

Geneva Township  
Special Meeting  
May 5, 2022

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 7:02 AM.

Those present were Mr. Mills, Mr. Russell, Mr. Brown, Fiscal Officer Caya.  
Citizens present were Doug Starke - ACDES, Ed Spoor – ACDES, Ed Andrus, Debby Andrus, Greg Koren, Barb Koren and Scott Fortier.

Public Comment:

There was a discussion about the waterline project on New London Road. The Township trustees stated they had talked to Mr. Starkey about contributing some towards the project. Mr. Starkey commented that he thought the Township was going to buy the pipe? There was a comment made that if the Township pays for the pipe and it is over \$50,000 it would have to be bid. The lowest quote for pipe is around \$66,000 of the three quotes received.

Doug Starkey stated that the cleanest way to do it is having the Township buy the pipe and donate it to the County and the balance would be paid by Ashtabula County and the property owners can reimburse the County for their share. The County could buy balance and save the tax amount.

There was a discussion what would happen if the County bid out the pipe? Would it save money? It would take longer for the bid proposal to be prepared and bid. Concern would be that the costs keep rising.

Doug Starkey stated that in order for the County to commit to purchase the balance of the pipe not purchased by Geneva Township, he would need an agreement with the property owners that they will reimburse their amount.

There can be a development agreement in place for the project so any residents that tap into the line in the future they would have to pay.

There are 6 residents that are committed to the project and maybe a couple more once the final cost amount is determined.

The Geneva Township Trustees stated that they are in for a verbal commitment to purchase up to \$49,000 worth of pipe as long as there is an agreement reached between the property owners and the County on the reimbursement of the remainder of the cost and that the County commits to moving forward with the project. The Township will draft a Resolution for consideration at their May 11, 2022 meeting to commit to contribution toward the

project. Doug Starkey said he will work on drafting an agreement for reimbursement. He asked that the property owners draft a letter requesting the agreement.

Denny Brown stated that he believes there was good conversation and that the minutes will reflect the discussion and proposed verbal agreements by the Township, the residents and the County and he feels this addresses the resident's concerns.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM. All trustee voted yes.

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Fiscal Officer