

AGENDA
TOWN OF GENEVA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2020

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Governor has issued orders to forgo non-essential group meetings, and to authorize open meetings using technology that allows board members to participate from different locations, and the public to observe either by computer or phone. To follow applicable orders and enhance public safety, this meeting is being held using the Zoom program with a computer link and phone number that members of the public can use to observe and or listen to the meeting over the internet or regular telephone.

Town of Geneva is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Town of Geneva Town Board Meeting - May 12th 2020

Time: May 12, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82661511278?pwd=UWRRTk04YyswY1MyZzQ5MTM3eDUxdz09>

Meeting ID: 826 6151 1278

Password: 363468

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This information has been publicized on the town's Facebook page, web site, notice board, email list, and in the Finger Lakes Times.

1. 6:00 p.m. **Call to Order** the Regular Meeting of the Town Board. Flag salute/opening led by Supervisor Venuti followed by his 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. Presentation by Marathon Engineering for a Planned Unit Development at 3635 Berry Fields Drive (former BJ's), for self-storage and mixed use development.

Refer to town and county planning boards for review.

Set a public hearing on the project for June 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Motion to set the public hearing _____ Second _____.

4. **Gratitudes. Professional photographer** Daniel Roman for donating his time and expertise to taking pictures around the town for the town's web site. Dennis Ferlito of Bejo Seeds has again offered vegetable plants to town community gardeners for free. Water and Sewer Superintendent Charlie Bracko for taking responsibility for the town hall raccoon problem (again) and the scale at the Recycling and Disposal Station.

5. **Approval of the minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of April 14, 2020.

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. 2020 RESOLUTION NO. 47-2020 – Approving Abstracts, Bills for Payment and Prepaid Bills.

**TOWN OF GENEVA
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 47-2020**

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. 2020 RESOLUTION NO. 48-2020 – Enhancing the security of the Town's Web Site.

Motion _____ Second _____

**TOWN OF GENEVA
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 48-2020**

Whereas the web site of the Town of Geneva is "unsecure" by industry standards and can be made secure by the host, Revize, for a set up and first year charge totaling \$575.00, and then an annual charge of \$175.00; now therefore it is

RESOLVED the Supervisor is authorized to approve Revize making the Town's web site secure for the price of \$575.00 and thereafter \$175 per year.

13. 2020 RESOLUTION NO. 49-2020 – Revising Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys.

Motion _____ Second _____

**TOWN OF GENEVA
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 49-2020**

Whereas due to the Coronavirus pandemic most businesses that generate sale tax have been shut down since early March, and they will continue to have trade substantially below normal indefinitely; and

Whereas the Town of Geneva's largest source of revenue is its share of sales tax generated in Ontario County, and the projection of a normal year was used in the fall of 2019 when the Town's 2020 budget was approved; and

Whereas the drop in sales tax revenue is projected to be between 25 and 50 percent, which would cost the Town between \$360,000 and \$720,000; and

Whereas the Town agreed to spend \$194,306 to pave three roads, Ansley Road, Slosson Lane and Lincoln Way, and \$18,971.95 to stone and oil six roads, White Springs Lane, Lomar Drive, Kashong Switch Road, Brian Drive, Cynthia Drive, and Rose Wood Drive; and

Whereas the roads scheduled for paving are the most expensive, and delaying paving them until a later year, although not ideal, can safely be done; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the Town Board and Highway Superintendent agree that Ansley Road, Slosson Lane and Lincoln Way will not be paved in 2020 as originally planned.

14. 2020 RESOLUTION NO. 50-2020 – Authorizing Agreement with Cornell for Technical Assistance with Watershed Plan.

Motion _____ Second _____

**TOWN OF GENEVA
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 50-2020**

Whereas the Town of Geneva is the recipient of a grant from the NYS Department of State, and also donations for the local share of the cost, for a Nine-Element Watershed Plan for the Seneca Lake watershed, which includes Keuka Lake; and

Whereas part of the watershed plan requires an Overview of Local Laws, Plans, Programs and Practices, and the Department of City & Regional Planning of Cornell University has proposed to complete that task, using students under faculty supervision, at a cost of \$3,601.50, which is a very reasonable price; and

Whereas grant funds are available to pay the cost so there will be no cost to the Town; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED the Supervisor may accept the proposal of Cornell University as described above.

15. 2020 RESOLUTION NO. 51-2020 – Declaring Town’s Intent to be Lead Agency for SEQR Review of Self-Storage and Mixed Use Planned Unit Development, 3625 Berry Fields Road.

Motion_____ Second_____

**TOWN OF GENEVA
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RESOLUTION NO. 51-2020**

WHEREAS, the Geneva Town Board has reviewed the full Environmental Assessment Form, Part 1, prepared by Marathon Engineering for the Applicant, Star Development Group, LLC, on the proposed Self-Storage and Mixed Use Planned Unit Development (hereinafter referred to as Action); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that said Action is classified as an Type 1 Action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that said Action is also subject to review and approval by other involved agencies under SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that it is the most appropriate agency to insure the coordination of this Action and will provide written notifications to involved agencies, for the purposes of conducting a coordinated review and making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby declare its intent to be designated as the lead agency for the Action; and be if further

RESOLVED, that the Town Engineer is directed to provide notice to the involved and interested agencies, seeking their agreement (or objection thereto) in writing on or before **12:00 PM on Friday, June 12, 2020.**

16. Discussion of Possible Modifications to the Town’s Short-Term Rental Law. 1. Reducing the occupancy to 2 per approved bedroom, thereby eliminating the “plus-2” in the current code; 2. Restricting short-term rental to owner-occupied properties; need to define owner-occupied, e.g. always, six months, nine months, and owner residing in the house or on the same parcel; need to decide on when any new modification becomes effective, e.g. for new and renewal permits, only for new permits but not transferable to a new owner.

17. Discussion of temporary layoff of town employees.

18. Reports of Standing Committees

Comprehensive Plan –

Economic Development –

Sustainability –

Kashong Conservation Area -

Communication – The Second Issue of Town Times is out

Town Hall Park and Playground –

Agricultural Enhancement –

19. Supervisor’s Report.

The Town received the \$25,000.00 from Joule Assets we earned by reaching the sign-up goal for the solar farm last year. People have begun receiving the solar credit on the NYSEG bills and the bill from Delaware River Solar for 90% of the credit. Some who signed up did not get into this farm, and Joule is working on another one people can join. We agreed the \$25,000 will be used for a stormwater control project to benefit Seneca Lake, and we are working on one in stream 129, which goes through the Kashong Conservation Area, and has done serious destruction downstream twice in the past few years during a heavy rain event. It's a big project that may cost \$200,000, so we'll be going for grant funding next year, and hope to use the \$25,000 this year to pay for the engineering.

I signed an agreement with Photographer Daniel Roman for him to take pictures around the town for the town's web site at no charge to the town. The pictures are his property but the town has the permanent right to use them on the web site.

We had our first negotiation session with the city over a new sanitary sewer agreement on April 30.

I wrote a letter of support from the Town to be used in fundraising proposals for the box field.

Selected Meetings and Events:

Meetings have been by Zoom or other programs that bring the participants together over computer or phone.

April 15 – Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District Board meeting

April 16 – Ontario County Board of Supervisors meeting

April 27 – County Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting

April 29 – County Public Safety Committee meeting

April 30 – Meeting with City officials re agreement for wastewater treatment services

May 1 – Reopen Ontario County meeting

May 7 – Seneca-Keuka Nine-Element Watershed Plan executive committee meeting

Hobart & William Smith Colleges reopening plan meeting

Ontario County Board of Supervisors meeting

20. Old Business.

21. New Business.

22. Privilege of the floor.

23. Adjourn: Time _____

Motion _____

Second _____