

Geneva Township  
Regular Meeting  
June 11, 2025

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. 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, Robert Russell, Drew Raymond, Kelly Valencic – Suit Kote, Luo Tomasello – Martuccio, Ed Andrus, Bill Douglass, Erin from Gazette Newspaper.

Mr. McGrath made the motion and seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve minutes from the May 14, 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 \$70,203.27 covered by E-payments E 112-2025 through 151-2025 and Warrants 23292 through 23329. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Drew Raymond stated that there is a Community Days being held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Field.

Mr. Woods said there are four new campers on properties and the amount of racing cars has increased. Mr. Woods stated he heard rumors that they are considering putting campers on the back of the Voks property. Ron Cerjan commented that is the individual owns the property they are allowed to put a camper on it. The camping season is from April through October and the township can't tell them no. The property at Wheeler Creek and Maple will be building. It was asked how long they have to build. The Zoning permit is good for 6 months then they have to renew it. The Building Department is good for two years.

Ron Cerjan stated he had a long discussion with the Voks property owner about all the complaints.

Andrew Raymond asked if the Township has any teeth on mandating campers and if there are any regulations on far off the road the campers have to be? Dave McGrath stated that is why the has been working on the zoning to have some teeth.

Mr. Woods stated that they tiny blue house is a disaster on Maple Ave.

Fire:

Chief Shook reported there were 8 calls in the month of May in the Township. There were 6 accidents. They have been getting a number of calls at Route 534 and Maple. Mr. Woods asked when they will put up a traffic light. Tim Mills said that the State will determine when to put up a light. They have been fighting for it for over 20 years.

#### Zoning Report:

Ron Cerjan reported he handled 5 complaints this past month including 4 noise complaints, junk vehicles and property disputes. He received a noise complaint on Spencer Drive and he is trying to make contact. Mr. Cerjan reported that he also issued 4 permits last month. He also needs to meet with Gary Pasqualone about a lot split on New London.

#### Road Department:

Savannah Workman was not at the meeting because they are working on Walter Main Road. Tim Mills reported that the Township hired a new Full-time Road crew to replace Tod and also hired a Part-time seasonal help. The Road crew has been working 4 10's through the summer and it is working out great. They are able to get a lot more work done. The road crew landscaped around the building and it looks very nice.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya went over the May month end financials. Ms. Caya reported the status of the NOPEC funds and reminded the Trustees there are funds that need to be spend by November or they will need to be returned. Mrs. Caya also reported that the Township needs to complete and updated Tax- Exempt status for the addition of the salt building. Tammy Caya also reported that the Tax Budget is sue to the County by July 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### New business:

Tim Mills commented that there were three bids received for the Chip and Seal bid opening from Martuccio, Suit kote and Geauga Highway. Tiffany Miller made a motion to accept the low bidder of Suit Kote. Dave McGrath seconded the motion. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed. Tim Mills is going to talk to them about not doing it so late this year so it doesn't get too cold.

#### Committee Reports:

Tiffany Miller reported that she attended the Chamber meeting and they have their golf outing on June 19<sup>th</sup>. They still need golf teams if anyone is interested. Tiffany Miller reported that NAD had a lower month than anticipated but they know it will go up with the tourist season.

Tim Mills reported that the Annual Joint Cemetery meeting was held this past Monday at the joint meeting representatives from all three entities are to attend and a Chairman and Fiscal report is given. Tim Mills stated there is an ongoing issue with GOTL distribution to the Cemetery. Tim and Gary Pasqualone are going to meet with the mayor and solicitor to discuss the issue.

Tiffany Miller stated the County is holding a meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the court consolidation if anyone wants to attend.

Public Comment:

Bill Douglas asked if there was any update on the zoning? Tiffany Miller stated the Township is still working on it and hopes to have an update next month. Tammy Caya stated she got copies of bed tax resolutions for the Township to review. Bill Douglas stated the Township needs to come up with regulations. There was a question asked if inspections will be required. Tiffany Miller stated she wants to look at long term rentals as well. Chief Shook stated he is not sure if that can be enforced.

Bill Douglas brought up HB135. He also asked if the Township had any follow up on looking for an attorney to represent the Township? Dave McGrath stated he called a couple people in Chardon and waiting on calls back.

Drew Raymond suggested that all local Townships should get with the new Prosecutor to discuss this issue. They are all having the same problems.

Tim Mills made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for a conference with an attorney, for the public body, concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action and to include Fiscal Officer Caya and Bob Russell. Motion seconded by Tiffany Miller. Roll call on passage, all three trustees voted yes. Adjourned into Executive Session at 9:42 AM.

Motion from Dave McGrath to come out of Executive session and go back into regular meeting, seconded by Tiffany Miller. Reconvene into regular meeting at 10:12 AM.

Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM. All trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Recorded and documented by Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer

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