

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2024

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

The pledge of Alliance was recited.

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

Others present were Fire Chief Shook, Fiscal Officer Caya and Road Supervisor Tod Young. Citizens present were Gazette Newspaper, Jessi Spurlock, Steve Gala, Drew Raymond, Bill Douglas, and Robert Russell.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve minutes from the January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting. Roll Call, all members present voted yes.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve bills for \$80,451.16 covered by E□ payments E-1-2024 through 34-2024 and Warrants 22810 through 22841.

Public Comment:

Drew Raymond asked about the availability of signs for the upcoming Fire Levy. There are about 150 signs for anyone who wants one in the yard.

Bill Douglas talked about the upcoming Subdivision meeting that will be held at the County next Wednesday. He also talked about the potential guideline changes. He stated the County held focus groups to discuss subdivision. Some of the keep topics are:

- Private Roads
- Conservation areas
- Subdivisions- keep or eliminate
- Large lot splits
- Flag Lots
- Shared driveways

Fire: Chief Shook reported there was 21 incidents in the Township in January, 6 of those incidents were from the snow storm. There were a couple fires – kitchen fire with about \$25,000 damage and a chimney fire with about \$1,000 damage. They are still investigating the vehicle fire where the occupant died. Chief Shook reported that he has been attending a lot of meetings discussing the Solar Eclipse. They are concerned about the traffic with the number of anticipated people in the area. The City of Geneva has no scheduled events for that day. Spire and Geneva on the Lake have events scheduled. Chief Shook also reported that the Coastal Chiefs have been meeting about the coast guard closing. They are working on education and resources. He will also be working on the levy which will be very important for the City, Township and the Fire Department.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan was not present. Tiffany Miller reported she has been looking into the firm Wood and Lamping to help the Township with any necessary zoning language changes. They did provide a quote. Tiffany Miller also reported that she has talked to the Sheriff about the Townships issues and it would be very difficult for them to help. Saybrook is going to start writing their own zoning tickets. Tiffany Miller made a motion to accept the scope of services proposal from Wood and Lamping at their rate of \$235.00 per hour and move forward with them reviewing the zoning and making any necessary recommendation on language changes. Dave McGrath seconded the motion. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes.

Road Department: Tod Young reported they have working on burming, cold patching and picking up trash throughout the Township. They are also putting up deer crossing signs on Austin Road because it seemed a lot of deer got hit on that road this year. They also installed the light pole at the Township salt building and they are starting to do ditching. Tod Young said he would like to get a quote for new knives for flail mower and purchase a new set. They can keep the old ones and have them sharpened to have for a spare in case any break.

There was a discussion on getting a quote to cold mix pave Maple from Rt 534 to Austin and Austin to Myers. Tim Mills also commented that is has been 22 years since Austin has been paved and he would like to look at an Issue I grant in a joint project with the Village of Geneva on the Lake. Hopefully doing a joint project will give the project more points. After Austin, the next project should be to look at Tuttle Road, it was last paved 20 years ago.

Tim Mills reported that Township Hall had been painted and they are getting quotes to put in a new doorway, replace the tile and carpet once they solve the flooding issue. The Township still has some money left from NOPEC and they plan on using some of that for the door repair.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya reported she has closed 2023 and submitted all required reports to the State of Ohio and Ashtabula County Auditor. The 2024 purchase orders have been opened. Mrs. Caya talked about the two grant programs that NOPEC has given Geneva Township for 2024, Community Event Grant in the amount of \$1,500 and Energized Community Grant in the amount of \$6,237. The Township will have to decide which community event they wish to donate this year \$1,500 towards by April 30th.

New business:

RESOLUTION 2024-1 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2024 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-1, seconded by Mr. McGrath. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes.

Committee Reports: Tim Mills reported that the Geneva Union Cemeteries have resided most of their building. They are steel sided now. Tiffany Miller reported that NAD had a TB case they were dealing with. They are mainly dealing with 3 major health concerns throughout the county, obesity, mental health/suicide and access to care. They're trying to do a lot of outreach and education.

Public Comment: Mr. Woods asked about the guardrail that was hit by wheeler creek. Mr. Mills said that is in Harpersfield jurisdiction so they are not sure what happened.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54AM. All trustees voted yes.

Recorded and documented by Tammy Caya

Fiscal Officer