

MINUTES
TOWN OF GENEVA

PUBLIC HEARING for proposed Local Law 3 of 2024 “A Local Law Recodifying Provisions of the Code of the Town of Geneva Contained in Chapter 75 (Erosion Control and Stormwater Management), Chapter 80 (Flood Damage Prevention), Chapter 129 (Soil Erosion) and Chapter 165 (Zoning)” and,

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING
May 14, 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; Highway Superintendent Bernie Peck; Water and Sewer Superintendent Howard Bailey; and three residents.

Recording Secretary: Lorrie S. Naegele, Geneva Town Clerk/Tax Collector
The actions described below are not necessarily listed in order of occurrence.

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

1. **Call to order-** 6:00 pm. The public hearing for proposed Local Law 3-2024: “A Local Law Recodifying Provisions of the Code of the Town of Geneva Contained in Chapter 75 (Erosion Control and Stormwater Management), Chapter 80 (Flood Damage Prevention), Chapter 129 (Soil Erosion) and Chapter 165 (Zoning)” Legal Notice was published in the Finger Lakes Times on May 1, 2024, and notices were posted on the town’s website and sign board.

Public Comments- Carol Higgins, Snell Road; has concerns about if this code is going to affect her ag area and Ardennes.

Written Comments: None

Close Public Hearing- Time: 6:12 p.m.

2. **Call to order:** The Regular Town Board Meeting. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Time: 6:13 p.m.

3. **Privilege of the floor:** None

4. **Gratitudes:** Mattress recycling helpers: Dustin Hoffman, Mitch Wilber, Bob McCarthy, Jacob Fox, Ed Lavin, Mark Venuti;
Bike Park clean-up helpers: Dennis Ferlito, Karen Miltner, Jim Hogan, Jacob Fox, Mark Venuti
Mission Zero and Fix It Clinic helpers Jennifer Grant, Keith Waldron, Mike Coleman, Jacob Fox, Rene Ryan, Bill Kovacs, Bob Madill, Mark Venuti

5. **Approval of the minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing for Local Law 2-2024 of the Town Board of April 9, 2024. Motion to approve made by Councilmember McCarthy, second by Councilmember Baxter. Unanimously approved.

Approval of the minutes: Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of April 9, 2024. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Aliperti, second by Councilmember Wilber. Unanimously approved.

6. **Town Clerk’s report.** Formally announced her decision to retire after 23 years with the Town on July 4, 2024.

Questions, comments.

The Board acknowledges receipt.

7. **Code Enforcement Officer’s report.**

Questions, comments.

The Board acknowledges receipt.

8. **Highway Superintendent’s Report:**

Questions, comments.

The Board acknowledges receipt.

9. **Water & Sewer Superintendent’s Report:**

Questions, comments.

The Board acknowledges receipt.

10. **Supervisor’s report of finances**

Questions, comments.

The Board acknowledges receipt.

11. **2024 RESOLUTION NO. 51-2024-** Approving Abstract-005 May 2024 Bills for Payment and Prepaid Bills. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Wilber, second by Councilmember Aliperti. Unanimously approved.

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 51-2024

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, Abstract-5, May 2024, vouchers 379-481 total \$160,686.23 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, Lorrie S. Naegele, Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Geneva adopted the resolution on May 14, 2024.

Lorrie S. Naegele

Lorrie S. Naegele, Town Clerk

12. For discussion. The head of Information Technology for Ontario County has recommended all municipalities obtain and use a .gov address for their web sites and email addresses, which the county went to a couple of years ago. It is more secure and harder to obtain than a .com. It has to be approved by the federal government. Ours would be townofgeneva.gov. Revize, our web site host, charges an extra \$400 per year to host a .gov site. The Supervisor and board have agreed to the recommendation.

13. Discussion of proposed local law number 3, Hotel was left off Table 1 of Section 165-55, and has been added at 1 per occupant room, the customary standard. Other comments, issues, suggestions for amendment were discussed. The Board agreed in section 5 to delete (14) and to limit (13) to consumption on site and no chains or drive through restaurants similar to the Lake View Overlay District.

14. 2024 RESOLUTION NO. 52-2024 - Approving New System for Contacting Town Residents. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Aliperti, second by Councilmember Wilber. Unanimously approved.

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 52-2024**

Whereas the Town Communication Committee has identified a need for improved communication regarding town business, events, emergency information and other general information, and has researched and determined that this service can be provided by the town's current website provider, Revize, which will integrate an e-notification system using both text and email options that people can sign up for and be removed from at any time; and

Whereas Revize's charge for adding this service is a \$500 one-time set-up fee and an annual charge of \$1200 (\$100/month), and this amount is available in the 2024 town budget; and

Whereas the town's Communication Committee will prepare materials and a campaign to publicize this service to town residents and businesses, with communications coming from the supervisor; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the town may contract for this service with Revize and institute it, when necessary, procedures are in place.

I, Lorrie S. Naegele, Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Geneva adopted the resolution on May 14, 2024.

Lorrie S. Naegele

Lorrie S. Naegele, Town Clerk

15. 2024 RESOLUTION NO. 53-2024 - Bid Authorization for Solar Installation. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Wilber, second by Councilmember McCarthy. Unanimously approved.

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RESOLUTION NO. 53-2024**

WHEREAS the Town of Geneva has qualified for a \$175,000.00 grant from New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, which funds must be used for green energy improvements, and the application for the grant is due June 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Town is interested in using most or all of the grant funds for installing solar panels to generate electricity that will offset the Town's electricity expenses; and

WHEREAS state law and the Town's Procurement Policy require that a purchase of this size go through competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS solar panels can be installed on town property where the town hall is located or on the roof(s) of town buildings at 32 White Springs Road; and

WHEREAS a description of the project can be prepared so the project will be bid in accordance with state bidding requirements and the Town's Procurement Policy; now therefore it is

RESOLVED the Town Board authorizes advertisement for bids or request for proposals for the solar installation project and for the Town Clerk to place the advertisement of the project in the official newspaper of the Town of Geneva.

I, Lorrie S. Naegele, Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Geneva adopted the resolution on May 14, 2024.

Lorrie S. Naegele
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15. Reports of Standing Committees

Economic Development – n/a

Sustainability – Attended Mission Zero on April 27 and did a Fix-it Clinic

Kashong Conservation Area – n/a

Communication – Has been working on a new system for contacting town residents.

Parks and Recreation working on lights for the box field

16. Supervisor's Report: Selected Meetings and Events can be found on the agenda.

Using the gateways installed in the town and city by Cornell U to receive data using the "Internet of Things" technology, the city has agreed to allow the installation of sensors on the three meters that record flow from the town to the city's wastewater treatment plant, which will allow us to see in real time if flows are abnormal, indicating a problem with a meter.

We have two proposals to install solar panels on town property to be paid for by the \$175,000.00 grant from NYSERDA under the Clean Energy Community program. We are seeking more information on those proposals and another one and checking into the requirements of the grant and the town's procurement policy. The application for the grant is due by June 26.

17. Old Business: Deer Impact Survey has been revised and the group is working on a way to get out to residents easily without cost to them.

18. New Business. None

19. Privilege of the floor. Carol Higgins, Snell Rd., Has concerns about parts of the new Local Law will have on agricultural land in the future.

7:00 p.m. call from Scott Cresswell, (585) 750-6996 to present on the request of Star Geneva, LLC for modification of the Planned Unit Development at 3635 Berry Fields Road from construction of a mixed-use building to outdoor vehicle storage. Howard Bailey Water Sewer Superintendent will mark out the water line and if feasible for Scott he will send new plans with the changes to the Supervisor and Town Board. The Board is inclined to allow the change.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss the settlement of pending litigation against the town, Stephen Fox v. the Town of Geneva and others in their official capacities made by Councilmember Aliperti, second by Councilmember Wilber. Unanimously approved.
Time 7:38 pm

Motion to go return to regular meeting made by Councilmember Baxter, second by Councilmember Wilber. Unanimously approved.
Time 7:55

20. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Baxter, second by Councilmember Aliperti. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Lorrie S, Naegele Town Clerk