

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2021

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

Those present were Mr. Brown, Mr. Mills, Mr. Russell, Ron Cerjan and Fiscal Officer Caya. Citizens: Bill Douglass, Jeff Griffiths, Robert Rosebrugh, Dale Arkenburg, Lisa Larbig and Tim Parks. Tim Bittner entered at 9:11 AM.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve minutes from the June 9, 2021 Regular meeting and June 28, 2021 Special Meeting. All trustees voted aye.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown. All trustees voted yes to, approve bills for \$ 181,077.65 covered by e-payments E-99-113 and Warrants 21616-21660. All trustees voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Russell introduced Tammy Caya the new Fiscal Officer. Mr. Russell noted that he wanted to make sure to was added that Resolution 2021-05 to renew the road levy was voted on in the May meeting but was not noted in the minutes. Mr. Russell made the motion and Mr. Brown seconded the motion in the May meeting.

Mr. Russell also noted that the truck was sent out to get the stainless steel put on it.

Public Comment:

Dale Arkenburg commented that he came to say thank you and he appreciates all the support from the Township over the years. He is still appointed as a part-time firefighter with the city and will help with the transition of the new Fire Chief. Mr. Russell commented that he appreciated the working relationship from Dale over the years and he looks forward to that continuing with the new Fire Chief. Mr. Mills and Mr. Brown also thanked Dale Arkenburg for his years of service and all his contributions to the Township.

Bill Douglass asked if there was any update on the creek. He commented that after the storm on Father's Day, it was partially opened up but then closed again. Mr. Douglass also asked if there was an update on the short-term rentals? Mr. Russell commented there is no update and he will follow up with County.

Lisa Larbig asked if there was any update on the mustang on Wheeler Creek or the tires on Maple? Mr. Cerjan stated that he has contacted the Health Department and that he is working on trying to find the owner of the property. Mr. Russell suggested that she try and contact the Health Department directly and file a citizen's complaint and see if she makes any progress with the Health Department that way.

Jeff Griffiths reported to Geneva Township that he has been working on a Safe Routes to School grant. He is currently in Step 1 which is building a plan. He is hoping this will promote a healthier culture of walking and biking to school. There has been an open house, meetings and a parent survey to help develop the plan which should be done by December of this year. The next round of grant funding is due in February and he hopes to apply for infrastructure funds. Mr. Griffiths invited Geneva Township to be a part of the process. Motion made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Mills for Denny Brown to be Geneva Township's representative for the Safe Route to School Project.

Fire: Assistant Chief Parks reported that the city is in the process of doing interviews for the new Fire Chief and they hope to have someone picked by next City Council meeting. The Township trustees commented that Geneva Township is 1/3 of the City Fire Department budget and they would have hoped to be a part of the hiring process.

Zoning Report: There were 10 permits issues this month - a fence permit and a couple houses. Some of the permits were for out of state people so that had some challenges for the process. There were some concerns expressed about the delay from the County Building Department on the permit process. Mr. Cerjan stated that a discussion needs to happen on the Air B & B's.

Road Department: Mr. Young was not in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Russell reported that the new truck was received but there were some issues with it so it had to be sent back. They are waiting for Route 45 to open back up to start the Chip & Seal - hopefully in August. There will be about 5 miles of road done - Spencer Dr., Spencer Circle and part of Lake Road.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya reported that she has been working on the transition over the past month and getting on the bank accounts and setting up new passwords for the various accounts. Mr. Russell worked with Ms. Caya on completing the 2022 Tax budget. There is a printed copy for everyone's review. Mr. Russell made a motion to approve the 2022 Tax Budget and submit it to the County. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye.

New Business: John Patterson is forming a group to deal with the Lodge. There is a meeting scheduled next Wednesday. He hopes to get one representative from each entity to work on negotiating a good contract with the state. Tim Mills will sit on that as a representative for Geneva Township.

Committee: None

Public Comment: Lisa Barbig asked if there was a zoning permit issued for building on Padanaram. Mr. Cerjan commented that he believes so but he will check into.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Mills, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 am. All trustee voted aye.