

Geneva Township  
Regular Meeting  
November 13, 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, Ed Andrus and Eric Hriw from the Gazette.

Mr. McGrath made the motion and seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve minutes from the October 9, 2024 Roll Call, all trustees voted yes.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve bills for \$234,286.98 covered by E□ payments E-254-2024 through 281-2024 and Warrants 23067 through 23094. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes.

Public Comment:

Ed Andrus comment that West Maple looks very nice.

Mr. & Mrs. Woods commented about the cars driving very fast down Maples still and the increased traffic. They also commented they are worried about the Fire Levy failing and what that will mean to the residents.

Bob Russell commented that the Fire Levy failed again but he wanted to thank all the people that worked very hard on trying to get the levy passed, Dale Arkenburg, Aaron Lenart, Fire Chief Shook, the Geneva Fire Department and the Township Trustees.

Fire: Chief Shook commented that the committee worked very hard on the levy and tried many different things to get the information out to the public. There was a huge number that voted this election and it lost by less votes than last time. He also thanked everyone who supported the levy and helped get the word out.

Tim Mills suggested that the Township get estimates from the County to possible reduce the mil and put it back on in May. He commented that they Levy has not been raised since 1983 and the cost of everything is going up. He has heard some comments that the Township has spent too much money on equipment recently but the they feel they got the right equipment for the jobs needed for the Employees to the work and do it safely. There is currently Fire coverage for Township residents through 2025 but the Trustees will have to come up with a plan and have discussions with the City.

Tiffany Miller commented that the employees do a great job.

Ed Andrus suggested that maybe some calls the Fire Department shouldn't respond to and things need to be negotiated, a Fire District would be cheaper.

Drew Raymond suggested that the Fire Levy Committee go to the people and attend events such as dinners, Eagles and set up tables with information.

Chief Shook reported there were 16 incidents in Township in October. Most of the incidents were motor vehicle accidents and open burning. As of October, the Fire Department had 603 calls and 194 of those were in the Township. In the last five years the most calls were 638 in 2020, every other year was under 600. About 1/3 of the Geneva Fire Departments call are in the Township.

Dave McGrath asked if the Fire Department has always done lock outs? Dave Shook said yes, they have and they have discussed if they will charge for services. Chief Shook also said they help residents pump out basements if needed and provide generators. They also help clear roads.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan reported that there were 4 permits issued this past month. He has also dealt with several property disputes, people calling o variance for frontage requirements. He spoke to the Health Department about their stance on septic regulations with the new systems. If the Health Department changes their regulations he suggested the Township have a discussion on what they will do.

There was a comment that the trailer parked by the road on Walter Main needs to me moved. It is too close to the road causing a hazard and especially if they need to plow.

Road Department: Savannah reported that they worked with the County to fix a sink hole on Lake Road. They will be putting cold patch on the area until they can pave it in the Spring. They also worked on burming East Maple and getting things ready for winter and filmed the equipment.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya went over the October month end financials. She also reported that the Township received their 2025 Health Insurance renewal from Anthem and it was 10% increase. The employees all filled out FormFire and our brokers are working on getting quotes from other carriers. Mrs. Caya also reported she presented the Trustees with a draft 2025 Operating budget. She met with Savannah to go over the Road Departments 2025 budget. If the trustees have any questions, comments are changes need, please let her know so she can finalize the budget for the December meeting.

New business: There was another indigent burial application received by the Township. Tiffany Miller made a motion to approve the indigent burial application, seconded by Dave McGrath. Roll call on passage, all three trustees voted yes.

Committee Reports:

Tiffany Miller reported that NAD sent two trucks to help from Helene and Milton. They are also paving the parking lot.

The Geneva Area Chamber meeting was last night and their Annual dinner is coming up.

Public Comment:

None

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 AM. All trustees voted yes.

Recorded and documented by  
Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer

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