

Geneva Township  
Regular Meeting  
October 11, 2023

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

The pledge of Alliance was recited.

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

Others present were Fire Chief Shook, Fiscal Officer Caya, Road Supervisor Young and Ron Cerjan. Citizens present were Jessi Spurlock from GOTL, Jim & Barb Wood, Erin Hrin and Andrew Raymond.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve minutes from the September 13, 2023 Meeting. All trustees present voted yes.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown. All trustees present voted yes to approve bills for \$93,981.58 covered by E□ payments E-189-2023 through 229-2023 and Warrants 22693 through 22721.

Public Comment:

Mr. Wood – 6600 West Maple commented about the building and clearing on corner of Maple/Wheeler creek. There is a for sale sign across from Volks and it looks like they are loting them off.

Jessi Spurlock – GOTL said she is following up on the SID and she asked them if she could be the representative for Geneva Township. The SID meets quarterly.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there was 15 incidents in the Township in September. 6 of them were motor vehicle accidents, 3 incidents there was nothing found. They were calls made automatically from people's cell phones when it detected a rapid decrease in speed. Mr. Shook commented that he had a conversation with the new owners of Austin Rd trailer parks and they are working on cleaning them up. They removed 700 tires from the property and are working on removing some trailers as well.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan was not present at the meeting. Tim Mills reported that there were several permits issues this past month. He also sent letters to properties in the driftwood area. He has not heard anything about the Maple Ave property from the Health Department.

Tim Mills also reported that Robert Russell was appointed to the Health Department Board so maybe he can help with this issue. There was a suggestion to send them a written complaint. Mr. Wood commented he would like it if they would at least board up the windows and barricade the driveway. Tim Mills said he will try to talk to the owners and the zoning to see if they can do anything.

Road Department: Tod Young reported that they completed the boom mowing for the season, installed 170 feet of culvert pipe, trimmed trees on Lake Road and are still working on the salt bin. The contractor should be back on site on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The County has completed the line stripping and the cold pave on West Maple. They have also used the new mower for chipping.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya reported she and Mrs. Miller met with the Insurance broker and the Township received a 23% increase for the 2024 medical insurance as well as some of the plan design is changing. She will be working on having the employees complete Formfire and ask other insurance companies for quotes. She also reported that the Village of Geneva on the Lake and Roaming Shores has reached out to see about the possibility of joining all together on an insurance plan. Mrs. Caya is reaching out to the broker to see if this is possible.

Mrs. Caya reported she has started working on the 2024 operating budget and hopes to have a draft to the Trustees by the November meeting to start reviewing.

New business:

**Resolution 2023-12 - A Resolution Authorizing the Board of Trustees to Enter into An Agreement with The City of Geneva For Fire Protection Services.** Chief Shook, Tiffany Miller, Bob Russell and Joe Varckette met to negotiate a new fire contract and both parties agreed on the proposed contract which included a small increase each year for 5 years. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2023-13 - A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Submit A Replacement Levy to The Voters for The Purpose of Providing Road and Bridge, Requesting the Ashtabula County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Tax Evaluation and The Dollar Amount of Revenue That Would Be Generated by The Levy.** – Resolution tabled until next meeting.

Committee Reports: Tiffany Miller reported she and Fiscal Officer Caya had a meeting with ODOT to discuss the Safe Route to School grant. ODOT is hiring the consultant for the grant. He will be proposing some dates to have a kick off meeting with the parties involved. He wants to have it towards the beginning of November.

Tim Mills reported that the Cemetery is having the buildings resided with steel siding.

The County Prosecutor sent a letter that they have assigned a new contact for the Township for zoning matters.

Denny Brown commented that he is not running for Trustees again and that there are three candidates running, Drew Raymond, Bill Buskirk and Dave McGrath. He commends all of them.

Public Comment: none

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 AM. All trustees voted yes.

Recorded and documented by Tammy Caya

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Fiscal Officer