

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2014

Present were: Mr. Brown, Mr. Russell, Mr. Mills, Zoning Inspector Mr. Cerjan and Road Superintendent Mr. Burhenne. Fiscal Officer Mr. Long was absent.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mills at 7:32pm. Motion to approve minutes for the December 11, 2013 regular meeting was made by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion approved. Motion to approve the minutes from the December 30, 2013 Organizational meeting made by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion approved.

Bills in the amount of \$39,398.20 covered by warrants 106-2013, 107-2013, 108-2013, 111-2013, 112-2013, 114-2013 and warrants 16372-17003 were approved on a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion approved.

Mr. Burhenne gave the road department report. The road department has spent the majority of their time plowing and salting the roads. Currently all equipment is repaired and in working order. The Township has used approximately 432 tons of salt this winter. Mr. Mills indicated that he has received several compliments from school bus drivers and post office rural carriers about the excellent job the Township road crew does in snow removal. Mr. Brown and Mr. Russell stated that they have received compliments from the community as well.

Chief Starkey gave the fire department report. He indicated that he has recently met with the Fire Department's Explorer Post and reported that they currently have three (3) members and are looking for additional members. Chief Starkey reported that the department has submitted a grant to F.E.M.A. to purchase equipment for the department.

Mr. Russell gave the Fiscal Officer's report due to Mr. Long's absence. There were two (2) items on the agenda. Mr. Russell presented the annual appropriation resolution (2014-01). Mr. Mills made a motion to approve, Mr. Brown seconded. All in favor. Motion approved. Mr. Russell indicated that there was a request for a liquor transfer however he was not able to locate the paperwork so the board could not take official action at this time.

Mr. Russell gave a brief NAD report. He indicated that district-wide there were twelve (12) fewer calls in 2013 than there had been in 2012.

Mr. Mills made a motion to make the following appointments to the Zoning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Zoning Board appointments of Tom Loveland to a five (5) year term and Leroy Caranci and Dennis Crawford to one (1) year terms as alternates. Zoning Board of Appeals appointments of Debbie Caranci to a five (5) year term and Tom Tress and Dan Ernes to a one (1) year term as alternates. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion approved.

Mr. Cerjan gave the zoning report. He indicated that he had issued a zoning permit for an agricultural building located at 6541 North Ridge West. He also stated that he received a report of frozen pipes at a trailer in Austin Estates and was also working to get a camper removed on State Route 534. Mr. Russell reported that the Zoning Commission had approved a draft of zoning changes to address issues related to Group Homes within the Township. These changes will be reviewed by the Ashtabula County Planning Commission at their meeting scheduled for January 21, 2014. This meeting is to take place in Jefferson, Ohio and it was stated that Mr. Russell and Mr. Cerjan are planning to attend.

Mr. Doug Brown questioned the utilization for the Maplewood Fire Station. Chief Starkey explained the history of the station including what equipment is stored there and how the station fits into the daily operation of the fire department.

With no further business at hand, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brown at 8:05pm. Seconded by Mr. Russell. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer