

Geneva Township  
Regular Meeting  
August 14, 2024

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The pledge of Alliance was recited.

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

Others present were Fire Chief Shook, Fiscal Officer Caya and Road Interim Superintendent Savannah Workman. Citizens present were Gazette Newspaper – Erin Hrin, Herb Krihwan, Lisa Larbig, Jim Wood, Drew Raymond, Bob Russell, Bob Rosebrugh, Stan Glasky, Louis Murphy, Steve Gala and Bill Douglas.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve minutes from the July 10, 2024 Regular Meeting and July 29, 2024 Special Meeting, (July 2, 2024 no quorum). Roll Call, all trustees present voted yes.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve bills for \$69,525.41 covered by E□payments E-157-2024 through 200-2024 and Warrants 22984 through 23019. Roll Call, all trustees present voted yes.

Public Comment:

Herb Krihwan commented about the campers on Maple Ave east of Padanarum. He said he believes there is no septic tank there. Ron Cerjan said he will look into it.

Lisa Larbig commented that there are now two campers on West Maple. Ron Cerjan commented that he sent them a letter but he will follow up with them. They are from Wooster.

There was further discussion on campers and Tim Mills said he will look into options for the Township.

Lewis Murphy introduced himself and commented that he is attending local meetings. He is running for State Rep for the new 99<sup>th</sup> District.

Stan Glasky commented that he brought property on North Broadway and he needs to get a zoning permit. He also commented that he lives across the street from the camper on North Broadway and understand the concerns on long term campers.

Jim Woods commented that the property next door to him has been getting cleaned up. They took out about 15 lawn mowers and boarded up the place. It is an improvement. There was a comment that Terry from the Health Department sent them a letter and Ron got him all the contact information.

Bill Douglas asked for an update on the zoning. Tiffany Miller responded that the company is still working on it and the Township will be starting to work with CT Consultant on a Comprehensive Plan update. Dave McGrath stated that the Township is starting to work from the ground up and make the necessary changes.

There was a comment to please notify Bill Douglas with any Public Meeting dates.

Steve Gala asked the Township to look into why there are two ongoing yard sales on East Maple.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there were 19 incidents in July. Six of those calls were MVA's and a small fire in a landscaping trailer on South Ridge. Chief Shook also reported that he attended a Fire Levy meeting. They plan on having a public meeting at the beginning of September to further the discussions to get information out to the public. There was a discussion on how the Fire Levy could affect the ISO ratings on property insurance. Lisa Larbig asked why the Geneva Fire Department does not have its own Ambulance service. Chief Shook responded that it has been that way for 44 years and NAD covers the district. Bob Russell commented that there are more department don't have Ambulance service than that do. Tim Mills commented that the Geneva Township Park will have a levy falling off and NAD will also have a levy falling off because they consolidated.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan reported that there were 4 permits issued this past month. He also reported that the junk mustang has been removed. He went over there several times, left him his card and also sent a letter. Ron Cerjan also reported that he is working on a zoning permit for a fence on Spencer but there is a property line issue. He has met with them three times already and will be going over there again. They keep calling the Sherriff Department about the property dispute.

Road Department: Savannah Workman reported that they will be starting road side mowing next week. They also did a pipe job on New London and moved the asphalt pile. They met with Suit-Kote on the Chip and Seal and they will be starting it on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya went over the July month end reports. Mrs. Caya reported that she met with the Risk Assessment Company from the Township's property insurance. They have some recommendation and will send a report for the Township to review.

New business:

Fiscal Officer Caya reported that the Township received another application for indigent burial. The Trustees reviewed the application and Dave McGrath made a motion to approve the indigent burial for Timothy Brooks, motion seconded by Tiffany Miller. Roll Call on passage, all three Trustees voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Tim Mills reported that the County has requested that the Township combine their two lots into one since the new salt building is between the two lots. Dave McGrath made a motion to give authorization to Tiffany Miller to work with the surveyor and Ashtabula County to do the

paperwork required to combine the Townships two lots into one. Tim Mills seconded the motion. Roll call on passage, all three trustees voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: None

Public Comment:

Tiffany Miller commented that the Township met with the Tree Arborist to discuss the process for the grant. He will have a finalized report soon for the Township to review. He also met with the City of Geneva and the Village of Geneva on the Lake.

Tiffany Miller also commented that there will be a meeting to discuss the Fire Levy and once the date is set it will be advertised.

Lisa Farbig commented that the VFW donates a lot of money to local communities and suggested that the Township reach out to them.

Stan Glasky asked if the Township was working on updating their Comprehensive Plan in response to State issues? Tim Mills and Tiffany Miller commented that the Township was already looking into it. Bob Russell commented that the Township can do what ever they want but if they don't have the legal to back it, nothing will happen.

Bill Douglas asked if the Township was going to wait the 9 months until the Comprehensive Plan is done to complete any zoning changes? Tiffany Miller stated that the Township plans on updating the zoning on the immediate problems such as short-term rentals now then after the Comprehensive Plan is done if there are further updates needed they can change it then.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM. All trustees voted yes.

Recorded and documented by Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer

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