



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.

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 March 14, 2023.

Lorrie S. Naegele  
Lorrie S. Naegele, Town Clerk

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

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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. The Board was not in favor. Its at the end of a private drive and would not be available to the public.

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. All Board members agreed to allow use of town owned land and right of ways.

**15. Reports of Standing Committees**

Economic Development –No report

Sustainability – Meeting Next week.

Kashong Conservation Area – The committee met and discussed ideas for events at the KCA. Meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month and hope to have the next one at the Conservation Area.

Communication – Meeting March 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Parks and Recreation – Proposed rules for scheduling and a fee for the box turf and field were discussed and agreed upon.

**16. Supervisor's Report: Selected Meetings and Events on the Agenda**

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 NYSEDA 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.

**17. Old Business.** Sharon Barnes, Kashong Road again raised the issue of rezoning her 2-acre lot. Is in R2 Zone and Agriculture is a permitted use so the Board declined her request to consider rezoning to AG, feeling it best to leave the zoning R2 because hers is part of the cluster of residential houses in that zone.

**18. New Business.** None

**19. Privilege of the floor.** None

**20. Executive Session:** 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. Motion made by Councilmember Dunham, second by Councilmember Aliperti. Unanimously approved. Time 6:47 pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session made by Councilmember Aliperti, second by Councilmember Wilber. Unanimously approved.  
Time 7:18 pm.

**21. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting made by Councilmember Dunham, second by Councilmember McCarthy. Unanimously approved.  
Time 7:19 pm.

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Respectfully, Lorrie S. Naegele, Town Clerk