

**Town of Genesee
Little Genesee, NY 14754
Regular Board Meeting
October 18, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Alexander Smith, Councilpersons Alyn Holcomb, Loren E. Miller, Colleen Estabrook; Highway Superintendent Benjamin Reynolds; Deputy Clerk Bonita Brunner.

Town Residents: Peggy Cowell, Marc Gleason, Dwayne Burdick, Scott Fuller

This meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Smith at 7 p.m.

Floor Permission:

Town residents expressed their concerns about the park located on County Road 5. They believe it has become a regular meeting place for drug dealers and drug transactions. Used needles have been found in the garbage at the park which pose a definite hazard for anyone using the park. During the last week it was discovered that two individuals have been “camping out” on Town property between the park and the Highway Department. Discussion regarding our options to address this problem.

Digging Contract – Scott Fuller

Mr. Fuller discussed updating his burials/grave digging contract when it is renewed. Due to the current inflation rate, it will be necessary to increase his charges for full burials and mark outs. He also will be doing the foundations and discussion about those charges. Mr. Fuller will review the present contract and make requested changes for review by the Board at the November meeting. Discussion about someone from the Board being trained to read the cemetery maps other than himself and the Deputy Clerk.

REPORTS

- Supervisor’s Report for September 2022 was not available and will be provided at the November Board Meeting.

Town Clerk presented the following reports:

- Clerk’s Report for the month of September shows \$514.25 collected. \$451.25 was turned over to the Town Supervisor for the General Fund; \$44.00 was sent to NYS Ag and Markets for dog licenses; and \$19.00 was sent to Department of Public Works for Landfill Tickets.
- Petty Cash Report for September indicates that \$100 is available. No monies were used.
- Through an error, the September minutes were not emailed. They will be emailed to the Board for review along with the October minutes.

Town Justice Report August 2022:

- Review of Court Fines collected during September totaled \$292.00. Supervisor Smith advised that the Court is now able to schedule cases that have been “on hold” pending the COVID restrictions.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

- Clerk provided a list of one permit applications received in September.

Dog Control Officer Report:

- Report provided by Mr. Wagner covering July 1 to September 30. He reports a total of 5 calls during this period. Superintendent Reynolds advised that the electric to the dog kennel needs repair. Mr. Reynolds will check on the most economical repair. Clerk advised that Mr. Wagner now has a new phone number which is 585-855-9016.

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

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Smith

- Supervisor Smith stated that the painting of the Library is now completed. Director Smith is still waiting to hear about her application for an additional grant.

Highway Department- Holcomb and Miller

- Question about the Salt Barn project. This is still pending.

Park – Estabrook and Miller

Cemeteries – Holcomb and Estabrook

Grants – Smith and Estabrook

Code Enforcement – Holcomb and Miller

Audit Committee – Estabrook

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Tentative Budget

Supervisor Smith presented an updated spreadsheet which indicates any changes recommended by Accountant Berry. These changes were mostly in the Highway Department and involved figures for salaries and fringe benefits. She also eliminated the amounts listed for Debt Service and transferred those funds to the Reserve. An adjustment was also made between amounts to Real Property Taxes. Additional funds were credited to the General Fund to cover the requested pay increases. The taxes in the Highway account were then decreased. After discussion, CP Holcomb made a motion, 2nd by CP Miller, that the Tentative Budget, as adjusted, be accepted as the Preliminary Budget. Ayes all, motion passed.

Supervisor Smith then made a motion, 2nd by CP Miller, that the following resolution be accepted.

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF 2023 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Genesee has generated the 2023 Preliminary Budget; and

RESOLVED, that the Board has scheduled a Public Hearing for Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7 p.m. to be held at the Genesee Town Hall,

8296 Main Street, Little Genesee, NY regarding approving and adopting the 2023 Budget.

DATED this 18th day of October, 2022 at a meeting of the Town Board.

Roll call vote taken as follows: CP Miller Aye
 CP Estabrook Aye
 CP Holcomb Aye
 Supervisor Smith Aye

Resolution passed. Clerk will advertise this Public Hearing in the Olean Times Herald.

Code Enforcement Issues

Discussion about doing a formal contract with MACE (Municipality Association of Code Enforcement) as presented at the September Board meeting. It was decided that the town would contract with them for the 4th quarter of 2022 and for 2023. Supervisor Smith to contact them regarding the process and paperwork for this contract.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2022-18

CP Holcomb made a motion, 2nd by CP Miller, that the following resolution be adopted:

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 14, 2022, 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 2022 - 2023 snow season and ending with the 2024-2025 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.

Roll call vote taken as follows: CP Miller Aye
 CP Estabrook Aye
 CP Holcomb Aye
 Supervisor Smith Aye

Resolution passed.

Mowing Contract

Discussion about renewing the 3-year contract for mowing of the cemeteries and town buildings to cover 2023 - 2025. CP Holcomb made a motion, 2nd by Supervisor Smith, that the Clerk prepare paperwork to put this contract out for bids. Bids to be accepted until December 15 and opened at the Board meeting on December 20, 2022.

PAYING OF BILLS

Abstracts totaling \$50,903.97 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

Abstract	Voucher Nos.	Abstract Amount
General Fund	155-173	\$ 5,505.61
Highway Fund	127-137	\$ 45,398.36

CP Estabrook 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 Miller, 2nd by CP Estabrook. Ayes all. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

Bonita Brunner, Deputy Town Clerk
Dated: October 22, 2022