

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
September 10, 2025

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

The pledge of Alliance was recited.

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

Others present were Fiscal Officer Caya, Fire Chief Shook, Drew Raymond, Eric Hrin from the Gazette, Tony Vaccariello Trudy Varccariello, Savannah Workman and Bill Douglass.

Mr. McGrath made the motion and seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve minutes from the August 13, 2025 Regular Meeting and August 21, 2025 Special Meeting. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve bills for \$85,472.26 covered by E-payments E 213-2025 through 253-2025 and Warrants 23397 through 23428. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Fire:

Chief Shook reported there were 11 calls in the month of August in the Township. There were a couple lockouts, a couple motor vehicle accidents and a couple open burns. Most of the potential accidents were wires that were pulled down by trucks. The Four-way stop at Maple and Route 534 go into effect next Tuesday. The signage is up warning drivers.

Zoning Report:

Ron Cerjan reported he handled 9 permits in August. He received six messages regarding zoning questions. The fence issue on Raymond's property being addressed after a new survey. The fence was four feet onto the neighbor's property. The fence on Route 20 was moved.

Road Department:

Savannah Workman reported that they have finished installing the 550-foot pipe on Padanarum Road. There is another 100 feet to be installed on Padanarum as well. Cold mix paving between Austin Road and 534 in Maple will be done by the County next week. The backhoe valve body was repaired in-house for a fraction of the estimated cost. The base repairs on Walter Main Road have been done and Rocky Road completed the paving. The Township would like to apply for an Issue one grant for 2027 for total reconstruction of Walter Main Road.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya went over the August month end financials. Ms. Caya reported Revenues at 78%, expenses around 50%. She is watching the budget closely as we get closer to year end. The Road Department still has some big projects coming up. Mrs. Caya reported she will be beginning the budget next month to have a draft completed by November meeting. The

Tax budget approved by the county. She also reported that she has received multiple calls about renting the hall.

New business:

Resolution 2025-9 - A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to The County Auditor. Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve Resolution 2025-9. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2025-10 - A Resolution Supporting Implementation of a Safe Transportation System to Eliminate Roadway Fatalities and Serious Injuries. And To Complete a Roadway Safety Action Plan as Part of The Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant from The Federal Highway Administration. Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve Resolution 2025-10. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2025-11 - A Resolution Authorizing the Board of Trustees to Enter into A Joint Grant with City of Geneva and Harpersfield Township Supporting Implementation of a Safe Transportation System to Eliminate Roadway Fatalities and Serious Injuries and Authorizing A \$15,000 Local Match. Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve Resolution 2025-11. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Tiffany Miller reported that NAD is having an Open House on September 20th from 2-5 pm. There will be "Touch the Truck," hot dogs, and drink station tours.

The Geneva Are Chamber is having their annual Fall Dinner on September 22nd at Ferrante's. Two ribbon cuttings are scheduled: Corkscrew Taphouse and winery on the 16th. Invitations have been sent out and Fisher's Holiday Gift Shop. It's smaller and open to the public from 4 to 6

The township is going into the second phase of the tree grant. The grant provides funding to handle trees that need trimming or removal.

A public hearing needs to be set for the Comprehensive plan. • The plan needs to include information about traffic and a preference for a light over a stop sign. • A motion was made and passed to add a public hearing to the next month's meeting at 6 PM to review the comprehensive plan

Tiffany Miller gave an update from wooden lamping include defining short term rentals, zoning shipping containers, and marijuana. • House Bill 109 could limit the township's ability to regulate short term rentals. • It is still in the house committee, but they are continuing to watch it.

The attorney provided information about fireworks and short-term rentals. • "A single-family property operating as a short-term rental will be illegal non-conforming use under residential district that single family dwellings are permitted." • The zoning board needs to look at it first, then the public hearing

Public Comment: None

Executive Session:

Motion made by Mr. McGrath, Seconded by Mrs. Miller to enter executive session: "Pursuant to Ohio Revised code, section 121.22, I move that we enter into an executive session a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending our court action and include the Township Fiscal Officer.

Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed unanimously. Convened into Executive Session at 9:24 AM

Mr. Mills made the motion and a second by Mrs. Miller to reconvene from Executive Session Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed unanimously. Reconvened at 9:51 AM

The Trustees reported their Attorneys will write a proposal and send an Engagement Letter. The attorneys will charge \$250 an hour. It's estimated it will be under \$15,000 a year for legal stuff

Dave McGrath reported he is close to coming to an agreement with the sheriff department. The goal is to have some "teeth" in their actions. Working to have their own sheriff for 20 hours a week. They can give the sheriff a list of things they would like done or improved. They might need to update the ordinance so the sheriff has something to cite. There was a discussion on the fines, they go to the prosecutor, not the township, unless we had own municipal court. The goal is for the sheriff to cite under their zoning instead of going to the prosecutor's office.

Next Meetings

- November 12th at 7 PM
- December 10th at 7:00 PM

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10: 03AM. All trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Recorded and documented by Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer


