

Geneva Township  
Regular Meeting  
May 11, 2022

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

The pledge of Alliance was recited.

Those present were Mr. Mills, Mr. Russell Mr. Brown, Fiscal Officer Caya, Fire Chief Shook. Citizens present were Bill Douglas, Tim Parks, Tom Clay, Rusty Shafer, Ed Andrus, Greg and Barb Koren and Amanda Briggs de Lavini.

Mr. Brown made the motion and a second by Mr. Russell to approve minutes from the April 13, 2022 meeting with the correction of a misspelled name. All trustees present voted aye. Mr. Douglas made a comment on the minutes that he doesn't recall that he stated he was going to arrange a meeting with Trustees and RV park manager.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown. All trustees present voted yes to, approve bills for \$ 75,252.20 covered by e□payments E-54-2022 through 75-2022 and Warrants 22039-22093. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment:

The residents commented that they have a letter to present that has been signed stating the residents will pay the balance of the cost of the pipe after the Township's share. They commented that the County is getting the final drawings. The county will handle all the required permits. The Township stated they will need to appropriate the funds out of the Coronavirus Line at the next meeting if they have not been already.

Mr. Douglas asked for a status update on the creek issues? Have the Trustees heard from CT Consultants? Tim Mills commented that he has talked to Chris Deluca and he commented that the Township can do a study which will cost between \$8,000- \$10,000 but Chris agrees with the preliminary opinion of the County Engineer – it is a lake level issue. Mr. Douglas asked if the Township could work with the Health Department on the stagnant water issue. Mr. Mills said the Trustees would look into it. Mr. Mills will call Terry to see if they can do a water test.

Mr. Russel gave an update on the short-term rentals. A vote at the state legislation went to a vote yesterday, he does not know the results. The question was asked if the trustees have gotten outside counsel yet? Mr. Mills commented that he has talked to a couple people but they are unable. He also talked to Gary Pasqualone and he would do it in a pinch but he is

very busy. Denny Brown said he will contact some people. There was some discussion on how the Village handles it, they have their own ordinances.

Fire: Chief Shook reported that the majority of the calls this month were motor vehicles accidents and open burns. There was one fire at an abandon house. Mr. Shook also provided the Township an Annual Fire Report that had data about the Township calls for the year. Out of 168 incidents in the Township, 17 were fires. The total property damage was \$188,500. They protected over \$1 million dollars of property value. The Fire Department had a boat donated to them – he thanked Mr. Douglas for the help with the donation. It will be a great benefit for the department. Mr. Shook also commented that there is not a dock available for them to keep the boat at the Geneva marina.

Zoning Report: Mr. Cerjan reported there were 5 permits issued this month, 4 for residential homes. There will be 3 more issued this week. He sent a letter to a house on E. Maple about their junk car and debris. They have been working on cleaning it up. He is also working with the house on RT 534 that has the pink shed by the road. They don't have anyone to move it. Mr. Cerjan also dealing with two houses on Lake Road that he received letters on. One of the houses isn't bad. He also commented that he is still receiving a lot of calls on short term rentals. He has been explaining the ruling from the Prosecutor.

Road Department: Mr. Young reported that they have gotten the snow fence down, have replaced some culverts and replaced a driveway culvert on West Maple. They are getting geared up to start mowing. Mr. Young asked to have the old mower put on govdeals. Mr. Russell made a motion to sell the old mower on govdeals. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The township will also be selling the flare mower, plow truck and road grater on govdeals once Tammy set us the account for the Township. Mr. Young reported that they have a list of roads ready for chip seal. They plan on doing 6-10 miles of road depending on the cost. He has a copy of a bid specs for the Township to bid out the Chip Seal for 20,000 – 60,000 gallons. Mr. Russell made a motion to have Geneva Township advertise for chip and seal bids to be opened by the Chairman at 8:55 AM before the next regular meeting on June 8, 2022. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya reported that the 2020/2021 audit has been completed by the State of Ohio auditor and the report is available for review. One of the comments is the Trustees need to completed their public records training. Ms. Caya also presented a liquor permit for Trustees reviews. The Trustees found no issues with the permit request.

RESOLUTION 2022-08 - A Resolution to confirm Geneva Township's financial commitment to the New London water line project. Mr. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Mr. Russell commented that he will be resigning as of 5/31/2022. He has some medical issues that he needs to get taken care of so he thought it was the best interest of the Township to resign. He wanted to make sure there were three active trustees. If he has good results with his medical procedure, he might run for re-election. He has enjoyed

being a Trustee and appreciates all of the support. He is thankful of the residents for passing the Fire levy. He read through all 5 of the letters of interest that were received for the open Trustee position and he knows all of them except Tiffany Miller. He has worked with Amanda on the park Board and Amanda reached out to him to see what the Trustee position entailed. He believes Amanda would be a good choice to fill the position. She has also attended the meetings and shown interest.

Tim Mills thanked Mr. Russell for his 16 years of hard work for the Township and many years on the Fire Department. He kept everyone moving forward and Geneva Township would not be where it is at today without Mr. Russell. He stepped up when Tony Long passed away. Mr. Russell will leave big shoes to fill.

Denny Brown commented that he has been with the City for 2 terms as well as Geneva Police Department for years. When he came to the Township it was unique and Bob has been an exceptional person. He has been very aggressive, responsible person and has done a great job. Mr. Brown also commented that Tim and Bob set a nice example and he admires them a lot. Mr. Brown said he hopes to be of service to Tim for the remainder of his term.

There was a discussion on setting up the interviews for the Interview Committee with the five candidates that submitted letters of interest. Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mills to set the public meeting on May 25, 2022 at 9:00 am for interviews and Special Meeting on June 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM to appoint a Trustee to open unexpired term of Mr. Russell. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee: Denny Brown gave an update about Jeff Griffiths work on the Safety Program for routes to school. They have asked for a letter of support from the Township. There was no objection for writing a letter.

Public Comment: Mr. Douglas commented that the short-term rental bill passed the House Committee yesterday. Ms. Fowlers conflict of Interest was brought at the House Committee according to the article he read.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM. All trustee voted yes.

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Fiscal Officer