

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

**September 17, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:** Supervisor Alexander Smith, Councilmen Loren E. Miller, Councilmen Jodi Adams, Councilmen Alyn Holcomb Councilmen Colleen Estabrook; Town Clerk Rhonda Faulkner; Highway Superintendent Benjamin Reynolds.

**Town Residents:** Peggy Cowell, Christy DeArmitt, Cory Burrows MACE, Mike Unfus MACE, Jason Isaman, Allegany County Landbank

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

**Floor Permission:**

Christy DeArmitt stated she was concerned about Semi Trucks going up Powerhouse Road. She believes that GPS Goggle-Maps is sending the trucks up that road and want to know what the Town can do to fix this issue as it is doing damage to the road.

Christy wants to know whats going on with the Coliseum. The owner has brought in a camper and is putting signs on the building for advertising. She would also like the Town to do a Local Law about putting Garffiti on buildings. Cory Burrow and Mike Unfus form MACE gave the Code Enforcement Report for the month of August. They did several visits and Fire Inspections.

**REPORTS**

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

Town Clerk presented the following reports:

- Clerk's Report for the month of August 2024 shows \$368.00 collected. \$277.50 was turned over to the Town Supervisor for the General Fund; \$30.00 was sent to NYS Ag and Markets for dog licenses, \$38.00 was sent to Allegany County DPW for landfill tickets, \$22.50 was sent to NYS Department on Health for Marriage Licenses.
- Petty Cash Report for August 2024 indicates that \$100.00 was available.
- The Clerk e-mailed the August 2024 minutes to the Town Board for review.

Town Justice Report

- Review of Court Fines collected during August 2024 totaled \$664.00

Code Enforcement MACE Report

Motion made by CP Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Adams to accept all reports as submitted. Ayes all.  
Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS**

Buildings & Repairs – Holcomb and Smith

Librarian Rae Smith is working on submitting paper for the grant as to pay the town. Rae sent in a sample of water to Root Water Well to get tested as she has applied for grant for the water system. The Bus Pad has been poured in front of the Library.

Highway Department- Holcomb and Miller.

Park – Adams and Miller

Cemeteries – Holcomb and Estabrook.

Supervisor Smith spoke with Cemetery Custodian Scott Fuller about the covering of a cremation . Mr. Fuller will leave a cover for family's to cover. He will then go back and cover and cover the cremation. Any additional fees will be assessed and determined by Mr. Fuller and the family.

Grants – Smith and Adams.

Code Enforcement –Holcomb and Miller

Audit Committee – Estabrook.

Jason Isaman, from Allegany County Landbank addressed the Town Board on how the Landbank worked ,and how it could be helpful to the Town. This discussion was not in reference to any particular property and was with regards to the Town as a whole solving problems with abandoned and disrepaired properties. The Landbank could also be helpful when applying for Grants and would help with Pro Housing Plan.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The 2025 Tentative Budget – Superintendent Smith ask the Town Board to take the Budget home and take a look at it, and come back next month with all concerns.

## **New Business**

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation- Notice of claim – The Town received a bill for the gas line the Highway Department hit when cleaning ditches on Wells Road July 24, 2024 at 9.45 a.m.. Highway Superintendent Ben Reynolds stated it was his fault as he did not call 811 U- Dig. Supervisor Smith highlighted that the Superintendent was not the person operating the equipment at the time and according to U-DIG training the operator of the equipment can be held liable. It was also noted that all of the Highway Department employees have participated in the U-DIG training provided Allegany County this year.

There was a discussion regarding the need for expanded communication between the Highway Superintendent and the Town Supervisor when similar type events happen th the future and a need to comply with all legal requirements.

## **Executive Session**

Supervisor Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Adams.

Councilman Miller made a motion to leave Executive Session 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Estabrook.

## **PAYING OF BILLS**

\_Abstracts totaling \$ 18,948.69 were reviewed for paying the Town bills as follows:

| <b>Abstract</b> | <b>Voucher Nos.</b> | <b>Abstract Amount</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| General Fund    | 131 – 146           | \$ 9,693.21            |
| Highway Fund    | 100 - 109           | \$ 9,255.48            |
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Motion made by CP Estabrook, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CP Miller, to approve the paying of these bills. Ayes all.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Rhonda Faulkner, Town Clerk

Dated: September 18, 2024