

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2023

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:00 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, Lisa Larbig, Al Virant, Robert Russell, David Thomas and Jessi Spurlock.

Mr. Brown made the motion and a second by Mrs. Miller to approve minutes from the January 11, 2023 and January 24, 2023 Special Meetings. 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 \$80,581.37 covered by E□ payments E-1-2023 through 35-2023 and Warrants 22411 through 22452. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment:

There was a discussion on the Safe Route to School meeting. The City, GOTL and Township were in attendance. They need the Township to pass a Resolution to apply for a grant. The Village of Geneva on the Lake will provide a support letter for the Township to apply for a grant that is due by March 3rd. Denny Brown thanked Tiffany Miller for all her work on this project.

David Thomas, the Ashtabula County Auditor was present to talk about the extended deadline for the tax bills. He also commented that the settlements will be a couple weeks late. Mr. Thomas also gave an update that the Auditors office will be starting their required Triennial property evaluations. Every 3 years the State mandates a Triennial update of market values in every county based on neighborhood real estate sales. Mr. Thomas plans on doing a lot of outreach to inform the citizens of the process.

Lisa Larbig expressed concern about the following:

- the campground on Wheeler Creek. Tim Mills stated he has talked to Terry Palmer and Ron Cerjan about the issue. They are going to talk to the people. Mr. Mills stated he realizes it is an issue and they are getting complaints about it.
- the Distillery on north end of Wheeler Creek. She asked if it has been inspected. Ron Cerjan commented that Terri Palmer had gone out and there was letter sent previously to clean up. The process will have to start over again.

- Tires on West Maple – Rob Cerjan stated that it is under the Health Department. He was out 3 or 4 times and no one has been around.
- There are a lot of run-down house in the Township – house on West Maple (East) – Ron Cerjan stated he does not have the authority to tear down houses or condemn house, only the Health Department or Fire Department can. Tim Mills commented that the Township received a letter about an available grant to demo houses. He is going to look into the grant more and see what the details are. Denny Brown stated that the Trustees have been discussing this issue a lot.
- Snow plowing – she timed the plow driver and it only took them 4 minutes to plow her road. She expressed concerns about the fire hydrants being plowed in and the snow being piled at the end of the road. – Tod Young will talk to the driver to get more detail.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there were 12 calls in the Township for the month of January. The calls were very diverse, couple open burns, accidents, smoke alarms, tree down on road and wires down. There were no fire losses for Geneva Township.

Zoning Report: Mr. Cerjan issued 2 permits this past month. There was a BZA meeting. They discussed the tire on Maple. The BZA needs another appointment to the Board and one alternate. Mr. Cerjan stated he is still looking to get more direction on the Air B & B issue. Benny Brown stated he received a call from Bob Warner to ask if he is still on the Board. Mr. Cerjan reported they are meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Road Department: Tod Young reported that Brobst is finishing their tree list. They have use 495 tons of salt so far this year. He is working on getting quotes for a new salt bin. He received a quote from Mower Max for \$264,238.75 and will give \$6,150 for a trade on their current mower. You can buy multiple attachments for the mower. The Township can lease it or buy it outright. Tiffany. Miller made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the Mower Max. Dennis Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Tod Young commented that with this mower the road department will be able to sweep roads, cut brush back and do road side mowing. The Township is required to mow the right- a ways three times a year.

Fiscal Officer: Tammy Caya reported that 2022 has been closed and the annual Hinkle report has been submitted to the State of Ohio. The Annual Certificate of Available Resources has been mailed to the County. Also, the 2023 Purchase are open. She also reported that she missed the deadline to get the Fire Levy to the Board of Elections for the May election so it will go on the November ballot.

New Business:

Tiffany Miller reported that the survey of Geneva township has been completed. There are currently 2 parcels but when the deed was redone it was listed as one piece. She suggested getting that corrected in the future and making it one parcel.

Resolution 2023-03 -Safe Route to School Grant. Tiffany Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2023 – 03 to prepare and execute on behalf of the LPA an application for SRTS funds for the stated described project and to submit same to the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation. Dennis Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim Mills reported that the Township’s Insurance Company has assigned an attorney for the lawsuit the Township was named in. SBA has been emailing Mr. Mills about wanting to add someone to the tower but he told them the Township won’t approve anything until this lawsuit is completed.

Committee: Tiffany Miller reported that NAD is doing well. They are waiting for their money to come in.

Public Comment: Mr. Virant asked if there has been any information on the vacant house at the intersection of North Ave and Padanarum Rd or the house on Padanarum that look like a car repair shop that has over 30 cars? Tim Mills reported that he talked the individual with the car business and told him he needs to clean up.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM. All trustee voted yes.

Fiscal Officer