

AGENDA
TOWN OF GENEVA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 9, 2019

1. Informal Discussion – 6:00 p.m. Informal discussion with Town Board, department heads and public.
2. Call to order the Regular Meeting of the Town Board. Flag salute/opening led by Supervisor Mark Venuti. Pledge to Flag followed by 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.
3. Privilege of the floor.
4. Gratitudes.
5. Approval of the minutes: Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of May 14, 2019.

Motion _____ Second _____

6. Town Clerk's report.
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 for the previous month
Questions, comments.
The Board acknowledges receipt.

11. **2019 RESOLUTION NO. 52-2019** – Approving Abstracts, Bills for Payment and Prepaid Bills.

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.

Motion _____ Second _____

12. **2019 RESOLUTION NO. 53-2019**- Authorizing a Grant Application for a Walk-Bike Path Feasibility or Planning Study.

Whereas the 2015 Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Geneva and its 2017 Active Transportation Plan identify walk and bike paths as desirable alternate means of transportation through the town and connecting the town to other destinations; and

Whereas one area in the town where a path may be able to be constructed is from Carter Road west and southwest through private property, and then property of the Cornell Ag Tech station on an abandoned rail line, crossing North Street and then County Road 6 traveling west, all of the owners of which are willing to entertain the development of the path; and

Whereas there are grants available to fund most of the cost of a feasibility or planning study of the proposed path to determine the feasibility and estimated cost of developing the path, and, if found feasible, there are grants that would fund most of the cost of path development; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the Supervisor may file an application on behalf of the Town of Geneva for a grant to fund most of the cost of a feasibility or planning study for a walk-bike path from Carter Road, at the property of the Geneva Community Center, heading west and southwest to and over the abandoned rail line on property of the Cornell Ag Tech park to the west boundary of the Town.

Motion _____, Second _____

13. 2019 RESOLUTION NO. 55-2019- Declaring Intent of Town to be Lead Agency for Environmental Review

The town's water system upgrade project went through environmental review in 2018, but the location of the new storage tank in the Town of Seneca has been changed and that requires a new review. Resolution coming from MRB Group.

Motion _____,

Second _____

14. 2019 RESOLUTION NO. 53-2019 – Approving Site Design and Development Criteria

Whereas the Town of Geneva does not have a formal set of Site Design and Development Criteria approved by the town board; and

Whereas having Site Design and Development Criteria adopted by the town board is desired by the town's Code Enforcement Officer and is helpful to developers because it establishes uniform criteria that developers can refer to when designing projects and the Code Enforcement Officer can rely on to enforce the standards; and

Whereas MRB Group was tasked with assisting the town in developing such criteria and has worked with a town committee to prepare a manual setting forth the criteria, which have been reviewed and approved, for the parts applicable to their function, by the town's Highway Superintendent, Water and Sewer Superintendent, and Code Enforcement Officer, as well as other members of the committee established to prepare the standards, and MRB Group has submitted proposed criteria or standards consistent with the recommendations of the committee and others; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the Site Design and Development Criteria prepared by MRB Group and dated June 2019 are approved and adopted as the criteria of the Town of Geneva to be used by the Code Enforcement Officer and developers, and they may be amended as appropriate by resolution of the Town Board.

Motion _____,

Second _____

15. The town assessor's 6-year contract expires in September and the supervisor would like a board member to join him in reviewing Lorie's performance with Lorie and others she has worked with so we can make a recommendation to the town board at the August meeting.

16. Discussion of creating a town-wide drainage district potentially supported by a small property tax.

17. Reports of Standing Committees

Comprehensive Plan –

Economic Development –

Sustainability –

Kashong Conservation Area -

Communication –

Town Hall Park and Playground –

Agricultural Enhancement –

18. Supervisor's Report:

Sunday, June 23 had a successful bike park work day thanks to Bernie, Charlie, Jeff Ilacqua, Howard Bailey and Jim Hogan.

Geneva Community Power exceeded its goal of 400 enrolled on June 26 and more are still signing up. This Community Distributed Generation program supports the solar farm under construction in Owego and got the town \$25,000, enabling an application for state funding for \$75,000, which, if received, will provide \$100,000 for storm water control projects that benefit Seneca Lake, projects that will be completed in 2020.

The town has 3 storm-water control projects that will be completed this year with help from the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District and town forces.

Finger Lakes Community Choice, the Community Choice Aggregation Program, began in July with a fixed rate for 100% renewable New York electric energy for all town residents who are eligible and have not opted out of the program. The rate, below the NYSEG average over the past year, is guaranteed for 2 years. People may opt-out without penalty at any time.

Update on Massa v. Town of Geneva

I've been out with water resource technicians from the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District scouting places for storm water control projects for a grant application that will be made.

Integrated Systems, which provides technical computer support to the town, is going to review the town's computers and make a recommendation for action needed to upgrade from Windows 7, which after this year will no longer be supported by Microsoft, to Windows 10.

Town launches Lake Friendly Living program with 3 levels residents can be recognized for depending on the practices they undertake to control storm-water on their property.

The union contract the town has with the local that represents the town's highway and water-sewer workers expires at the end of this year, so negotiations must begin this month on a new contract; the expiring contract was for 4 years, 2016-19. The supervisor will negotiate on behalf of the town, assisted by another town board member.

Selected Meetings and Events

June 12 – County Public Safety Committee meeting

June 13 – County Soil and Water Conservation District budget committee meeting

June 19 – Geneva Community Power presentation at West Lake Road Fire Association

June 20 – Ontario County Board of Supervisors meeting

June 21 – Ted Baker radio show on town topics

Meet in the field with Water Resource Technicians to investigate storm-water control projects

June 25 – Breakfast meeting with MRB Group and town department heads

July 1 – Meet with city officials and MRB reps re city sewer capacity study

County Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting

July 3 – County Public Safety Committee meeting

July 5 – Meet in the field with Water Resource Technician to investigate storm water control project

July 9 – Meet with Chemung County legislators re Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization

19. Old Business.

20. New Business.

21. Privilege of the floor.

22. Adjourn:

Motion _____

Second _____