

**Town of Genesee
Little Genesee, NY 14754
Regular Board Meeting
October 15, 2019**

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

VISITORS: Peggy Cowell, Gail Shaw

This meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Smith at 7:15 pm.

FLOOR PERMISSION:

No one asked to speak.

INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE

Ian Whitehouse and Chase Tascone attended from Richardson & Stout regarding the renewal of our insurance policy. They reviewed our coverages for the 2019-2020 policy. They also provided information on the Optional Cyber Liability insurance. If the board decides to include this it can be added before the renewal date.

REPORTS:

- Supervisor's Report for September 2019 was reviewed by the Board.

Town Clerk presented the following reports:

- Clerk's Report for September 2019 indicated total monies collected of \$948.00. Of this, \$785.50 was paid to the Supervisor for the General Fund, \$96.00 to NYS Ag and Markets for dog licenses, and \$66.50 to Allegany Co DPW for landfill tickets sold.
- Petty Cash Report was presented for the month of September. There is currently \$78.24 available. \$21.76 was used for painting supplies of the railings at the Town Hall and the Clerk provided pizza for the Job Corps workers.
- Minutes from the September Board Meeting were previously e-mailed to all Board Members.

Town Justice Report:

- Review of Court Fines collected during September totaled \$1,179.00.

Dog Control Officer Report:

- Report covering July 1 – September 30 presented. There were a total of 4 calls received. Dog Control Officer Wagner traveled to 3 of these calls. One dog was placed in the kennel but, when Mr. Wagner went to feed and water 5 days later, the dog was gone. It was his belief that the dog was stolen from the "run" area of the kennel.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

- Code Enforcement Officer Barnes was not able to attend the meeting. He advised Supervisor Smith that his report would be sent to the Clerk tomorrow. It will be emailed to the board members when it is received.
- Discussion about a problem on Keller Road with various items accumulating to the point of being in the roadway. Code Enforcement Officer has checked the area but was unable to speak with anyone. He intends to send a certified letter to the owner regarding the clean-up necessary.

Motion made by CP Holcomb and 2nd by CP Cannon 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
Grants – Smith and Cornwall
Code Enforcement – Cannon and Holcomb
Audit Committee – Holcomb and Cannon

OLD BUSINESS

Doxey and Shaw Properties

The new owners of the Doxey property are in process of cleaning up the area. The Coliseum property is in the hands of the Town Attorney for necessary paperwork to return the owners to Court.

Septic System at Town Barns

Highway Superintendent Reynolds advises that the new septic system is almost completed.

Highway Department Grant - Generator

The generator has been installed and is operational. The final bills are included in tonight's abstract and the Clerk will then submit a reimbursement claim from the grant money. The total amount for the generator is approximately \$10,000.

Search for New Highway Truck

Last month Highway Superintendent Reynolds provided specs for the needed truck. The Board requested that he obtain a more updated amount for the November meeting.

RG&E Information on Street Lights

At last month's meeting the Board agreed that they would change the street lights through RG&E to LED lights. It was determined that a full resolution was necessary for this change. A question was asked if the town could cut down on the number of lights to cut costs. After discussion it was determined that, by changing to LED, the monthly amount would decrease, so no change in the number of lights would be necessary.

Resolution #2019-13 was submitted as follows:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHANGE OF STREET LIGHTING IN THE TOWN OF GENESEE TO LED LIGHTING

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to change street lighting in Little Genesee to a more energy efficient approach.

WHEREAS, our electric provider, RG&E, has a LED Conversion Program available wherein the Town would pay the cost for the unexpired life of the present cobrahead lights and RG&E would then convert the street lights to LED. RG&E would then own and maintain all street lights and poles.

WHEREAS, this Board feels that by doing this, the cost of the unexpired life would be off-set by the savings obtained by the change of the inefficient style light to the new LED style.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Board approves this change and the Town Supervisor is directed to contact RG&E to determine the time-frame for this change. He is also authorized to sign any necessary paperwork to affect this change.

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

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

Resolution 2019-13 approved.

Back Entrance at Town Hall

Supervisor Smith has not been able to contact contractors to get prices for this.

NEW BUSINESS

The new 3-year contract for snow removal and ice control has been provided by Allegany County.

Resolution #2019-12

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE
CONTROL CONTRACT BETWEEN COUNTY OF ALLEGANY
AND TOWN OF GENESEE**

Pursuant to Highway Law Section 135-a

WHEREAS, a Contract has been proposed between the County of Allegany and this Town for the removal of snow from County Roads within this Town and for sanding or otherwise treating them for the purpose of removing the danger of snow and ice, and

WHEREAS, the Allegany County Board of Legislators did approve said Contract by Resolution passed on September 9, 2019, and

WHEREAS, this Board feels that the terms and conditions of said Contract are fair and equitable, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposed Snow Removal and Ice Control Contract between the County of Allegany and the Town of Genesee, New York, for each mile contained in Appendix A County Road for the (3) seasons beginning with the 2019-2020 snow season and ending with the 2021-2022 snow season, are approved.

2. That the Supervisor of this Town is authorized and directed to execute the said Contract in duplicate and the Town Clerk is directed to file one of the duplicate original Contracts in his or her office and to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Allegany County Board of Legislators for filing in her office.

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

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

Resolution 2019-12 approved.

Clerk will send two copies of the signed contract, along with a certified copy of this resolution, to the Allegany County Legislature.

NYMIR Recommendations

Several recommendations were provided by NYMIR after a site visit by their representative. These were reviewed by the Board. Supervisor Smith will provide a response within 60 days regarding these recommendations.

Discussion of Local Law for Road Defects

One recommendation made by NYMIR was that we do a Local Law that would provide for written notification of defects on town highways, bridges, streets, sidewalks, crosswalks and culverts. By doing this, no civil action could be taken against the Town unless a written notification had been previously made. After discussion it was decided that we would also include parking lots. This information will be forwarded to Town Attorney Brautigam for his input on this matter.

Torrey Sections in Bowler Cemetery

In 1988 when the Torrey family gave land to the Town for creation of the Bowler Cemetery, a total of 30 plots were reserved (24 for the Torrey family and 6 for the Day family). The Clerk has been working with Ruth Reisner, daughter and executrix for Adrian Torrey. She has provided names for all the graves that would be available to the Torrey descendents. Then, in 1997, when the Torrey family provided landscaping for the cemetery, the Town reserved an additional 29 plots for their use. The family has

now decided that they would return these additional 29 plots (Section S on the Bowler Cemetery map) to the Town of Genesee.

Trail Cam for Dog Kennel

Discussion about the possibility of purchasing a trail cam for the dog kennel to activate when a dog is in our custody. This would provide for tracking of the area when the kennel was in use. It was agreed that this would be a security measure for the town. Supervisor Smith will look into the prices for this trail cam.

Mowing Contract 2020 – 2022

The current mowing contract will end as of 2019. Board members reviewed the present contract and directed that landscaping be included in the specs. The Clerk was instructed to place a Legal Notice in the Olean Times Herald to advertise for bids for a new 3-year contract. Bids are to be returned to the Town Clerk by November 14 and they will be opened at the next Board meeting on November 19, 2019.

Amendment to Resolution for JCAP Grant

On September 17, 2019 the Board approved a resolution to allow Judge Pritchard to apply for a JCAP Grant. The Judge has now been advised that Resolution #2019-10 needs to be amended to include actual figures for our grant request.

Resolution #2019-14 was presented as follows:

**AMENDED 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 up to \$30,000 to assist the Town of Genesee Justice by furnishing essential courtroom necessities to provide suitable and sufficient services to the Town of Genesee;

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2019 the Town Board approved Resolution #2019-10 allowing the Town Justice to apply for a JCAP Grant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Genesee Board approves Justice Robert Pritchard of the Genesee Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2019-20 grant cycle in the amount of \$2,574.87 that would allow security changes to be made to the Courtroom facilities in the Town of Genesee.

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

Roll call vote taken as follows:

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

Resolution 2019-14 approved.

PAYING OF BILLS:

Abstracts totaling \$145,912.34 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

Abstract	Voucher Nos.	Abstract Amount
General Fund	171 - 190	\$ 12,363.53
Highway Fund	113 - 129	\$ 133,548.81

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 Cannon, 2nd by CP Cornwall. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Bonita Brunner
Town Clerk
Dated: October 16, 2019