

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
December 11, 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 Fiscal Officer Caya, Fire Chief Shook, Scott Yamamoto and Jessica Wade from the Ashtabula County Auditor's Office and Citizens present were Drew Raymond, Bob Russell, Steve Gala, Mr. Wood, Bill Douglas and Eric Hriw from the Gazette.

Mr. McGrath made the motion and seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve minutes from the November 13, 2024 Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve bills for \$70,521.09 covered by E□payments E-282-2024 through 313-2024 and Warrants 23095 through 23126. Roll Call, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan reported that there were no permits issued this past month. He reported he talked to the property owner with the trailer on Walter Main and he had a stroke. He was able to move it a little bit. Mr. Cerjan also received a couple inquires out of Boston about a distillery. They are nothing in zoning dealing with this and he told them the Township is currently reviewing their zoning.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there were 34 calls in the month of November. 13 of those calls were related to the snow storm. There were also 9 motor vehicle accidents, 4 during the storm. The rest of the calls were a mixture. The Fire Department really helped during the storm and this is what the Fire levy gets the residents – service. Chief Shook commented that the Road Department did a great job during the storm. There were cars stuck everywhere and the plows had to try and get around them.

Road Department: Savannah reported that both of the plow trucks were in minor accidents during the snow storm. One car ran into the back of Tod's truck and one ran into the side of Savannah's. Tod's truck also got a flat tire during the event which both of these incidents slowed them down from plowing. There was an accident on Padanarum and the plow truck could not get through. There was also a citizen plowing some of the roads which caused more issues. Savannah also commented that they received several calls about mailboxes being broke and people upset they were plowing in the end of their driveways. Ray's truck got stuck several times as well because the snow was higher than his plow. She asked the Trustees to consider coming up with a mailbox policy for future events. She also asked if there is a way to put flags

on the hydrants because with the amount of snow that was received, they could not tell where the hydrants were.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya went over the November month end financials. She also reported the Township was unable to receive any other competitive quotes for their 2025 Medical. She asked the Trustees if they were ok moving forward with renewing our current policy with Anthem for 2025. All the Trustees agreed to renew with Anthem. Ms. Caya also presented the Fire levy estimates that she requested from Ashtabula County Auditors for a 1.25, 1.5 and 1.75 levy for the May 6th primary as they previously requested and some sample mailbox policies from other surrounding communities.

New business:

Resolution 2024-10 – 2025 Geneva Township Annual Appropriations Resolution. Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to approve resolution 2024-10 for the 2025 Annual Appropriations for Geneva Township. Roll Call on passage, all trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Tiffany Miller said she reached out to the Ashtabula County Board of Elections and requested a recount of the Fire Levy. It lost by only 31 and there are 82 under count. There is also a large number of overcounts.

Tim Mills commented that he had a conversation with Joe Varckette and the Township has agreed to pay the 2025 contract amount so services won't change for 2025.

Public Comment:

Scott Yamamoto introduced himself and said he will be taking over for Dave Thomas. He has worked at the County Auditor for over 20 years. He also reported that they have teamed up with EMA to evaluate any collapsed buildings from the storm to give any tax relief if appropriate. If anyone knows of any collapsed buildings, please report it to the EMA or the Ashtabula County Auditor office.

Mr. Wood commented that the Road crew did a great job through the storm and he appreciated their hard work.

Bill Douglas stated that the road crew did a great job. He also reported that Kyle Smith passed away last week as well as Arnie Peet.

Tim Mills commented that the Township will have to look for a new attorney.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath to hold their Organizational meeting on Monday December 16, 2024 at 3:30 PM. Roll call on passage, all three Trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. McGrath, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM. All trustees voted yes. Motion passed.

Recorded and documented by
Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer
