

**AGENDA**  
**TOWN OF GENEVA**  
**Regular Town Board Monthly Meeting**  
**March 14, 2023**

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

1. **Call to order** - 6:00 p.m.: The Regular Town Board Meeting. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening – Councilmember Bob McCarthy
2. **Privilege of the floor.**
3. **Gratitudes.** The Town Clerk thanks Deputy Town Clerk Nancy Wallace-Novick for covering for her while she is out of the office
4. **Approval of the minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board on February 14, 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. 34-2023** - Approving Abstract-003, March 2023, Bills for Payment and Prepaid Bills.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 34-2023**

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 supervisor's 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. 35-2023**– Approving Purchase of Ford F-150 Truck for Water & Sewer Department.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 35-2023**

Whereas the Town of Geneva budgeted \$50,000 in 2023 to replace the 2018 Ford pick-up truck with a new truck; and

Whereas the Water & Sewer Superintendent has obtained a quote from Friendly Ford of Geneva for a new Ford F-150 pick-up truck of \$45,241.50 (includes municipal discount), and a trade-in allowance of \$24,000 for the 2018 truck (the 2023 budget estimated \$25,000 for the 2018 truck), for a net cost of \$21,241.50; and

Whereas these trucks are in demand and it is in the best interests of the Town to accept this quote, which is covered in the 2023 budget; now therefore it is

RESOLVED the quote of Friendly Ford of Geneva for a new Ford F-150 pick-up truck of \$45,241.50 with a trade-in allowance of \$24,000.00 for the Town's 2018 truck may be accepted and the vehicle purchased.

**12. RESOLUTION NO. 36-2023-** Approving Subcontract with Yates County Soil and Water Conservation District for Great Lakes Commission Funded Project.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN OF GENEVA, NEW YORK  
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 36-2023**

Whereas Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization's (SWIO) Seneca Watershed Steward developed and submitted a grant application on behalf of Yates County Soil and Water Conservation District (Yates SWCD) to the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) titled *Sediment and Nutrient Reduction in the Headwaters of the Oswego River Watershed*; and

Whereas this project concerns the implementation of agricultural Best Management Practices, coupled with outreach initiatives, in Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca and Yates Counties that will reduce annual sediment and phosphorous loading to Seneca Lake; and

Whereas GLC awarded Yates SWCD \$195,227 in funding to support execution of this project; and

Whereas SWIO's Seneca Watershed Steward, housed at the Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges (HWS), has agreed to provide administrative and outreach support services to Yates SWCD on this project; and

Whereas HWS policies inhibit the ability of SWIO's Seneca Watershed Steward to serve as principal investigator and, thus, inhibit HWS from entering into a subcontract with Yates SWCD for Seneca Watershed Steward's support on this project; and

Whereas SWIO is not incorporated and is incapable of entering into such a subcontract; and

Whereas Town of Geneva is a member of SWIO, it's Supervisor is Chair of SWIO, and the Town could be substituted for HWS as subcontractor so the Seneca Watershed Steward can perform the needed services on the project and be paid for those services under the grant; and

Whereas SWIO is to provide \$2,000 in matching non-federal funds in the form of either documented project expenses and/or In-Kind staff time; and

Whereas the Town of Geneva itself assumes no financial responsibility for this \$2,000 in matching non-federal funds but would receive payments for the services of the Seneca Watershed Steward and pass them on to SWIO; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the Town of Geneva may enter into in a subcontract agreement with Yates County Soil and Water Conservation District for the *Sediment and Nutrient Reduction in the Headwaters of the Oswego River Watershed* project, and the supervisor is authorized to sign the agreement and all other documents in furtherance of it.

13. Discussion of whether the town board would be interested in taking title to 4135 Braewood Lane, a 2-acre lot owned by Michael Ann Holly that once had the Holly home on it. The home burned down years ago and their child was killed in the fire. She would like the lot kept undeveloped.

14. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has a European Cherry Fruit Fly and Box Tree Moth Program to detect these invasive insects and has requested permission to survey/trap for the Fruit Fly in select locations within the Town of Geneva, including town-owned property and rights of way. Private property owners whose land they want to use will be contacted directly for permission.

**15. Reports of Standing Committees**

Economic Development –

Sustainability –

Kashong Conservation Area -

Communication –

Parks and Recreation –

**16. Supervisor's Report:**

The two-year contract with an electricity supplier for the town's Community Choice Aggregation program terminates on June 30. Our fixed rate NY renewable supply charge per kilowatt hour has for about 90% of the time been under NYSEG's rate during the period of this

contract. A new contract will be negotiated over the next several weeks to take effect July 1. I'll be reviewing the bids with Joule on March 22 with final decisions due by April 4. Residents will receive a letter allowing them to opt-out completely and also to select options different from the town's default choice. The City of Geneva has approved CCA and is now part of the group the town is in, which also includes communities in the Hudson Valley, for a total of fourteen municipalities, giving the group more bargaining power. As always, customers who do not want to be in the program can opt out at any time.

Attorney James Wolford has resigned from representing the town in three pending assessment challenges and has been replaced by attorney Sheila Chalifoux who has ably represented the town in the past and whose hourly rate is reasonable and consistent with what other attorneys charge municipal clients.

Cornell's Design Connect team is working with the town on plans for an expanded and relocated transfer station. Preliminary designs and recommendations will be drafted by mid-March. A survey of town residents went out with the notice from the town assessor about the revaluation of town property. Presentations to and feedback from residents is also being conducted and gathered over the next few weeks. Final plans and recommendations are due in early May. There is a "donation" of \$600 requested to cover project materials and expenses.

We are working with NYSERDA on a contract for work to save energy at a highway building and the old town hall. The town was approved for a grant of \$70,000 based on the town achieving Bronze certification as a Climate Smart Community, but there are steps that need to be followed before the work can be approved and grant dollars used. The buildings have to be analyzed to see if the proposed changes will save a meaningful amount of energy before we can proceed.

The expansion of the City of Geneva's Marsh Creek Wastewater Pump Station is nearing completion. The town agreed to pay half of the cost up to \$850,000. The town has about \$342,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds available for this and will pay the balance from the sewer department fund balance.

#### Selected Meetings and Events

February 15 – Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors meeting

February 16 – Ontario County Board of Supervisors meeting

February 17 – Ted Baker radio program on town topics

Seneca-Keuka Watershed Plan executive board meeting

February 22 – Meeting with Joule Community Power representative on Town's Community Choice Aggregation program

February 24 – Geneva 2030 executive board meeting

February 27 – County Planning and Environmental Quality committee meeting

Meeting with Cornell Design Connect team on resource recovery park planning project

March 1 – County Public Safety Committee meeting

Town water plant expansion project meeting

March 6 – Meeting with Cornell Design Connect team

March 9 – Interview with representative of group doing county's housing study

Ontario County Board of Supervisors meeting

March 10 – Meeting with Joule representatives on a new contract for town's CCA electricity supply program

March 13 – Meeting with former Real Eats employees

Meeting with Cornell Design Connect team

#### **17. Old Business.**

#### **18. New Business.**

#### **19. Privilege of the floor.**

The supervisor would like a motion to go into executive session to discuss the employment situation of the water and sewer superintendent and his pending retirement, and the possible promotion of his successor, which is allowed under the open meetings law; no action will be taken during the executive session or after it at this meeting; the public is welcome to wait and come back in after the executive session for what is expected to be the adjournment of the regular board meeting.

**20. Adjourn:** Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_