

Geneva Township  
Regular Meeting  
October 9, 2024

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, Citizens present were Drew Raymond, Bob Russell, Lisa Larbig, Steve Gala and Eric Hriw from the Gazette.

Mr. McGrath made the motion and seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve minutes from the September 11, 2024 Roll Call, all trustees present voted yes.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve minutes from the September 18, 2024 Special Meeting. Roll Call, all trustees present voted yes.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve bills for \$118,068.32 covered by E-payments E-226-2024 through 253-2024 and Warrants 23044 through 23066. Roll Call, all trustees present voted yes.

Public Comment:

Lisa Larbig commented that the camper is still on her street. The lot now has two campers and where is the waste going? Tim Mills said he spoke with the property owner and he is building three houses and he is currently getting the plans drawn up. Those are his campers and they stay in there on the weekends and when clearing the lots. They said they are hauling the waste and dumping it. Lisa Larbig also asked about the property on Wheeler Creek that has a Teepee. Mr. Mills and Ron Cerjan commented that the Township has been to County Health Department on that property. Lisa Larbig asked is she should call Attorney Yost on this issue because nothing is being done. Tim Mills said the Township has done everything they can do on that property. They have made complaints to the County but they will talk to the Health Department again. Dave McGrath stated that is why the Township is working on the zoning to be able to address these issues. Lisa Larbig also stated there is one on West Maple. Ron Cerjan said the Health department has been there several times and hasn't found anything on the ground.

Steve Gala asked when the Township will be fixing the 16- foot drop on his driveway? Tim Mills said they should be out there burning it by Friday.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there were 11 incidents in Township in September. There was a mix if items and one fire call. The levy committee will have another meeting on Sunday and fine tune everything for the next public meeting and getting ready for the election. Tim Mills said he is investigating whether the Township is required to provide fire services. Dave Shook said if the Township does not provide a Fire Department they are required to provide a certified fire prevention person and they will investigate fires. There was a discussion on mutual aid. If the

Township can not provide mutual aid back we can get charged for calling mutual. This is detailed in ORC 505.37. Chief Shook said he doesn't think the fire calls will be the issue, they can handle the call and fight about payment later but it is the other calls- who is responding to them? In September only 1 of the 11 calls were for a fire. There was a discussion about the Attorney General opinion from 1994 which was Opinion #94-067.

There was a question asked of the levy was just for Township. Yes, it is just Township residents. The City of Geneva's Fire Department is funded with their general fund. The Geneva Township has contracted with City of Geneva and have a good working relationship.

The next public levy meeting is at Regal Vineyards on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan reported that there were 2 permits issued this past month. He has been in contact with some people who want to do lot splits. Been working with property owner who wants to put up apartment/hotel on Route 20 west. He sent an email to Terry about the garbage on Route 534. He will follow up with him because he hasn't heard anything.

Road Department: All the Chip and seal was done and Maple was cold paved. Tim Mills sated that he had a call from a lady on Maple Ave, 1<sup>st</sup> house East of Austin, and she is interested in having City water. He called Ed Spoor from the water company to see what he needs from the Township to look into this issue. Tiffany Miller made a motion to approve and authorize Ed Spoor from Ashtabula County or County Engineer to look into a cost per foot to run water down that section of Maple. Dave McGrath seconded the motion. Roll call on passage, all three trustees voted yes.

The County is still working on getting price of water on section of Padanarum and North Ave that was previously requested.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya was not present at the meeting due to being at training.

New business: None

Committee Reports: None

Public Comment: Steve Gala asked if they looked into the on-going yard sale on East Maple. Ron Cerjan said that is an item they will work on in the zoning so they can address it better.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 AM. All trustees voted yes.

Recorded by Tim Mills and documented by Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer

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