

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
November 8, 2023

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:02 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, Dave McGrath, Andrew Raymond Robert Rosebrugh, Robert Russell and Bill Douglass.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve minutes from the October 11, 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 \$185,642.96 covered by E□payments E-230-2023 through 252-2023 and Warrants 22722- through 22750.

Public Comment:

Jessi Spurlock – GOTL reported that she heard from the SID District and Geneva Township can appoint her to represent the Township but she would have no voting powers. Geneva Township should still appoint someone from the Township to go to the meetings when something needs to be voted on. The meeting is Tuesday at 10:00 AM. Jessie also asked if the Township would be willing to let the Village of Geneva on the Lake purchase salt from them again this year, Mr. Mills said that they would be willing to do that as they have on the past.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to appoint jessie Spurlock from the Village of Geneva on the Lake to represent the Geneva Township at the Lake County SID District meetings. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Dave McGrath was at the meeting and welcomed as the new Geneva Township Trustee that will be taking office at the beginning of the year.

Andrew Raymond was also at the meeting and Tim Mills thank him for running and for a good campaign.

Robert Rosebrugh asked what the Township's plan is now that the Fire Levy did not pass. Tim Mills said the trustees will have to discuss what to do next and will be meeting with the City of Geneva.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there was 14 incidents in the Township in October, most of them being vehicle accidents. They also rescued a cat out of a storm drain.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan reported there are two parcels on Lake Road East that are joining together and they got a single dwelling permit. He received a complaint about Woodside Drive on vehicles blocking the view. He is also sending letters to property owners on East & West Drive about the cottages getting ready to fall down. Mr. Cerjan also discussed the grant the Landbank received about demoing properties. He explained with the new grant there is also an option that the property owners do not have to turn it over to the Landbank. There was a complaint received about residents living on the large where their house burnt down on Myers and they are using an outhouse.

Tiffany Miller reported that she has been talking to Kyle about the zoning update.

Bill Douglass commented that Ashtabula County will now be putting out monthly reports of bed tax permits issued.

Road Department: Tod Young reported that the Walter Main ditch project has been completed. They also did storm drain work on Spencer Drive, Spencer Circle, Walter Main and Martha. They also installed the snow fences throughout the township, the plow trucks are ready to go, ditching and cold patch has been completed and the walls have been installed on the salt building. Rocky Road paving should be doing the paving for the salt building on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Tim Mills reported that the Township has some NOPEC money they need to use so they are looking at some options on the Maintenance storage building.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya reported she is still working on getting insurance quotes

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. Ms. Caya requested to schedule a meeting with the Trustee to discuss the 2024 Operating Budget and Fire and Road and Bridge Levy. The trustees will schedule a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 15th at 4:00 Pm to discuss the 2024 Township Operating Budget and the Fire and Road and Bridge Levy.

New business:

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 that the NAD levy passed and she and Fiscal Officer Caya will be meeting with ODOT Thursday at 1:30 to discuss the Safe Route to School Project

There was discussion on talks about the County closing Western County Court. Tiffany Miller stated she will draft a letter from the Township Trustees opposing them closing Western County Court.

Public Comment: none

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37AM. All trustees voted yes.

Recorded and documented by Tammy Caya

Fiscal Officer