

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
April 12, 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 entered at 9.05 am, Fiscal Officer Caya, Fire Chief Shook and Ron Cerjan. Citizens present were Mr. & Mrs. Wood, Robert Russell, Robert Rosebrugh, Mr. Virant, Judy Sims, Bill Buskirk and Jessi Spurlock.

Mr. Brown made the motion and a second by Mr. Mills to approve minutes from the March 8, 2023 Meeting. All trustees present voted yes.

Mr. Brown made the motion and a second by Mr. Mills. All trustees present voted yes to approve bills for \$72,780.75 covered by E□payments E-49-2023 through 82-2023 and Warrants 22495 through 22526. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment: Mr. Virant asked if there has been any update eon the house at the corner of Padanarum and North Ave. It has been vacant for a long time. Ron Cerjan commented that he does not have the authority to have the house demolished. Mr. Virant also asked about the house on Padanarum that has several cars on the property. He commented that it looks terrible and is bringing the value of the surrounding houses down. Ron Cerjan says he has talked to the property owner and he is supposed to be cleaning it up. Tim Mills commented that he has talked to him as well.

Jessi Spurlock from Geneva on the Lake gave an update that the Village:

- GOTL would like to apply for a grant and would like the Township as a partner. There would be no money commitment from the Township.
- GOTL has passed legislation to join the SID and will provide the Township will a sample legislation if they want to join as well.
- She asked of the Township is gong to apply for a grant for Austin Road.
- Asked of the Township is interested in talking about a JEDD along Austin

Tim Mills said he would like the Township to move forward with the SID. He believes it can benefit the residents. He said the Township is looking at applying for the next round of funding for Austin Road and would be agreeable to have a JEDD discussion.

Fire: Chief Shook reported that there were 13 incidents in March. Were 4 incidents from severe weather – trees down and power lines, 3 mva's, a wood fire. He also provided the Annual Fire Report for the Township's review. The report breaks down the incident in the Township. The Township fire loss for the year was \$57,000.

Zoning Report: Mr. Cerjan issued 2 permits this past month. There was some discussion on the possible subdivision on Maple. There might be some wetland issues. The campground has sold to SPIRE. They are looking at putting up some storage units but the Recreation District doesn't allow it so it would have to go BZA.

Tim Mills said he went to the court hearing in regards to the lawsuit. The attorneys for the Township, SBA, T-Mobile and Mr. Peet were there. He is waiting to see if the Township gets dismissed from the case.

Road Department: Tod Young reported the Road crew did burn and picked up five trees from windstorm. They also worked on plow damage repair, pulled down snow fence and plow markers. They will be out doing soil samples for the salt bin on the 19th.

Tim Mills reported that had one road worker resigned and the job has been posted in the paper and the Township's website. There were only two applications received. One application has previous road crew experience. Tiffany Miller made a motion to have Tim Mills and Tammy Caya interview the candidate this week and offer position if acceptable. Denny Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a question on the VOKS property and if anyone has looked at the drainage issue? Ron Cerjan commented they are trying to find him but he will look into the issue.

Fiscal Officer: The Fiscal Officer gave a brief update on the monthly financials. She also reported that the NOPEC Community Event Sponsor grant in the amount of \$1,500 is due by April 30th and asked what the Trustees would like to donate to this year. Tiffany Miller made a motion to donate \$500 to the GOTL Fireworks and \$1,000 to the Geneva Community Improvement Corporation Message Sign. Denny Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

There was a discussion on CHIP and Sealing this year and it was decided to advertise for bids with the same amounts as last year. Tiffany Miller made a motion to advertise for Chip and Seal Bids. Denny Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There was also discussion on paving Tuttle.

There was a discussion about looking to use NOPEC Energized Community Grant fund to replace the front windows in the Township meeting Hall. Tim Mills commented the building also needs painted.

The Spring Clean up for Township Residents is May 6th and the Electronic Recycling Date is May 13th.

Resolution 2023-05 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO SUBMIT A REPLACEMENT LEVY TO THE VOTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FIRE

SERVICE, REQUESTING THE ASHTABULA COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX EVALUATION AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE LEVY. Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution 2023-05. All trustees present voted yes.

RESOLUTION 2023-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2023 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution 2023-06. All trustees present voted yes.

RESOLUTION 2023-07 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution 2023-07. All trustees present voted yes.

RESOLUTION 2023-08 A RESOLUTION TO ADD ADDITIONAL APRORIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR ENDING 12/31/2023 –

Road & Bridge Fund = \$160,000 to line item 2031-760-740-0000 Machinery,
Equipment, & Furniture

Coronavirus Relief Fund = \$30,000 to line item 2272-760-730-0000
Improvement of Sites

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution 2023-08. All trustees present voted yes.

Committee:

NAD - Tiffany Miller reported that NAD is looking at putting a levy on the ballot for either 1 or 1.25

CEMETERY - Tim Mills is working on getting quotes for the roof at the shop building and also siding the buildings at the Cemetery but he is having trouble getting anyone to give him quoted.

Public Comment: None

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 AM. All trustee voted yes.

Fiscal Officer