

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2021

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Those present were Mr. Brown, Mr. Mills, Mr. Russell, Ron Cerjan, Tod Young, Assistant Chief Parks and Fiscal Officer Caya as well as citizens.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve minutes from the August 11, 2021 Meeting. All trustees voted aye.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown. All trustees voted yes to, approve bills for \$ 128,874.12 covered by e-payments E-133-146 and Warrants 21700-21741. All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment: There was a question from a citizen about the water line on New London. Mr. Russel stated he talked to Tim Martin and he was going to talk to Ed about the County trying to help purchase the pipe to get a better price. Mr. Russell also talked about the Township receiving some AARP funds that might be able to be use for water improvement projects. There still are not clear guideline on the usage of the funds. The grants funds might take some time to determine the usage. There was further discussion had on if grants funds were used for a project it will require prevailing wages which would drive up the cost. There was also discussion on how the cost would be reimbursed if people tap into it in the future.

Fire: Assistant Chief Parks reported that the city is still in the pre-employment process with the new Fire Chief. Tim Parks commented that he received a call about Austin Manor and if the Fire Department can do anything about the abandon trailers there. He is looking into that they can do.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan said he issued 5 building permits – one is pending. He got a complaint about debris on a house on West Maple and he looked into and this time it is not worth a violation. He still has not received a response form the property on North Ave. Mr. Russell commented that there is a now winery at the end on Wheeler Creek. Ts also plans being drawn up for a winery on Austin road as well. Mr. Cerjan also commented that he received a call about a pallet company on Route 20 and he will be looking into that.

Road Department: Tod Young reported that they are still waiting on parts for the exhaust on the 1 ton. The crack sealing company was here Monday. They are also waiting to hear back from Henderson the truck. They are ready for winter with the blades. They are waiting a replacement broom. There was discussion on quotes on a roadside mower. A flyer mower is about \$20,000 and a boom mower is about \$31,000. The current boom mower needs about

\$2,000 worth of parts to make it operable. This would need to be done to make it markable. The current quote is good until the end of September then they expect a high increase. Mr. Russell made a motion to purchase a mower up to \$25,000 based on the decision of Tod Young and Tim Mills. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor of the motion. Tod Young commented he is waiting to hear the salt quote. Ms. Caya will look into it and see if we have received any information yet.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya reported that the Township received their Insurance renewal quote and it is a 2.7% increase. She will be working with the insurance company on getting other possible quotes. Ms. Caya also reported that she submitted all the required documents to receive the AARP funds.

Resolution 2021-09 was presented to the Trustees for consideration. This is to accept the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mr. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-09. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Roll call on passage, all trustees voted aye.

New Business: None

Committee: Tim Mills reported that the cemetery has finished their paving. The audit was completed as well.

Denny Brown said he met with Mr. Griffiths to discuss the Safe Transportation to Schools grant. The initial phase he has someone to develop the plan and he would like input from the Township. Mr. Griffith's is having a lot of public meetings to get community input.

Public Comment: Bill Douglas presented some pictures of the drainage at the 700 block of Lake Road- and asked what the Townships policy is on this drainage issue. There was some discussion on potential solutions for the problem. Tim Mills said he talked to Tim Martin about this issue and they said they would come back out and dig it again. Mr. Douglas asked the Township if they are concerned with the stagnant water. Mr. Mills commented that he does not know how long standing water is present before it becomes a problem? Mr. Douglass said he would be concerned when it creates issues with misquotes but there is a lot of wetlands and flood plans in that area. Mr. Brown commented that they are not engineers so maybe they should look at having a professional engineer look at it. There was a comment made that there might not be solution to the problem until the lake goes down but the Township is willing to keep looking into it.

Mr. Douglas asked if there is anything new on the short-term rentals? Mr. Russell commented they have not heard anything and he would like to know -before they start looking at updating the zoning.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 am. All trustee voted aye.

Fiscal Officer