

Geneva Township Meeting
Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

The pledge of Alliance was recited.

Those present were Mr. Mills, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Miller, Fiscal Officer Caya, Fire Chief Shook and Ron Cerjan. Citizens present were Nathan Miller, Drew Raymond, Jessie Spurlock from GOTL and Bill Douglas.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve minutes from the June 14, 2023 Meeting. All trustees present voted yes.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown. All trustees present voted yes to approve bills for \$71,774.46 covered by E□payments E-120-2023 through 158-2023 and Warrants 22586 through 22626. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment:

Jessi Spurlock – GOTL made it past the first round of the Environmental Justice Grant- to Govt Grant for the Township erosion. Austin Road Path – had a meeting. They made it to the final step on the Appalachian Grant. There was a discussion on which side of the road the trail will go on.

Mr. Douglas asked about the public hearing on the lot split? Ron Cerjan stated he has not heard from the County.

Fire: Chief Shook reported they had 17 incidents for June. Most were trees and wires down from the extreme weather. There were a couple motor vehicle accidents and a boat fire on north Broadway which took about 8 hours. Denny Brown asked about the hazard material call? Chief Shook stated they thought it was a gas leak but it turned out not to be.

Zoning Report: Mr. Cerjan reported there were a couple permits issued. He met with the BZA and they passed the lot split and it went to the County. He also met with SPIRE and gave them a copy of the zoning code. He asked of there was a way to get a bigger copy of the map or it can be put on the website. It was reported there is a property on Austin that they are going to build a house and pond. They need to split the property and they haven't contacted zoning yet, they are currently digging test holes. Ron Cerjan will look into it.

Road Department: Tod reported they corrected a sink hole on Jamison, installed 500 feet of pipe on New London, finished road side mowing and the chip and seal is getting delivered. They are also waiting on a quote on Martha Ave from Rob. The salt bin preconstruction meeting is on the 19th at 11:00 AM.

There was discussion about a grant from the EPA for Tire removal.

Fiscal Officer: Tammy Caya gave an update on the Revenue and Expenses year to date. She also presented a draft 2024 Tax Budget that is due to the County by July 20th. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the proposed 2024 Tax Budget as presented and to submit it to the County. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Caya also reported that she canceled the cleaning company due to several issues over the past year. We will be doing the cleaning in house now.

New Business:

Mrs. Miller reported she has been research bed tax and called the County to see how many the Township has. The County reported the Township has 21 rentals. She suggested the Township look into passing legislation to collect bed tax. GOTL, Saybrook, Austinburg and Geneva City all collect local bed tax. Ron Cerjan commented that the County Prosecutor gave the opinion previously that short term rentals were not allowed in the Township so the township should look into the legal issue. Jessi from GOTL suggested the Township reach out to Wood Lamping because they specialize in zoning.

Mrs. Miller also talked about the Township not having a noise ordinance. She did attend a seminar to learn more about it. She will be meeting with the Sheriff to discuss this issue.

Mrs. Miller reported that the Safety path Grant is still in the running. They should know something by the end of July.

Committee Reports: None.

Public Comment: None.

Tim Mills reported that the paving for Maple should be in August, the mowing will be the 2nd week of August and the culvert pipe programing is going really well. There have been applications received for over 1,000 feet of pipe so far.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 AM. All trustee voted yes.

Recorded and Documented by Tammy Caya

Fiscal Officer