

# Regular Geneseo Town Board Meeting - Thursday, August 8, 2013

---

A Regular Meeting of the Geneseo Town Board was held on Thursday, August 8, 2013 in the pavilion at Long Point Park, West Lake Road, Geneseo.

PRESENT: William S. Wadsworth, Supervisor  
Roberta Irwin, Deputy Supervisor  
Richard Taylor, Councilman  
Felicisimo Manapol, Councilman  
Jerald Wrubel, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Levey, Highway Superintendent  
Ron Maxwell, Code Enforcement Officer  
Miranda Reid, Liv. Co. Planning Dept, Livingston County Watershed Manager  
Cathy Higgins, Liv. Co. Dept of Health, Livingston County Watershed Inspector  
Mike Saviola, CLA President  
Al Dietrich, CLA's Town Board Liaison

Wayne France	Mary Linden
Kathy Trainor	Patricia Macauley
Joanne Harris	Robert Harris
Diane Hadfield	Mitch Hadfield
Robert Thayer	Donna Brennan
Peter Jacobson	Marianne DiLaura
Joseph DiLaura	Norman Anderson
Georgene Ehmann	Donald Ehmann
Judith Bubel	

## **MEETING OPENING, APPROVAL OF MINUTES & VOUCHERS:**

Supervisor Wadsworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and Councilman Manapol led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. A moment of silence was then held for the men and women serving our country throughout the world.

Supervisor Wadsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the regular meeting of July 11<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2013 as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Taylor-aye; Manapol-aye; Wrubel. Nays: None.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of July 18<sup>th</sup> were also reviewed. Mr. Wrubel moved and Mr. Manapol seconded the motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2013 as presented. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Wrubel-aye; Manapol-aye. Mr. Taylor and Ms. Irwin abstained from voting as they were absent from that meeting.

The Board reviewed abstract #8 of vouchers. Mr. Taylor moved and Ms. Irwin seconded the motion to

# Regular Geneseo Town Board Meeting - Thursday, August 8, 2013

---

approve payment for vouchers #1513 through #1589 on abstract #8 in the following amounts:

General A vouchers	\$ 32,792.60
General B vouchers	\$ 6,889.16
Highway DA vouchers	\$ 26,551.36
Highway DB vouchers	\$ 51,783.69
Special Light District SL vouchers	\$ 297.69
Sewer District SS1 vouchers	\$ 25,326.58
Water O&M SW0 vouchers	\$ 49,247.99

and totaling \$ 192,889.07. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Wrubel-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

## **2014 BUDGET:**

Supervisor Wadsworth updated the Board and public regarding progress on the 2014 budget. Last Tuesday morning, he and Deputy Supervisor Irwin met to look at fund balances and budget requests submitted by each department head. They will continue to meet on the budget on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am through the month of August and, starting in September, the budget meetings will be held on Wednesday mornings. Supervisor Wadsworth extended an invitation to the public to attend the budget meetings.

## **ASSESSOR POSITION:**

Supervisor Wadsworth updated the Board on the offer to Tammy Baker for the Assessor position shared between the Towns of Geneseo and Groveland. The candidate will accept the position at an annual salary of \$40,000 plus health benefits. The split between Groveland and Geneseo will be a 30%/70% split, with Tammy to work up to 15 hours per week in training (10 in Geneseo and 5 in Groveland) at \$22.81/hour until she takes over for the current Assessor(s). Mr. Wrubel moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to appoint Tammy Baker to a 6-year term of Assessor for the Town of Geneseo effective October 1, 2013, with an annual salary of \$40,000 plus health benefits under the Town of Geneseo personnel policy, and with the Groveland/Geneseo shared costs to be split 30%/70% respectively. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Wrubel-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

## **CONESUS LAKE/LONG POINT PARK:**

Watershed Manager Miranda Reid addressed the Board and public regarding the ***Invasive Species Prevention and Response Plan*** that was adopted by the Conesus Lake Watershed Council in May, 2013. The purpose of the Plan is to facilitate effective and efficient collaboration between organizations and agencies in order to prevent invasive species from entering Conesus Lake and to minimize the ecological, economic and recreational impacts of existing invasive species in the Conesus Lake Watershed. Ms. Reid gave an update as to how the plan is working in the monitoring of the watershed and the monitoring of invasive species.

## Regular Geneseo Town Board Meeting - Thursday, August 8, 2013

---

Ms. Reid also gave an update of the Livingston County Planning Department's **Streambank Remediation project**. The project consists of two grants that have been received to remediate seven (7) streams that run into Conesus Lake, including one (1) in the Town of Geneseo, at Long Point Creek. They presently have a meeting scheduled with Geneseo landowners and are dealing with the SEQR process for the project. The time frame for the project is dependent on receiving permits from the NYSDEC and Army Corp of Engineers for the design work, but it is hoped that permits will be issued by the end of 2013 and the work on Long Point Creek may begin in the spring of 2014.

As Watershed Inspector, Cathy Higgins is employed by Livingston County Health Department to oversee the public water supply program and beach water monitoring, and to work with contractors and Code Enforcement Officers to make sure erosion control measures are in place in the Conesus Lake Watershed area. Ms. Higgins discussed the **blue green algae blooms** that occur more often in cove areas on the shoreline. Both Stella Maris and Long Point beaches have been closed this year due to blue green algae. This algae can be very toxic to humans and can be fatal to dogs. Ms. Higgins suggested lake residents go to the Conesus Lake Association's website and sign up to receive messages from the CLA regarding blue green algae.

Al Dietrich, Conesus Lake Assn liaison to the Geneseo Town Board, provided information on the **Watercraft Steward Program** at the Conesus Lake Boat Launch. This program is sponsored by a grant and the purpose is to educate boaters in preventing invasive species in Conesus Lake. The program began in June at the boat launch and will continue through the end of the summer, with 2 employees conducting a voluntary boat inspection. They educate the boating public on what an invasive species is and how to eradicate the invasive species from the boat. Mr. Dietrich shared results from the period June 15<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>, when more than 3100 boats entered and/or exited Conesus Lake from the boat launch. Final statistics for the entire summer should be available in early fall. Results so far show how readily transferrable (from lake to lake) invasive species are.

The Board reviewed a letter from Phyllis Vinciguerra regarding **noise at the Park pavilion**. She suggested the Town adopt a noise ordinance for Long Point Park that could be enforced since the park rule of "no noise after 9 pm" is often ignored. A sample noise ordinance from the Village of Geneseo was included with the letter. No action was taken at this time.

Supervisor Wadsworth extended the Board's appreciation to the Conesus Lake Association, the Livingston County Planning and Health Departments for making the Watershed Council's job easier.

Conesus Lake President Mike Saviola added his thanks to the Town Board Members for having this meeting, and Miranda Reid, Cathy Higgins and Al Dietrich for sharing their valuable lake-related information.

The 2013 Fiddlers' picnic final budget was reviewed by the Board.

# Regular Geneseo Town Board Meeting - Thursday, August 8, 2013

---

## **HIGHWAY:**

In recognition of the recent retirement of Fred Yates and Sam Young from the Town Highway Department, Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to adopt the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING EMPLOYEE FOR  
33 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE TOWN  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS, SAMUEL YOUNG** began his career with the Town of Geneseo on April 14, 1980. Sam held the position of Motor Equipment Operator. Sam announced his retirement from the Highway Department effective 5/1/13, after 33 years of service.

## **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Town Board commends Samuel Young for his 33 years of service with the Town.

And:

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING EMPLOYEE FOR  
31 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE TOWN  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS, FREDERICK YATES** began his career with the Town of Geneseo on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1982. Fred held the position of Motor Equipment Operator. Fred announced his retirement from the Highway Department effective 4/16/13, after 31 years of service.

## **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Town Board commends Frederick Yates for his 31 years of service with the Town.

The resolutions were adopted by the Town Board with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Wrubel-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

## **WATER/SEWER ISSUES:**

Mr. Wrubel moved and Ms. Irwin seconded the motion to schedule the annual public hearing on the Town's **Water District Assessment Roll** for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Wrubel-aye; Taylor-aye; Irwin-aye; Manapol-aye. Nays: None.

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

The Board reviewed **correspondence from the Board of Elections** stating that the Town Offices would no longer be used as a polling site for elections, due to a lack of handicapped parking. District 5 voters will now vote at the Methodist Church located on Route 63. Supervisor Wadsworth stated he has talked with Don Higgins about this issue and there are plans for four (4) handicapped parking spots to be added right against the edge of the building at the west end of the current town parking lot.

Supervisor Wadsworth reported that General Code has offered to come to the Geneseo Town Office and **train Town employees in the use of the on-line code (eCode)** that the Town subscribes to. This training

## Regular Geneseo Town Board Meeting - Thursday, August 8, 2013

---

would be very valuable to Planning and Zoning Board Members, as well as the Code Enforcement Officers and Town Clerk. Supervisor Wadsworth asked if the Town Board would like to consider this training as an option for Planning and Zoning Board Members to receive credit toward the 4 credit hours of training they are required to complete annually. Ms. Irwin moved and Mr. Wrubel seconded the motion to approve credit for General Code's training in the use of eCode for any Planning and ZBA Members who attend. Motion passed with voting as follows: Wadsworth-aye; Irwin-aye; Wrubel-aye; Manapol-aye; Taylor-aye. Nays: None.

The **July Code Enforcement report** was included in Board packets.

Supervisor Wadsworth reported that **correspondence was received from Excellus** indicating that the Town's present Health Insurance policy will no longer be offered after 2013. Excellus will be sending follow-up information on a replacement policy that most closely matches our current coverage, but the Town will have the option to purchase any other ACA (Affordable Care Act) compliant policy that Excellus offers to small groups.

### ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 pm Mr. Taylor moved and Mr. Wrubel seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Jean Bennett, Town Clerk