the State Court System that Judge Pritchard has completed all necessary training for 2019.

District III Meeting

Reminder that the County District III meeting will be held September 24 at 7 pm at the Bolivar Municipal Building. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

PAYING OF BILLS:

Abstracts totaling \$31,934.18 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

Abstract	Voucher Nos.	Abstract Amount
General Fund	149 - 170	\$ 8,349.39
Highway Fund	103 - 112	\$ 23,584.79

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by CP Holcomb, 2nd by CP Cannon. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Bonita Brunner

Town Clerk

Dated: September 18, 2019