

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
March 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 Lisa Larbig, Steve Gala, Ed Andrus II, Road Superintendent Savannah Workman, Road Crew Ray Dresnek, Drew Raymond, Bob Rosebrugh and students from Geneva High School.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve minutes from the February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve bills for \$85,377.01 covered by E□payments E 32-2025 through 56-2025 and Warrants 23208 through 23232. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Lisa Larbig asked if the property on Wheeler Creek north of the power lines has a septic system. The property has a cabin on it. The property has sold and someone new is living there. Ron said he will stop over there tomorrow. Lisa also complained about the political signs that are still up and zoning says they are not allowed. Tim Mills said if they are in the tree lawn the Road Department can take them down, if they are in their yard there is nothing the Township can do.

There was a comment with the increased traffic and number of trucks on the Township roads due to Route 20 being closed the roads are getting destroyed. Tim Mills commented that the Trustees are aware of this issue and it will be on the Township to repair the roads. They are evaluating their condition and will get a plan.

Drew Raymond thanked the Township for being at the Chamber Business Expo.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there were 15 calls in the month of February. There were 6 MVA's and fire on Eat Maple. The estimated home value was \$500,000 and the loss was estimated at \$250,000. Tim Mills commented that the Fire Levy Committee needs to start meeting. Chief Shook stated that he met with the State fire Marshall and they commented that in the State of Ohio 8 fire levies failed and 1 passed in Saybrook. The Trustees commented that if it fails again, they might have to look at reduction in services, maybe stop going to lock outs and basement pump outs. They suggested setting up a meeting with the City of Geneva soon to discuss options.

Tim Mills said he was at the Township Park board meeting and they talked about putting on another levy but ultimately decided not to. Their currently levy is ending.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan reported that he issued 2 permits this past month. Ron Cerjan reported that received a couple more calls on Air B & B's and where the Township stands. He also had a call from a homeowner who bought property and wants to put a camper on it while the house is being build and before he answered them, he wanted to check if the Trustees were ok with that. Tim Mills commented that as long as it is just during the camping season because the Health Department won't let them beyond that and they need to make sure they are dumping their waste properly. Ron Cerjan also reported that he got a call from GPD which is the engineer for the school. They are working on designs for their new athletic fields and they wanted to know the Township's stormwater management requirements. Ron commented that the Township does not have Stormwater requirement and will respond to them. Dave McGrath state that he will be running the Advisory Council Ashtabula County Combined Health District meeting this year to be held on March 27th.

Tiffany Miller reported that she reached out to Wood and Lamping and they will be going over the language clean u again and will get back to the Township on their suggestions. After that, they will start on the short-term rental language changes.

Road Department: Savannah reported that they completed a culvert replacement that created a sink hole in a resident's driveway. They will be working on getting the stone out of Spencer Drive and Spencer circle. She also reported that Walter Main Road has been destroyed and will need to be repaired. Tim Mills stated that Walter Main will need to be dug out and repaired, it is very bad. The Road crew put in cold patch last week but it has already blown out. Savannah reported that for the spring projects they have 820 feet of pipe to install, Walter Main repair, 6-10 weeks of mowing as well as any other road repairs. There was a discussion about hiring a part-time temporary help for the summer so there can be two crews running to catch up projects. Tiffany Miller made a motion to advertise for a part-time temporary helper, seconded by Dave McGrath. Roll call on passage. All three Trustees voted yes.

There was a discussion about the road crew's hours of work for the summer months. They would like to go to a 10-hour day for the summer on a trial basis. The suggested hours are Monday - Thursday 6:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Tuesday – Friday 6:00 AM – 4:00 PM from April 1st through September 30th. Dave McGrath made a motion to approve the summer hours change and work hours will be 40 hours per week and all time worked in excess of the scheduled 40-hour work week shall be paid at one and one-half times the straight time rate only forty (40) hours in a week of completed work. Tiffany Miller seconded the motion. Roll call on passage, all three Trustees voted yes. Tim Mills stated that Savannah is going great job as Road Superintendent and she has been very organized.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya went over the February month end financials. She also reported that she has transition the UAN software over to the new computer and everything went well. The old laptop computer and printer worked well so she gave it to the Road Department to use.

New business:

There was a discussion on what to use the \$1,500 NOPEC Community Event Sponsorship grant on. Dave McGrath stated he would still live to have a community Fire levy event and use some of it for that. Tammy Caya reported that the event needs to be planned before she can request the money. They need to report information on the event, who in the community will attend and estimated number of attendees. There was a discussion about giving \$500 to the Geneva on the Lake Visitors Bureau for the annual fireworks. Tiffany Miller made a motion to use \$500 of the NOPEC Grant for the GOTL Visitors Bureau fireworks. Dave McGrath seconded the motion. Roll call on passage, all three trustees voted yes.

Tiffany Miller stated she is still working on the lot combination and also looking into the increased value on the tax bill on the one lot. Tammy Caya stated her and Tim Mills submitted a tax-exempt form for the lot last year.

Tammy Caya stated she is still working on .gov for the website. She submitted for the .gov status and is waiting for approval.

Public Comment:

The high school student in attendance introduced themselves.

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
