

AGENDA
TOWN OF GENEVA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 13, 2021

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 Meeting of the Town Board. Flag salute/opening led by supervisor Venuti: flag salute then Mark's pledge: : I pledge to do my best to represent the people of the Town of Geneva, to keep an open mind during this meeting, to treat others with courtesy and respect, and to make decisions for the highest good of all concerned.

2. Privilege of the floor.

3. Gratitudes.

4. Approval of the minutes: Approval of the minutes: Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of March 9, 2021.

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. 44-2021 – Approving Abstracts, Bills for Payment and Prepaid Bills.

Motion _____ Second _____

TOWN OF GENEVA
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 44-2021

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-004 April 2021, 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. 45 -2021 – Appointing Alternate Members of the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals..

Motion _____ Second _____

TOWN OF GENEVA
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 45-2021

Whereas the Town Board has authorized one alternate for the Town Planning Board and the Town Zoning Board of Appeals, and those position are now vacant; and

Whereas the Planning Board chairperson and Town Code Enforcement Officer have reviewed potential candidates for the position on the planning board and selected Town resident Jeffrey Trickler, who is willing and able to serve; and

Whereas the Zoning Board of Appeals chairperson and the Town Code Enforcement Officer have reviewed potential candidates for the position on the zoning board of appeals and selected Town resident Patrick Cardinale, who is willing and able to serve; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED Jeffrey Trickler is appointed alternate member of the Town Planning Board, and Patrick Cardinale is appointed alternate member of the Town Zoning Board of Appeals, to serve until December 31, 2025.

12. RESOLUTION NO. 46 -2021 – Supporting the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area Designation.

Motion _____

Second _____

**TOWN OF GENEVA
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 46-2021**

Whereas The Finger Lakes National Heritage Area Feasibility Study was authorized by an act of the U.S. Congress in 2019 to determine whether the Finger Lakes area is appropriate for designation as a National Heritage Area; and

Whereas National Heritage Areas are locally managed to create public-private partnerships that support historic preservation, natural resource conservation, recreation, heritage tourism and educational projects; and

Whereas the local entity seeking to be the coordinating entity is the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance, which was established in 1919, is based in Penn Yan, has representatives from each of the 14 counties designated as part of the Finger Lakes area, and is capable of successfully and properly acting as the coordinating entity for a Finger Lakes National Heritage Area; and

Whereas the designation as a National Heritage Area brings annual federal funding, but the designation does not affect private property rights or impact local zoning; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Geneva supports the designation of the Finger Lakes area as a National Heritage Area and the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance as the coordinating entity.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 47 -2021 – Requesting Speed Limit Reduction on Carter Road.

Motion _____

Second _____

**TOWN OF GENEVA
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 47-2021**

Whereas the Middle School and High School of the Geneva City School District are on the east side of Carter Road, and Carter Road does not have a pedestrian side walk going north past Angelo Street into the Town of Geneva; and

Whereas children who attend those schools live in the Town north of Angelo Street and walk to school, essentially in the road, especially with the addition of the Woodlands apartment complex in the Town on the west side of Carter Road less than a mile from the schools; and

Whereas the speed limit on Carter Road between Angelo Street and Gambree Road is 40 MPH, a dangerous rate under the circumstances (the speed abruptly changes from 40 MPH to 15 MPH in the school zone), with a child walking to school being struck by a car and killed on this stretch of the road in the past; and

Whereas Carter Road between Angelo Street and Gambree Road has rolling hills that limit visibility, making it unsafe to drive the current speed limit; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Geneva requests the NYS Department of Transportation evaluate this stretch of Carter Road and reduce the speed limit on it to 30 MPH, that the Ontario County Superintendent of Highways join in this request, and the Town further resolves, if this request is granted, to install and maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle & Traffic Law and conforming to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of the NYS Department of Transportation, and to have the road patrolled by the road patrol of the Ontario County Sheriff's Office to enforce the speed limit.

14. RESOLUTION NO. 48 -2021 – Authorizing Scheduling a Public Hearing.

Motion _____

Second _____

**TOWN OF GENEVA
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 48-2021**

WHEREAS, by written Petition dated March 11, 2021, submitted in due form by Petitioner, containing the required signatures, which has been presented and filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva, Ontario County, New York, for the Proposed Water District 8, Extension No. 1 (“District”) to serve the several lots and parcels of land within the proposed District; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it to be in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Geneva to pursue the District, pursuant to a Map, Plan and Report made by Bergmann last dated February 2021, and filed with the Town Clerk on March 11, 2021 (see Exhibit 1 attached hereto and made a part hereof).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Order Calling for Public Hearing, attached hereto, shall be signed by the members of the Town Board of the Town of Geneva and published, posted and entered into the Minutes in accordance with **Section 193 of the Town Law**, and the Town Clerk and/or Counsel to the Town are hereby authorized to take any and all further measures necessary to comply with the Town Law in preparation for the final adoption of the aforementioned District.

I, Lorrie S. Naegele, Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Geneva on April 13, 2021, by the following vote:

	Aye	Nay
Mark Venuti	_____	_____
Jeffrey Dunham	_____	_____
Robert McCarthy	_____	_____
Mark Palmieri	_____	_____
Kimberly Aliperti	_____	_____

Dated: _____, 2021

Lorrie S. Naegele, Town Clerk

SEAL

15. RESOLUTION NO. 49 -2021 – Authorizing Scheduling a Public Hearing.

Motion _____ Second _____

**TOWN OF GENEVA
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 49-2021**

WHEREAS, by written Petition dated March 11, 2021, submitted in due form by Petitioner, containing the required signatures, which has been presented and filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Geneva, Ontario County, New York, for the Proposed Extension to Sewer District No. 1 (“District”) to serve the several lots and parcels of land within the proposed District; and

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Robert McCarthy	_____	_____
Mark Palmieri	_____	_____

Dated: _____, 2021

Lorrie S. Naegele, Town Clerk

SEAL

16. Reports of Standing and Special Committees – all committee meetings are open to the public.

Economic Development –

Sustainability –

Kashong Conservation Area – discussion of adding a pavilion and other improvements

Communication –

Park and Playground –

Agricultural Enhancement –

Safety and Fire Protection- next meeting is with North Side Fire on April 15 at 7 pm

Code Review – Meeting April 21 at 7:00 at the town hall to be a review of code sections identified by the Code Enforcement Officer and others in need of review and perhaps modification.

17. Supervisor's Report

The town Sustainability Committee and the city's Green Committee worked together to come up with projects to request funding for from Ontario County. There is a limited amount of money available for municipalities this year, with the max being \$5000 each, so they came up with two projects that total \$10,400: a mattress collection and recycling event; and a waste assessment by Impact Earth of some large waste generators in the town and city that will allow them to see what they are discarding and alternatives to putting certain items in the trash, reducing what is landfilled and saving money. The application went to the county March 28.

The highway superintendent was informed that NYS CHIPS funding (for road work) that was cut by 20% in 2020 would have 15% of the cut restored, which means the town should be receiving a check for \$12,298.98 to bring us to 95% of our allotment for 2020.

The supervisor is in discussions with Charter about completing cable to other town addresses and entering into a new franchise agreement.

The supervisor has contacted the County Commissioner of Public Works and Highway Engineering about looking at improvements to the intersection of County Road 6 and West Washington Street for pedestrian and driver safety, and gave them the recommendations of Cornell's Design Connect team attached to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, and those from the Town and City Active Transportation Plan.

The director of the Smith Opera House reached out to the supervisor to see if there was the possibility of county funding to assist the Smith because it's been closed for over a year due to the pandemic, and it will be taken up by the County Planning and Environmental Quality Committee, of which the supervisor is a member.

Adult recreational use of marijuana has been made lawful, but it will take a year or two for it to launch. For the town, we have the option of allowing or prohibiting retail dispensaries and on-site consumption places in the town. A retail place in the town will get the town revenue from the tax on sales generated at the establishment.

Roctricity and Joule Community Power, the town's administrators for Community Choice Aggregation, where the town contracts with an electricity supplier for a two-year fixed rate, that becomes the default supplier for most town residents unless they opt-out, will be holding meetings to explain the process on **Wednesday May 5th at 7pm via Zoom; in-person** at the **Town Hall on Wednesday May 26th at 7pm**; and a **Zoom meeting Thursday May 27th at 7pm**.

Selected Meetings and Activities:

March 11 – Ontario County Board of Supervisors meeting

March 17 – Meeting with town engineer and water and sewer superintendent re town water plant improvement project

Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors meeting

March 18 – Meeting of Geneva 2030 executive board

March 19 – Ted Baker radio show on town topics

March 22 – County Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting

March 23 – Meeting re Greenidge power plant bitcoin mining expansion plans

March 24 – County Public Safety Committee meeting

March 25 – Meeting re COVID status and plan for Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Meeting of Fire and Safety Committee with West Lake Road Fire Assoc.

March 29 – Meeting with Roctricity and Joule Community Power representatives on Community Choice Aggregation and Community Distributed Generation projects and plan for public outreach

March 31 – Town sponsored symposium on farmers being paid for ecosystem services

April 1 – Meeting of the Nine-Element Watershed Plan executive committee

Meeting of the funding committee of the Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization

Ontario County Board of Supervisors meeting

April 5 – Seminar on the local implications of the law legalizing recreational use of marijuana

April 8 – Attended Town of Fayette Board meeting to discuss membership in the Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization

April 9 – Meeting on Greenidge power plant bitcoin mining expansion plan

April 12 – County Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting

18. Old Business.

19. New Business.

20. Privilege of the floor.

21. Adjourn: Time _____

Motion _____ Second _____