

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2025

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The pledge of Alliance was recited.

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

Others present were Fire Chief Shook, Robert Russell, Drew Raymond, Steve Gala, Bill Douglass, Erin from Gazette Newspaper and students from St John High School.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve minutes from the April 9, 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 \$83,642.37 covered by E-payments E 84-2025 through 119-2025 and Warrants 23263 through 23291. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Drew Raymond congratulated Mr. McGrath on his recent marriage. Bill Douglass said he like the signs that the Township installed on Padanarum. Tim Mills said they have been installed on Maple as well. Tim Mills also stated there has been more patrol by the Highway Patrol which they have asked them to do.

Bill Douglass commented about the amount of junk that is at the last house on Padanarum and Lake Road on the East side of the road. Ron Cerjan stated he has reached out to them and he is waiting for a call back,

Fire: Chief Shook reported that the Fire Levy passed and he is thankful to the residents. Chief Shook reported there were 15 calls in the month of April in the Township. There were 5 motor vehicle accidents, 4 lock outs, a wire down call, brush fire and an open burn. Chief Shook provided the Geneva Fire Department annual report to the Township. Geneva Township had 256 total calls in 2024, 47 of those calls being accidents. The total property fire loss was \$410,100 and \$165,050 personal property loss. The total property value protected was \$6,015,000 and contents value \$1,325,500. He also reported that the Fire Department provides free smoke detectors and will help install them. They also come back and check them for the residents to make sure they are working.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan reported he issued 7 permits for April. Ron Cerjan reported that he received a complaint about the dumpster on North Myers Road and he is checking on it. He has also received requests from realtors on any code violations for a property on Padanarum. Mr. Cerjan also stated that he received a request for information on the Verizon tower on Route 534 that was installed in 2004. They wanted to know if the Township zoning applied to it. Robert Russell stated he thought it was determined it was a public utility and was exempt from zoning. Ron Cerjan also reported he has talked to the Health Department on their septic tank changes. Robert Russell stated that they recently changed the rules and it is now whatever the Township

allows. Other complaints he has received are junk and campers on Auston Road and campers on Wheeler Creek and Maple that don't have septic tank.

Road Department: Savannah Workman reported they have been working on ditching, installed 400 feet of pipe and road side mowing. Tim Mills stated that the Township is advertising for part-time summer help and recently had a road employee resign so they have put out an ad for Full-time Road worker as well and have been receiving applications. Tiffany Miller made a motion that Dave McGrath and Tammy Caya interview and hire for the road positions. Tim Mills seconded the motion. Roll call, Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed. Tim Mills also reported that the Road Department has moved to a 10-hour work week for the summer hours to get more work done. Once the new employees are hired, they will split shift Monday – Thursday and Tuesday – Friday so there will be someone there throughout the week.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya went over the April month end financials. Ms. Caya also reported that the first half property settlement was received. She reported that the Townships website has been switched over to the .gov finally. The website has been updated slightly in the switch over but she asked the Trustees if they want it revamped further. She also asked if the Trustees wanted to get .gov emails which would cost about \$8.00 per month per email.

New business:

Tim Mills commented that he received a request for a Proclamation for one of the Township residents who will be turning 100 years old. He is waiting to get information and hopes to issue the proclamation at the next meeting.

Geneva Township received another request for an indigent burial Tammy Caya provided the Trustees with the application. Tiffany Miller made a motion to approve the indigent burial request for Corrado, seconded by McGrath. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Tim Mills reported that there is still the ongoing issue with the Geneva Union Cemetery and Geneva on the Lake. GOTL still continues not to pay and this issue might go to litigation. Chris Beseda, an employee of the Geneva Cemetery has put in his notice to retire as of 9/1 after 10 years of service. Tiffany Miller reported that the Chamber had their meeting last night. They have the Golf Outing coming up on June 19th. They are still looking for teams.

Public Comment:

The students in attendance introduced themselves.

Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25AM. All trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Recorded and documented by Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer
