

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2025

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

The pledge of Alliance was recited.

Roll Call: Mr. Mills, Mr. McGrath and Mrs. Miller were present.

Others present were Fiscal Officer Caya, Fire Chief Shook, and Citizens present were Drew Raymond, Bob Russell, Steve Gala, Ed Andrus, Mr. Wood, Bill Douglas and several students from local schools.

Mr. McGrath made the motion and seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve minutes from the December 11, 2024 Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. McGrath made the motion and a second by Mrs. Miller to approve bills for \$95,825.96 covered by E□payments E-307-2024 through 335-2024 and Warrants 23127 through 23165. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment: There was a comment about the amount of truck traffic on Maple. Tim Mills stated the Township can put up signs but it would be hard to enforce.

There was also a comment made about the amount of boats and large motor homes that are traveling on Padanarum. Tim Mills stated that there used to be signs on Padanarum. Mr. Mills stated that the trustees requested that the Township roads to be patrolled more.

There was a question asked what the Trustees are doing about the campers year-round throughout the Township. Tim Mills responded that the Township is looking at the zoning to handle these issues. Dave McGrath stated the issue for the Township is enforcement and the township will need to hire a new attorney as their old one passed away.

Andrew Raymond suggested that the Township should set up a meeting with the new prosecutor. The Trustees said they will work on setting up a meeting but the zoning is usually a low priority due to their other cases.

The residents gave the road crew compliments on the great job they are doing.

Zoning Report: No report. Tim Mill stated that the trailer should be moved today on Walter Main and if it is not it will be towed.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there were 28 calls in the month of December which 9 of those calls were related to a storm and 10 wire related calls. There was also a business fire on Countyline Road with a total loss. There were also about 8 cars at this business. The loss is estimated about \$350,000. Tim Mills thanked the Fire department for the good job they did helping residents get

snow off their roof during the snow events. There was a lot of damage throughout the township and there would have been a lot more without the Fire Departments help.

Road Department: Savannah reported that the Road Department has been replacing the mailboxes that were damaged during the storms. The plow on the 550-plow truck broke and they had to buy a new one. The township is also running low on salt that they purchased through the state bid and will have to look into purchasing more. Tim Mills said Brobst has 200 tons of salt available at \$76.00 a ton. Tiffany Miller made a motion to purchase up to 200 tons of salt from Brobst at a rate of \$76.00 per ton. David McGrath seconded the motion. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya went over the December month end financials. She also reported that the 2025 purchase orders have been issued as well as the employee's W-2's. She hopes to have the year closed by the end of January.

New business:

Resolution 2025 -01 A Resolution to Transfer Between Funds. Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve Resolution 2025-01 To Transfer Between Funds. Roll Call on passage, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

There was a discussion on the Fire Levy. Dave McGrath made a motion to put a 1.75 mil Fire levy on the May ballot. Tiffany Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call on passage, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed. The Trustees will be putting another levy on the ballot at 1.75 mills. There was a discussion on if the levy didn't pass and the Township had to go to a Volunteer Fire Department what that would mean to response times and cost of equipment. The Trustees scheduled a special meeting on January 13, 2025 at 5:00 PM to consider legislation for the Fire Levy.

There was a discussion on that the Fire Chief received word that Coast Guard will not be coming back this year.

Tim Mills commented that dental and vision coverage will be tabled until the February meeting.

The Trustees have reviewed several policies from other surrounding communities and will continue to look at establishing a mailbox policy for Geneva Township.

Committee Reports:

Tiffany Miller reported that NAD had over 3000 calls in 2024 and are starting to get more multiple calls at one time.

Tim Mills reported that the Township had a property line dispute lawsuit with their neighbor but recently the Township's attorney and the owner of the neighbor's property have passed away. He does not know what that means for the lawsuit.

Public Comment:

The high school students that were present at the meeting introduced themselves and what school they were from.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM. All trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Recorded and documented by
Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer
