

**AGENDA
TOWN OF GENEVA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING
September 12, 2023**

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

1. **Call to order**- The Regular Town Board Meeting. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening by board member Mitch Wilber

2. **Privilege of the floor**.

3. **Gratitude's**: Town resident Jim Hogan for agreeing to assist a neighbor with her recycling because she is no longer able to take it herself to the town's Recycling and Disposal Station; five Hobart basketball players and residents Tom Myers, Mitch Wilber and Mark Venuti for helping with the mattress recycling event held at 32 White Springs Road on August 26.

4. **Approval of the minutes**: Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of August 8, 2023.

Motion _____ Second _____

5. **Town Clerk's report**.

Questions, comments.

The Board acknowledges receipt.

6. **Code Enforcement Officer's report**.

Questions, comments.

The Board acknowledges receipt.

7. **Highway Superintendent's Report**:

Questions, comments.

The Board acknowledges receipt.

8. **Water & Sewer Superintendent's Report**:

Questions, comments.

The Board acknowledges receipt.

9. **Supervisor's report of finances for the previous month**

Questions, comments.

The Board acknowledges receipt.

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 59-2023**- Approving Abstract-009, September 2023, Bills for Payment, and Prepaid Bills.

Motion _____ Second _____

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 59-2023**

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 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.

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 60-2023** - Approving Water and Sewer Increases.

Motion _____ Second _____

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 60-2023**

Whereas the cost of supplying water has increased due to increases in the cost of fluoride, chlorine and employee pay and benefits, and the town needs to replace its antiquated water meters over the next few years; and

Whereas the cost of maintaining the town's sewer lines has increased, expensive work is needed on the Route 14 sewer pump station, the town will be contributing to the expansion of the city's waste-water treatment plant as previously agreed, the cost to the town of using the city's waste-water treatment plant is increasing, and sewer rates have not been increased in 40 years; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the water rate for Town of Geneva supplied water will be increased 5% effective the first bill of 2024; and it is further

RESOLVED the residential sewer three-month minimum charge will be increased from \$95.00 to \$105.00, and the rate per unit after 1500 cubic feet will be increased from \$4.25 to \$4.45.

12. RESOLUTION NO. 61-2023 – Approving a Contract with CSEA Ontario County Local 835.

Motion _____ Second _____

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 61-2023**

Whereas the Town of Geneva and CSEA, Town of Geneva Employees Unit, Ontario County Local 835, which represents 7 Town employees, have engaged in negotiations over a new contract because the existing contract will expire on December 31, 2023; and

Whereas these negotiations have led to a Tentative Agreement between the Town and the Union, which agreement is for three years, and, among other things, includes wage increases of 3.5% in the first and second year, and 3% in the third year; and

Whereas the proposed Tentative Agreement, which has been ratified by the Union and signed by the supervisor, must be approved by the Town Board; and

Whereas the Town Board approves of the Tentative Agreement and finds it in the best interest of the Town that it be approved; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the Tentative Agreement is approved by the Town Board and may be incorporated into a new Agreement with CSEA, Ontario County Local 835, for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 62-2023 – Requesting Ontario County Consider Adopting a Neighbor Notification Law.

Motion _____ Second _____

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK
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RESOLUTION NO. 62-2023**

Whereas New York State passed the so-called Neighbor Notification Law in 2000 as part of the Environmental Conservation Law of the state, which goes into effect when and if a county or city adopts it; and

Whereas the law requires commercial pesticide applicators to notify neighbors in writing at least 48 hours before applying pesticides to residential lawns, trees and shrubs; it does not apply to farms, cemeteries or golf courses and has other exemptions; it requires homeowners who do their own application to post a sign in advance; and it requires retailers who sell pesticides to provide pesticide information to customers; and

Whereas the purpose of the law is to allow neighbors to take practical actions such as keeping children and pets indoors at the time of application, closing windows, turning off air conditioning, and covering toys and lawn furniture, and to provide information to purchasers of pesticides for home lawn and landscape use; and

Whereas the Town's Sustainability Committee reviewed the Neighbor Notification Law, presented a description of it at the August 8, 2023 town board meeting, and recommended the Town Board consider it and request Ontario County to consider adopting it; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the Geneva Town Board requests Ontario County, by its Planning and Environmental Quality Committee, and, if supported, Board of Supervisors, consider adopting the Neighbor Notification Law for Ontario County; and it is further

RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Ontario County Board of Supervisors for distribution to all county supervisors, to County Administrator Christopher DeBolt, to county Planning Director Thomas Harvey, and to the county's director of the Department of Sustainability and Solid Waste Management, Carla Jordan.

14. The Tentative 2024 Town Budget prepared by the Supervisor, who is also the Town's Budget Officer, based in part on requests of department heads, has been delivered to the Town Clerk and Town Board. A special meeting of the town board for review of the Tentative Budget and agreement on a Preliminary Budget for 2024 needs to be set. It would be ideal to have the public hearing on the Preliminary Budget at the October 10 town board meeting; notice must be given at least 5 days before the hearing, so the special meeting should be held by September 29 if possible.

Set date and time for special board meeting/work session: _____

15. Reports of Standing Committees

Economic Development –

Sustainability – the fall Fix-it Clinic and Free Stuff Day have been scheduled for Sunday, October 1, with a rain date of October 15. Volunteers welcome as fixers 9-noon, and to unload free stuff 10-noon and help with clean-up 2-3.

Kashong Conservation Area –

Communication –

Parks and Recreation –

16. Supervisor's Report:

Montmorency Property Development, LLC, owner of the building most recently vacated by Real Eats America, is responsible for the water and sewer bills charged against the property that were not timely paid. Penalties have accrued on the water account of nearly \$6000 and on the sewer account of nearly \$12,000. It has paid the bill, including penalties, and has requested the town consider returning some or all of the penalties.

Sewer and Water Superintendent Howard Bailey obtained 3 bids each for the grant supported new high efficiency boiler and insulation for the old town hall, and we chose the low bidder for both jobs, which have been ordered (Interstate Heating, Inc. for the boiler, \$7,850, and MIG Building Systems for the insulation, \$7000.

Selected Meetings and Events

August 9 – Traffic Safety Board meeting (town supervisor is board chair)

Meeting on Ontario County Parks master plan

August 14 – County Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting

August 15 – Ted Baker radio show on town topics

Geneva 2030 executive board retreat

August 16 – County Public Safety Committee meeting

Geneva 2030 executive board meeting

Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District board meeting

August 17 – County Real Property Tax Service director search committee meeting

August 21 – County Parks master plan meeting

August 24 – Director of Emergency Management search committee meeting

Ontario County Board of Supervisors meeting

August 25 - County Real Property Tax Service director search committee meeting

September 5 – County Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting

September 6 – County Public Safety Committee meeting

Negotiation meeting with town union representatives

September 11 – County Alternatives to Incarceration board meeting (town supervisor is board chair)

17. Old Business.

18. New Business.

19. Privilege of the floor.

20. Adjourn: Motion _____ Second _____ Time _____