

**Town of Genesee
Little Genesee, NY 14754
Regular Board Meeting**

July 16, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Alexander Smith, Councilmen Loren E. Miller, Councilman Jodi Adams, Councilmen Alyn Holcomb; Town Clerk Rhonda Faulkner; Highway Superintendent Benjamin Reynolds; Assessor Carol Palidar; Dog Control Officer Dennis Peters.

Absent: Councilman Colleen Estrabrook

Town Residents: Peggy Cowell, Gary Pascale.

This meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Smith at 7:00 p.m.

Floor Permission:

REPORTS

- Supervisor's Report for June 2024 was reviewed by the Board.

Town Clerk presented the following reports:

- Clerk's Report for the month of June 2024 shows \$200.50 collected. \$96.50 was turned over to the Town Supervisor for the General Fund; \$9.00 was sent to NYS Ag and Markets for dog licenses, \$95.00 was sent to Allegany County DPW for landfill tickets.
- Petty Cash Report for June 2024 indicates that \$100.00 was available.
- The Clerk e-mailed the June 2024 minutes to the Town Board for review.

Town Justice Report

- Review of Court Fines collected during June 2024 totaled \$520.00

Code Enforcement MACE Report

- MACE issued a building permit to Catherine Busbey to remove and replace roofing materials, install shingles. Went to Paul Sorvillo house for inspection, asol did a n inspection at Kostas Katsigiannas. Went to Jessica Pascals to do check on the clean up of yard. MACE also attended Meeting during the month.

Dog Control Officer Report

Dog Control Officer went on several call, and had dogs in the Kennel.

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

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Smith

Superintendent Smith stated that the last installment for the Library has been submitted for payment.

Highway Department- Holcomb and Miller.

Highway Superintendent Reynolds had prices for the Board on a Roller, Broom and Excavator. Superintendent Reynolds had Conversation with Town Accountant as to where the money would come from for the Equipment.

Park – Adams and Miller

Cemeteries – Holcomb and Estabrook.

The signs that were ordered for the Cemeteries have not come in yet.

Grants – Smith and Adams..

Code Enforcement –Holcomb and Miller

Audit Committee – Estabrook.

OLD BUSINESS.

The 2025 Budget process will start at the August Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO: 2024-7

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM TO ADDRESS HOUSING IN THE TOWN OF GENESEE

WHEREAS, the Town of Genesee believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walk able communities for significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT the Town of Genesee, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.

CP Miller made a motion, 2nd by CP Holcomb to adopt the following resolution:

ADOPTED this 16th day of July, 2024 at a meeting of the Town Board.

RESOLUTION NO: 2024-8

July 16, 2024

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ACTIVE COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN FOR CONNECTING ACTIVITY-FRIENDLY ROUTES TO EVERYDAY DESTINATIONS IN THE TOWN OF GENESEE

WHEREAS, The Allegany County Department of Health provides public health services in Allegany County New York, including the Town of Genesee. The agency is working to bring together a cross-sector team of community members, policy makers, and agencies to ensure an action plan is completed to solidify the vision for increasing physical activity through community design. Access Allegany, as a public transportation provider in Allegany County, is working to improve access to and use of public transportation in towns across Allegany County, NY. This action plan is for the Hamlet of Little Genesee and it covers a five-year period, starting in September 2026.

WHEREAS, the project team members for this plan will include the Town of Genesee Board, the Allegany County Department of Health, Allegany County Access Allegany, Allegany County Planning Department, and the Little Genesee Library;

WHEREAS, the Town of Genesee has a population of 1,633; is in the southwestern corner of Allegany County, NY and has a land area of 36.3 square miles. The Hamlet of Little Genesee is located within the Town of Genesee on Route 417 in the eastern part of town. Census data shows 780 housing units in the Town of Genesee and based on Allegany County records of parcel data and assessments, there are 28 residential properties within .25 miles of the park. State Route 417 serves as the main street running East & West through the hamlet with no bicycle lanes or sidewalks and one bus stop heading West in front of the Town Hall.

The vision for Little Genesee is to provide residents with an environment that is conducive for healthy lifestyles and living by providing access to outdoor physical and recreational activities, including the Little Genesee Library, Bolivar Golf Course and Clubhouse, and Town Park. To achieve this vision, the following specific goals have been identified:

- Develop one safe walking and bicycling trail(s) within the community of Little Genesee by 2028.

- Access Allegany will add one additional bus stop by the Little Genesee Library and provide public transportation into and out of Little Genesee along Route 417 East and West to meet the needs of the community by 2028.
- Excavation and renovations to the Public Park will increase usable land by 50%, current usable acreage is 25% within the park boundaries. Other necessary improvements will include ADA compliant? parking, seating, pathways, . Installation of additional benches, new playground equipment, signage, dusk to dawn lighting, and security cameras.

The Action Plan (developed in 2024) lays out the strategy for this project over the next 5 years and will be reviewed and updated annually in April.

Goal 1 (Street Design & Connectivity) – Develop one safe walking and bicycling trail(s) within the community of Little Genesee by 2028

Action 1 - Determine location and type of trail.

Responsible Project Team Members - Town of Genesee, Little Genesee Library, Allegany County Planning, Residents w/lived experience
 Timetable – Begin process Spring 2026 and Complete Fall 2028
 Metrics/Deliverable – Location and type of trail determined.

Action 2 – Identify considerations to accessibility, safety, and optimal usage including signage, lighting, connectivity, and access to destinations (Library, Town Hall, Golf Course, Public Park, Fishing Access).

Responsible Project Team Members - Town of Genesee, Library, Golf Course, DEC – Fishing Access, Highway Dept., right of ways, residents, and Allegany County Planning department.
 Timetable – Begin Spring 2027 and complete Spring 2028
 Metrics/Deliverable –Signage, lighting, and accessibility measures are made for trail.

Goal 2 (Public Transportation) – Enhance public transportation into and out of Little Genesee along Route 417 East and West to meet the needs of the community by 2028.

Action 1 – Conduct public awareness campaign of public transportation system operation in collaboration with existing resources town hall, town website, library, library website, post office, and social media campaign.

- Responsible Project Team Members – Access Allegany, Town of Genesee, Little Genesee Library, Little Genesee Post Office
- Timetable – Begin Spring 2025 and Ongoing
- Metrics/Deliverable - Community member ridership numbers and usage of the public transportation system increases.

Goal 3 (community concerns) - Actively look for funding resources to address projects that will address community safety and mobility and promote improve health equity.

Action 1 - Submit one funding application annually that addresses the goals outlined in this plan.

Responsible Project Team Members - Town officials.
Timetable - Third Quarter 2025
Metrics/Deliverable – Funding application is completed and submitted.

Supervisor Alex Smith, 2nd by CP Miller made a motion to accept this resolution.

ADOPTED THIS 16th day of July 2024 at a meeting of the Town Board.

New Business

Dog Control Officer Inspection was done on June 17, 2024. The report indicates the DOC service were rated a Satisfactory.

The Hiring process for Civil Service was handed out to the Board.

The NYMIR Battery Disconnect forms were signed by Highway Superintendent Reynolds stating all Disconnect were on the all Trucks.

PAYING OF BILLS

Abstracts totaling \$ 18397.65 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

Abstract	Voucher Nos.	Abstract Amount
General Fund	101 - 114	\$ 7,157.44
Highway Fund	56 - 70	\$ 11,240.21

Motion made by CP Miller, 2nd by CP Holcomb, to approve the paying of these bills. Ayes all.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by CP Miller, 2nd by CP Adams. Ayes all.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Rhonda Faulkner, Town Clerk

Dated: July 23, 2024