

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2025

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Rosebrugh and Bill Douglas.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve minutes from the January 8, 2025 Regular Meeting, January 13, 2025 Special Meeting and January 23, 2025 Special meeting. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve bills for \$111,579.09 covered by E□ payments E 1-2025 through 31-2025 and Warrants 23166 through 23207. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Andrew Raymond made a comment that tomorrow is the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce at the Geneva High School. CT Consultants will have a table there on behalf of the Geneva Township Comprehensive Plan to get public input.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there were 16 calls in the month of January which most were wire calls. There were 4 MVS's and a few odors calls at the trailer park. The Fire Department also assisted getting a patient out of their home. There was a discussion on the Fire Levy language being approved to be placed on the May ballot. Tim Mills reported that he was at the Geneva Township Park meeting and their levy will expire at the end of 2025. Duane Fehr would like to put a new Park Levy and for another 5 years but there is no plan on what the levy will be for. Craig Parker had a discussion with the board and doesn't believe it is needed.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan reported that he issued 4 permits this past month. Ron Cerjan reported that Valerie has broken her leg pretty bad and will not be able to get around very well. Once she can get around again, she will schedule the BZA Organizational meeting. She did state the BZA Board needs new members and if the Trustees could help find members. Mr. Cerjan also reported that he is working with Scott Becker on the Wheeler Creek property – one lot does not have enough footage. There was a discussion about the Health Department possibly changing the septic rules and how it would affect the Township. He also reported that there is a property on West Maple that will have a Federal Firearms License but he will not have a business out of his home.

Road Department: The Road Department has been working on getting the mowers ready for Spring during their down time. They are also working on cold patching and will be putting up

“Under Surveillance” signs at the Township since the cameras were put up to let people know. The No Boats and No rucks signs were received and will go up soon.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya went over the January month end financials. She also reported that year-end for 2024 has been completed and the reports have been filed with the State.

New business:

Resolution 2025 -04 - A Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2025 Energized Community Grant. Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve Resolution 2025-04. Roll Call on passage, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2025-05 - A Resolution to Adopt a Drivers Safety and Vehicle Maintenance Program. Mr. McGrath made the motion and a second by Mrs. Miller to approve Resolution 2025-05. Roll Call on passage, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2025-06 - A Resolution Declaring the Appointment of The Ashtabula County Director of Emergency Management Services as Also the Director for Geneva Township. Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve Resolution 2025-06. Roll Call on passage, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Dave McGrath made a motion to appoint Tim Mills as the OTARMA Representative and Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer as the Alternate. The motion was seconded by Tiffany Miller. Roll Call on passage, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

There was a discussion about the Geneva Townships award of \$1,500 from NOPEC for the Community Event Sponsorship. There were talks about hosting a Fire Levy Community event. The deadline for the funds is April 30th.

Committee Reports:

Tiffany Miller reported in order to be part of the America 250 the Township would need to set up a committee. Dave McGrath stated he will follow up with them.

Tiffany Miller also commented that CT Consultants will have a table at the Chamber Business Expo to get public input on the Township Comprehensive Plan. Tiffany told them to make sure they talk to Township residents.

Tiffany Miller stated she is still working on getting the two Township parcels combined. Tammy Caya reported that the tax bill for the parcel the salt building went up. She stated that Tim Mills and her filed for exemption last year but have not heard anything. Tiffany Miller stated she will follow up on it.

Tiffany Miller stated she is also going to follow up with Wood and Lamping and work on getting the changes for the bed tax moving forward. She would like to start collecting money and be able to regulate them.

NAD is doing well and will be doing their membership drive that will now be \$20.00.

Dave McGrath commented that he will look for BZA members.

Public Comment:

Bill Douglas asked what is happening with the Village of Geneva on the Lake and the Cemetery?

Tim Mills stated that he is having Gary Pasqualone look into the issue so the issue of the inside millage requirements can be resolved and what that means for the Cemetery Board. They are currently trying to find the original documents.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. All trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Recorded and documented by
Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer
