

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
January 11, 2023

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

The pledge of Alliance was recited.

Those present were Mr. Mills, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Miller, Fiscal Officer Caya, Fire Chief Shook. Citizens present were Mr. & Mrs. Wood, Al Virant, Robert Russell and Jessi Spurlock.

Mr. Brown made the motion and a second by Mrs. Miller to approve minutes from the December 14, 2022 meeting. All trustees present voted aye.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown. All trustees present voted yes to approve bills for \$170,842.94 covered by E□payments E-221-2022 through 243-2022 and Warrants 22357 through 22410. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment:

Mr. & Mrs. Wood asked if there was any movement on the property on Maple that was previously discussed. Tim Mills commented that Ron Cerjan the Zoning Inspector has been out on medical. Chief Shook commented that unfortunately it is not bad enough for the Fire Department to be able to do anything with the property but he has been talking to the Health Department. He suggested that they call the Health Department directly.

Al Virant commented that he is retired and can now attend the Township meetings. He has seen a lot of good and sees opportunity for more to be able to be done. He expressed concerns about how long the house across from North Ave on Padanarum has been abandoned. He also expressed concerns about the house at 3470 Padanarum and that it has to have at least 30 cars on their property. Mr. Virant commented that the roads are excellent and the road crew does a good job. He also expressed concerns on the Railroad overpass on Route 20. Tim Mills explained how there have been groups working on this issue and have contacted several organizations to try and get movement. Serge Griener has been working on that for over 2 years. Mr. Virant also expressed concerns about the telephone pole at the intersection of Maple and 534, it restricts viability and it will cause many accidents. Mr. Russell commented that the intersection of Maple and 534 has been an issue for over 16 years and the previous Fire Chief was working with ODOT but they are in charge of it and hasn't changed anything.

Mr. Woods also gave a thank you to the road crews for the great work they do.

Jessi Spurlock from Geneva On the Lake reported that the guardrail on Austin Road is done and paid for. She thanked the Township for their partnership on that project. She also reported that on December 9th, the Landbank submitted an Appalachian Grant. They are still waiting to hear back on that.

Tim Mills commented that the Township and GOTL is looking at a joint paving project for Austin. He will contact Tim Martin to do the engineering.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there were 17 calls in the Township for the month of December. 5 accidents, 3 trees down with road being blocked (one caused an accident), railroad tracks gear heater issue and equipment freed incident.

Zoning Report: Mr. Cerjan was not present at the meeting. Tim commented that there is an issue with campers being set up on Wheeler Creek North of Route 20. Ron Cerjan will be following up on this. Mr. Mills also commented that the tiny home issue is coming up again, so that will have to be looked into.

Road Department: Tod Young reported that Brobst is working on the list of trees the Township provided. He has ordered half of the salt required already for this year – 345 tons. Tod also reported that he received quotes for the pipe program that was discussed at the previous meeting. Raymond Builders quoted \$16,753 and Cleveland quoted \$ 17,867. Mr. Young commented that him and Ray from his crew went and looked at the mower. They do offer financing and trade-ins. He believes it will be safer and easier to operate. There was a suggestion to look more into the financing options. Tim Mills commented he would like to explore salt bins options as well.

2023 Suggested Capital Improvements – Boom Mower and Salt Bin

Fiscal Officer: Tammy Caya reported that 2023 open for the year and the 2023 Purchase orders complete. She will be working on closing 2022 and submitting the annual Hinkle filing within the next week. Tim Mills thanked Tammy for all her work this past year.

New Business:

Resolution 2023-01 – A Resolution to transfer between funds. Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution 2023-01. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023 - 02 A Resolution determining to proceed with the submission to the electors of Geneva Township levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation pursuant orc 5705.19, orc 5716.91, orc 5705.25, orc 5705.26. Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Tiffany Miller commented that Duane Fehr has asked why there has been no movement on the Erosion Resolution. Jessie stated she is trying to find out when the SID is scheduled to have another meeting. Mr. Mills stated he does have a resident from the Township that is willing to sign the Letter of Intent.

Tim Mills reported that the Township received a letter from Gary Pasqualone about a request for annexation in the City of Geneva for a property on Ansel Road. There was a suggestion to talk to the Townships legal counsel about it and Dennis Brown said he wants to talk to the Geneva City Manager before the Township makes any decision.

Dennis Brown commented that at the organization meeting it is very seldom you see two Democrats vote for a Republican chair. Mr. Brown also commented that he did nominate Tiffany Miller but she declined at that time. There was a discussion about whose terms are up in 2023

Committee: None

Public Comment: None.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM. All trustee voted yes.

Fiscal Officer