

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2023

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 Tod Young and Ron Cerjan. Citizens present were Jessi Spurlock, Jim and Barn Wood, Al Virant, Bill Douglas, Drew Raymond, Robert Russell and Debbie Caranci.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve minutes from the November 8, 2023 Regular Meeting and the November 15, 2023 Special 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 \$88,722.03 covered by E□ payments E-253-2023 through 283-2023 and Warrants 22751- through 22781.

Public Comment:

Drew Raymond asked how the new salt bin is doing. Tim Mills responded that it has been working great. The road crew has been moving over all the salt and they were able to unbury a lot of salt.

Jim Wood – Commented that Volks has beetle on trailer now. Ron Cerjan stated that he has talked to them a couple times. The mother owns the property.

Bill Douglas – Asked if commercial shipping containers are allowed in the Township. Ron Cerjan commented that there is nothing in the zoning code about the, only truck trailers without tires. There is one on Padanarum. The City's code allows in industrial not residential. Tiffany Miller stated they have started working on the zoning and they will look at this issue. Bill Douglas asked what is the 2024 plan and budget for the zoning update? He also asked if the Township ever received a report from Kyle. Tiffany Miller stated that he is still reviewing the zoning and they will invite him to the next zoning meeting.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there was 17 incidents in the Township in November. November 1st was the snow storm and they received 19 calls in 9 hours 6 of those from Township residents. Most of the calls were powerlines and trees down, 4 open burns and two accidents. Chief Shook reported on the Coast guard closing. He has been in several meeting. With the closing, the local Fire Departments will have to handle calls on the lake until the Coast Guard can respond from Cleveland or Erie. Fairport will only be staffed 40 hours a week. The Coast Guard's staffing

numbers are down 10 % in general staffing and 34% in specialty fields. Chief Shook also stated he will be working on the Fire Levy.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan reported that it has been a quiet month for permits. He received a few calls about fencing. The County has contacted him about a hunting cabin on Wheeler Creek that he will be looking into. There is also a pole barn on Addison that did not get a permit. He also reported that he is still getting a lot of calls about properties on Lake Road. The County did not accept the variance because the correct paperwork was not filed

Road Department: Tod Young reported the salt bin has been completed. The cold patch, salt and mix is all in one building now. They have been working on moving the salt out of the old building into the new one. They have finished the cold patching and ditching for the season.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya reported she received the last of the quotes Unfortunately, there were many declines and the 2 carriers who quoted were extremely high. We received some Anthem options with other plan design that can lower the cost. She would like to meet the trustees and employees to go over the plan options. Fiscal Officer Caya also reported she is working on year end and getting prepared for 2024. She has legislation for consideration on the agenda for the 2024 appropriations for the Township.

New business:

RESOLUTION 2023-15 - A Resolution Determining to Proceed with The Submission to The Electors of Geneva Township (Exc. City & Village) Levying A New Tax in Excess of The Ten-Mill Limitation for The Purpose of Providing Fire Service Pursuant Orc 5705.19, Orc 5716.91, Orc 5705.25, Orc 5705.26. Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown. Roll Call, all trustees present voted yes to pass Resolution 2023-15.

RESOLUTION 2023-16- A Resolution Determining to Proceed with The Submission to The Electors of Geneva Township (Exc. City & Village) Levying A Renewal Tax in Excess of The Ten-Mill Limitation for The Purpose of Road and Bridge Services Pursuant Orc 5705.19, Orc 5716.91, Orc 5705.25, Orc 5705.26. Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown. Roll Call, all trustees present voted yes to pass Resolution 2023-16.

RESOLUTION 2023-17 - 2024 Geneva Township Annual Appropriations Resolution. Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown. Roll Call, all trustees present voted yes to pass Resolution 2023-117.

Committee Reports: Tiffany Miller reported that the NAD along with the Safety Forces did the Share a Christmas. They provided Christmas for 183 kids and 55 families.

Tim Mills thanked Dennis Brown for his past 12 years of service to the Township and its residents. Dennis Brown commented that he loves the Township and it is a great place to live and thanks everyone for the support.

Tim Mills also commented on the letter received from the County Commissions on their respond to the letter the Township sent on the County closing the courts. The County said they have not decided yet on the closing. It will be consolidated but they don't know which ones will be closing. The Township has asked to be involved in future discussions on this subject. Tiffany Miller stated that she wants the County to know that Geneva Township does not want the court in Geneva to close.

Public Comment: Mr. Woods asked if he could install a camera that point to the neighbor's property in response to what has been happening over there? Dennis Brown suggested that he check with an attorney.

Al Virant asked what the status is on the house Mr. Woods is referencing because he has been coming to the meeting for several months? Ron Cerjan and Chief Shook have been working with the Health Department but they are very busy. Local Townships don't have Ordinances to be able to go after people and deal with some of these issues. Al Virant also commented that he is trying to see if he can do anything about the railroad overpass and see how far he can get.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50AM. All trustees voted yes.

Recorded and documented by Tammy Caya

Fiscal Officer