

Geneva Township  
Regular Meeting  
September 13, 2023

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

The pledge of Alliance was recited.

Those present were Mr. Mills, Mrs. Miller, Fire Chief Shook, Fiscal Officer Caya and Ron Cerjan. Citizens present were Herb Krihwan, James Wood, Bill Douglas and Jim Klco. Mr. Brown was absent.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Mills to approve minutes from the August 9, 2023 Meeting. All trustees present voted yes.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Mills. All trustees present voted yes to approve bills for \$367,926.33 covered by E□payments E-168-2023 through 203-2023 and Warrants 22662 through 22694. This payment of bills had the new mower and chip and seal which is was it is high. Both trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment:

Herb Krihwan – 4146-Wheeler Creek: commented that the concrete work at Township hall looks good.

Jessi Spurlock – GOTL – Lake County SID has allowed the Geneva Township to participate in the SID. They meet quarterly and the next meeting will be in December. The Township needs to select a representative. Any property owner that wants to participate can now contact the SID to get low interest rate loans. They are currently working on their website which should be up by 2024.

James Wood – 6600 West Maple – commented that the same stuff is going on at the property next door. They called the Sheriff last Friday. The Sheriff said the property is a health hazard. Tim Mills said the Township has not gotten any response from the Health Department. Tim also commented that he believes Asst Chief Parks is looking into the issue. The property owner's daughter has been contacted and their mom will not do anything will the property unless forced.

Bill Douglas – 6785 Lake Road W: talked about the info that he requested at the last meeting. There was a discussion about the County get 5% of their own bed tax. The county can do the collecting for the Township. Mr. Douglass commented the following

- 15 of 21 he identified
- 7 are in the Lake Road East/Myers Road area
- 6 of 7 owned by owners out of County
- 1 from Rock Creek
- 3 Lake Road West are from Warren/Lakewood/Cleveland
- Austin Road, Woodside, Countyline – 2 local - 1 California
- Most are on septic tanks

- Identified 2 short term rentals not on the list – 6783 & 6797 Lake Rd W, manufactured home – both on VRBO

He commented that the Prosecutors office gave an opinion on short term rentals that they are not allowed in the Geneva Township zoning so all of them are operating against that opinion. He shared pictures of 6749 Lake Rd West on Labor Day weekend. This is a 4-bedroom 3 bath house and it has 10 vehicles, jet ski and trailer. He believes this is an unregulated industry and wants to know why they are allowed to operate.

Tiffany Miller commented that she believes the ORC allows the Township to have short term rentals but understand it conflicts with the prosecutor's opinion. She wants to look into this issue and work on regulations, permits and inspections. Hopefully this can be addressed in the new zoning.

James Klco– 4371 New London Road expressed concerns about the amount of dust that was created from the Chip and Seal on New London. He hasn't been able to sit on his porch due to the terrible dust. He didn't believe the road needed to be Chip and Sealed. He commented that he called Dennis Brown and it was not very helpful and was very rough talking to him. Tim Mills commented that the Township switched their process and now uses washed stone. He will check and see if they got unwashed stone by accident.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there was 26 incidents in the Township this month. Of those incidents 5-25 incidents were from the storm. There was a tree down on a trailer in the trailer park on Route 20. The individual sustained serious injuries. There was also 6 motor vehicle accidents and a small brush fire. Tim Mills reported that the fire contract negotiations went well and will hopefully be on the next agenda for approval.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan reported that he issued 2-3 permits this month and will meeting with another person today. He also checks the Volks property and he didn't get a lot of headway. He did get ahold of the son and he said they will clean it up. He also followed up on West Drive off of Lake Road and will be sending letters. The two properties on Lake Road East by Myers are looking to combine to build a house. They will be getting a permit to build a house and they already have septic approved. Tiffany Miller suggested that they work with the City on Volk property to approach them together. Ron also commented that he went to the property with the two mustangs but couldn't fund anyone home.

Road Department: Tod young reported that the Chip and Seal has been completed. They also completed 440 feet of pipe, ordered 1500 feet total. They have been working on the salt bin, first section of back fill is completed. They have been doing a lot in house to save money, the road crew have also been working on road side mowing – the new mower works great. Tim Mills commented that the Ashtabula Building Department was great to work with on the building permit.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya reported that a Road and Bridge levy is expiring and Township needs to decide on how they want to move forward. Mrs. Miller made motion to have the Fiscal officer

start the process on putting a renewal or replacement levy on the next election. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was also a discussion a motion that was made on the cost of the salt bin. The revised total cost includes a change order which put it over the original amount approved. Mrs. Miller made motion to approve the appropriations up to \$165,000 for the cost of the construction of the salt bin. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed by both Trustees present.

Mrs. Caya also commented that at the last meeting the Board approved to pay for the sidewalk work out of NOPEC funds but that is not a project that would qualify so it can not be paid out of that and will have to be paid out of the General Fund. Mr. Mills made a motion to pay the drainage repairs out of the General Fund, Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed by both Trustees.

Mrs. Caya reported that she received the line stripping quote from the County in the amount of \$15,247.65 and presented it to the board for consideration. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve Ashtabula County to do the line stripping. Mr. Mill seconded the motion. The motion approved by both trustees.

New business: **Resolution 2023-11** - 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 was present to the board for consideration. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-11. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. The resolution was approved by both trustee's present.

There was a liquor permit transfer notice presented to the Trustees for consideration. It was for BB's Corner Carryout. Mrs. Miller made a motion that the Geneva Township Trustees do not request a hearing. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed by both Trustees present.

Committee Reports: Tiffany Miller reported that the Township was awarded a planning grant in the amount \$50,000 for the Safe Route to School for Austin Road. She will be working with ODOT on a consultant. The study has to be done by June 2024.

Tiffany Miller also reported that NAD will have a levy on the next election.

Public Comment: Tim Mills commented that he received a call from a resident on Padanarum that is looking to get water to his home. Tim Mills told him he will have contact the County to get the cost but the Township can pay for the fire hydrant as they have done in the past.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Mills, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM. Both trustees voted yes.

Recorded and documented by Tammy Caya

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Fiscal Officer