

MINUTES
TOWN OF GENEVA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2024

PRESENT: Supervisor Mark Venuti; Councilmember Kimberly Aliperti; Councilmember Gordy Baxter; Councilmember Robert McCarthy and Councilmember Mitchell Wilber.

Others Present: Code Enforcement Officer Floyd Kofahl; Kyle Bunce Assistant Code Enforcement Officer; Highway Superintendent Bernie Peck; Water and Sewer Superintendent Howard Bailey; Glenn Thornton Rolling Hills Subdivision Project Engineer; and approximately 4 town residents.

Recording Secretary: Lorie Peck, Geneva Town Clerk

Informal Discussion – 5:30 p.m. Informal discussion with Town Board, department heads and public.

1. **Call to order** the Town Board Meeting. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening – Councilperson Kim Aliperti.
2. **Privilege of the floor:** None
3. **Gratitudes:** Supervisor Venuti commended the Ontario County Board of Supervisors for finally voting to close the landfill in 2029. Kim Aliperti thanked the Supervisor for his hard work.
4. **Approval of the minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of November 12, 2024. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Aliperti, second by Councilmember Wilber. Unanimously approved.
5. **Approval of the minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing for Local Law 7 of 2024, Revoking the PUD created by Local Law 3 of 2019 and rezoning the remaining parcels in the PUD district. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Baxter, second by Councilmember McCarthy. Unanimously approved.
6. **Approval of the minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing on the Preliminary 2025 Town Budget. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Baxter, second by Councilmember McCarthy. Unanimously approved.
7. **Approval of the minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing on the application of Carter Road Properties for the creation of a Planned Unit Development called Rolling Hills Subdivision. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Wilber, second by Councilmember Aliperti. Unanimously approved.
8. **Town Clerk's report.**
Questions, comments. None
The Board acknowledges receipt.
9. **Code Enforcement Officer's report.**
Questions, comments. None
The Board acknowledges receipt.
10. **Highway Superintendent's Report:**
Questions, comments. None
The Board acknowledges receipt.
11. **Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report:**
Questions, comments. Mitch asked if we had any lead pipes to report to the Department of Health. Howard stated no and the report has been resubmitted to the state because they were supposed to separate by district and they didn't.
The Board acknowledges receipt.
12. **Supervisor's report of finances**
Questions, comments. None
The Board acknowledges receipt.
13. **2024 RESOLUTION NO. 97-2024.** Approving Abstract 12, December 2024, Bills for Payment and Prepaid Bills. Motion to approve made by Councilmember McCarthy, second by Councilmember Aliperti. Unanimously approved.

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 97-2024**

Whereas certain abstracts and bills for services and goods received or to be received by the town have been presented for payment or necessarily paid, as described in Abstract 12, December 2024, vouchers 1036-1117 total \$87,911.98 and

Whereas those abstracts and bills have been reviewed by the town bookkeeper, the supervisor, and other members of the town board, and are in proper order for payment or approval, now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the pre-paid bills that are presented are approved and the supervisor is authorized to pay the unpaid bills.

I, Lorie L. Peck, Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Geneva adopted the resolution on December 10, 2024. Unanimously approved.

Date: December 10, 2024

Lorie Peck
Lorie Peck, Town Clerk

14. 2024 RESOLUTION NO. 98- 2024 – Authorizing Renewal of Bond Anticipation Note for Water District 3, Extension 8. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Wilber, second by Councilmember Baxter. Unanimously approved.

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 98-2024**

Whereas a bond resolution of the Town of Geneva for improvements to Water District 3, Extension 8 was adopted by the Town Board on December 11, 2007, which resulted in a Bond Anticipation Note last renewed with the Bank of the Finger Lakes December 16, 2023, in the amount of \$65,988.59, coming due on or about December 16, 2024, together with interest at the rate of 5.22%; and

Whereas the full amount due cannot be paid without significant cost to property owners, and it need not be paid in full and may be and has been renewed annually with a payment against principal and the interest due; now therefore it is

RESOLVED the Supervisor of the Town is authorized to pay \$3,700.00 toward principal, and the interest due, on or about December 16, 2024, and to sign a new Bond Anticipation Note for a year with the Bank of the Finger Lakes binding the Town of Geneva for the balance due of \$62,288.59, plus interest.

I, Lorie L. Peck, Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Geneva adopted the resolution on December 10, 2024. Unanimously approved.

Date: December 10, 2024

Lorie Peck
Lorie Peck, Town Clerk

15. 2024 RESOLUTION NO. 99- 2024 – Authorizing Renewal of Bond Anticipation Note for Water District 6. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Wilber, second by Councilmember Baxter. Unanimously approved.

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 99-2024**

Whereas a bond resolution of the Town of Geneva for improvements to Water District 6 was adopted by the Town Board on December 13, 2016, which resulted in a Bond Anticipation Note with the Bank of the Finger Lakes last dated December 16, 2023, in the amount of \$123,750.00, coming due on or about December 16, 2024, together with interest at the rate of 5.22%; and

Whereas the full amount due cannot be paid without significant cost to property owners, and it need not be paid in full and may be and has been renewed annually with a payment against principal and the interest due; now therefore it is

RESOLVED the Supervisor of the Town is authorized to pay \$3,750.00 toward principal, and the interest due, on or before December 16, 2024, and to sign a new Bond Anticipation Note for a year with the Bank of the Finger Lakes binding the Town of Geneva for the balance due of \$120,000.00, plus interest.

I, Lorie L. Peck, Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Geneva adopted the resolution on December 10, 2024. Unanimously approved.

Date: December 10, 2024

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Lorie Peck, Town Clerk

16. 2024 RESOLUTION NO. 100-2024: – Authorizing Renewal of a Bond Anticipation Note for Water District 13. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Wilber, second by Councilmember Baxter. Unanimously approved.

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 100-2024**

Whereas a bond resolution of the Town of Geneva for installation of water main and other facilities for Water District 13 was adopted by the Town Board on December 27, 2018, Resolution No. 109-2018, which resulted in a Bond Anticipation Note with the Bank of the Finger Lakes last dated December 16, 2023, in the amount of \$106,230.10, coming due on or about December 16, 2024, together with interest at the rate of 5.22%; and

Whereas the full amount due cannot be paid without significant cost to property owners, and it need not be paid in full and may be renewed annually with a payment against principal and the interest due; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the Supervisor of the Town is authorized to pay \$3,750.00 toward principal, and the interest due, on or about December 16, 2024, and to sign a new Bond Anticipation Note for a year with the Bank of the Finger Lakes binding the Town of Geneva for the balance due of \$102,480.10, plus interest.

I, Lorie L. Peck, Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Geneva adopted the resolution on December 10, 2024. Unanimously approved.

Date: December 10, 2024

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17. 2024 RESOLUTION NO. 101-2024 – Recommending Reappointment of Stephen High to the Ontario County Planning Board. Motion to approve made by Councilmember McCarthy, second by Councilmember Baxter. Unanimously approved.

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 101-2024**

Whereas Stephen High was recommended by the Geneva Town Board for appointment to the Ontario County Planning Board by Resolution No. 27 of 2018, and was subsequently appointed to the Ontario County Planning Board by the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, where he has ably served since then, having been reappointed in 2020 to a four-year term, and has also been named vice-chairperson of that Board; and

Whereas Stephen High's term on the Ontario County Planning Board is expiring at the end of 2024, and he is willing and able to be reappointed and to serve another term; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED, Stephen High is recommended for reappointment to the Ontario County Planning Board as the representative of the Town of Geneva.

I, Lorie L. Peck, Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Geneva adopted the resolution on December 10, 2024. Unanimously approved.

Date: December 10, 2024

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18. 2024 RESOLUTION NO. 102-2024: – Authorizing Increases in Dog License Fees. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Aliperti, second by Councilmember Wilber. Unanimously approved.

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 102-2024**

Whereas the Town of Geneva receives dog control services through Ontario County, contracting with the Ontario County Humane Society; and

Whereas the County has increased the cost to the Town for 2025, now based on human population rather than the estimated number of dogs, to \$8,475.00; and

Whereas the Town's current charge to residents of \$25.00 for neutered and spayed dogs, and \$30.00 for unspayed and un-neutered dogs, will not cover the amount owed to the County, and it will take increases to \$35.00 and \$40.00 to do so; and

Whereas the \$5.00 late fee charged by the Town if the registration fee is not paid by the end of the month billed is deemed unnecessary by the Town Clerk because a failure to register goes to the Humane Society for enforcement and incurs more substantial penalties, which is a sufficient deterrent; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED, beginning January 1, 2025, the cost of a dog license in the Town of Geneva will be \$35.00 for spayed and neutered dogs, and \$40.00 for un-spayed and un-neutered dogs, and there will be no late fee assessed by the Town for late payment.

I, Lorie L. Peck, Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Geneva adopted the resolution on December 10, 2024. Unanimously approved.

Date: December 10, 2024

Lorie Peck
Lorie Peck, Town Clerk

19. 2024 RESOLUTION NO. 103-2024: – Appointing Kenneth Gregory to the Town Planning Board. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Wilber, second by Councilmember Baxter. Unanimously approved.

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 103-2024**

Whereas Mary Ann Bell resigned from the Town Planning Board and her term does not expire until December 31, 2028; and

Whereas Town resident Kenneth Gregory has applied to join the Planning Board and has been interviewed by the Town's Code Enforcement Officer about the responsibilities and is prepared to be an active member; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the Kenneth Gregory is appointed a member of the Town Planning Board to serve until December 31, 2028.

I, Lorie L. Peck, Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Geneva adopted the resolution on December 10, 2024. Unanimously approved.

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20. The town is forming a Comprehensive Plan Committee that will be chaired by town board member Mitch Wilber to work on an update of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan. Members include town Code Enforcement Officer Floyd Kofahl, Planning Board chair Eric Reuscher, Zoning Board of Appeals chair John Wilson, supervisor Mark Venuti, town board member Kim Aliperti, Ontario County Planning Board Vice-Chair Steve High, and town resident Tom Bonacci, Robb Flowers has also agreed to join the committee. Others may be added, and meetings will be open to the public. A Request for Proposals to engage a consultant will be going out shortly.

21. The Board Discussed having the same people as members and alternates of the town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, but with different chairpersons. Floyd spoke and stated he didn't believe it would be a problem finding a total of 6 members to serve on both boards. The Board decided to wait and continue looking for more members for now. Currently both Planning and Zoning Boards have 4 members each and no alternate.

22. Reports of Standing Committees

Economic Development – No Meeting

Sustainability – No Meeting

Kashong Conservation Area - No Meeting

Communication – Kim Aliperti stated that Amy Naegle was working on the website's fact page. We are all ready to go with .gov we are waiting for Integrated to switch all our emails over. The Town of Geneva newsletter will be going out around the first part of January.

Parks and Recreation – Gordy Baxter is working on the inventory survey for parks.

23. Supervisor's Report

The Ontario County Board of Supervisors voted 20-1 to not pursue expansion of the county landfill after it reaches permitted capacity at the end of 2028 and the operating agreement with Casella expires. The board also passed a resolution directing the county's Department of Sustainability and Solid Waste Management to direct its efforts to education and expansion of programs to divert waste to reduce reliance on landfilling.

There will be a special meeting of the Town Board on December 26 at 6:00 p.m. to make transfers between budget accounts and take up any other business properly brought before the board.

The 2025 organizational meeting of the Town Board will be Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., immediately followed by the first regular meeting of the Town Board.

The town's Recycling and Disposal Station will open on the Mondays, December 23 and 30, instead of the Wednesdays, December 25 and January 1.

The board of directors and others involved in Geneva Reuse Systems, Inc., including the town supervisor, held a retreat on November 16 to approve a mission statement, which was settled as: Reuse Systems, Inc. is a community building organization committed to waste reduction and sustainable resource management. The group also approved changing the name from Geneva Reuse Systems, Inc. to Reuse Systems, Inc. to broaden the appeal and reach.

The Town's action in September to move some funds into CDARS at Modern Bank for one year fixed at 5.25% is estimated to earn the town about \$25,000 in additional revenue because of the subsequent drop in interest rates. Wayne Bank CDs are currently earning about 4% and NYClass 4.5%.

Selected Meetings and Events

November 13 – Meeting with Soil & Water Conservation District technicians and residents at Carter Road Extension to look at flooding solutions.

Geneva 2030 and Success for Geneva's Children annual meeting.

November 14 – Ontario County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ted Baker radio show on town topics.

November 15 – Smart Towns webinar “Avoiding the Housing Trap.”

November 20 - Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District board meeting.

November 25 - County Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting.

November 27 - County Ways & Means Committee meeting.

December 2 – Alternatives to Incarceration Board meeting.

December 5 – Ontario County Board of Supervisors meeting.

December 9 - County Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting.

24. Old Business. Application for a PUD for the proposed Rolling Hills Subdivision. Status report with engineer Glenn Thorpe. Completeness of PUD application was discussed- Glenn feels some items in code seem more suited to Planning Board Appeals when details are prepared; traffic study is awaiting decisions on scope; sidewalk and other road improvements were discussed; the town will try another request to lower the speed limit if the project proceeds.

25. New Business. Mark informed the board that the town has looked into another health insurance plan with similar benefits. The plan would be cheaper for the town. Some employees will stay on the old plan, and some will go with the new plan. An amendment to the union contract will need to be signed and was approved.

26. Privilege of the floor. Carol Higgins spoke against having the same members serving on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, she thought it would be a conflict. Mark explained that a conflict is only when you are gaining something.

Kim Aliperti was inquiring about the truck traffic on Reed Road. She said a resident was asking her about it. Bernie Peck, Highway Superintendent said that he has no truck signs posted and if he sees one, he stops them. Mark said he would make the sheriffs department aware of it so they can patrol it.

27. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting made by Councilmember Wilber, second by Councilmember Baxter. Unanimously approved. Time 7:00 pm.

Lorie L Peck

Respectfully Submitted by Lorie L. Peck, Town Clerk