

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2022

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

The pledge of Alliance was recited.

Those present were Mr. Mills, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Miller, Fiscal Officer Caya, Fire Chief Shook and Tod Young. Citizens present were Robert Russell, Robert Rosebrugh, Duane Feher, Jeremy Shafer and Jessi Spurlock.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve minutes from the August 10, 2022 meeting. All trustees present voted aye.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown. All trustees present voted yes to, approve bills for \$ 136,575.56 covered by E□payments E-135-2022 through 161-2022 and Warrants 22211 through 22257. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment:

Jeremy Shafer discussed with the Trustees about the possibility of partnering on infrastructure projects. He presented a handout with some potential project ideas, Austin Road, Lake Road, Erosion – Special Improvement Districts, trail, Sewer – JEDD’s and salt. Tim Mills said the Township will get with the Village a price for salt for the upcoming year. The Township said they would like to discuss in further detail the potential to partner on projects.

Will Boomhower from the Geneva Senior Center was present at the meeting to ask Geneva Township to help the Senior Center with a donation of \$1,000 to get through the rest of the year. He explained how COVID hit the center hard and they are working to get the numbers back up. As of today, the Center’s expense is higher than their revenue. He also explained some of the programs that are ran through the Senior Center. Dennis Brown asked Mr. Boomhower has asked the County Commissioners for more money? Mr. Mills asked if the Senior Center has asked other entities for donations as well. Mr. Boomhower stated that Harpersfield generally gives about \$1,500 - \$2,000 each year and the City of Geneva helps with maintenance and gas for the senior bus. The City of Geneva is also their landlord. Austinburg and Trumbull don’t have any money. The Senior Center is having a fundraiser on September 28th at Geneva Nursing and Rehab Center. There was a question asked on why the senior bus takes the centers outside the community rather than spending the money here. Mr. Boomhower will look into it and try to report back. Denny Brown asked how many seniors are currently getting served and what is the current level of funding from the

levy going to Geneva Senior Center at this time. Dennis Brown commented he wants to make sure Geneva is getting their fair share. Denny Brown also stated that the Senior Center needs to get their numbers up and talk to the Commissioners about the money that is needed. Mr. Boomhower stated he will talk to the Commissioners and report back to the Township. Tiffany Miller asked if this is a one time ask or will it be annual. The Trustees need to understand more before a decision can be made.

Mr. Russell commented that if there is an Austin Road paving project and an Issue I application is done, Geneva should take the lead and have Tim Martin due the engineering. The quote the last time Austin Road was discussed was around \$350,000.

Duane Feher commented that he believes it is important for the Township to look at the water the erosion issue. The water table is not going down and the Special Improvement District could be a good tool for residents. This could be used for Lake Road East.

Fire: Chief Shook reported that there were 12 incidents in August. They were a mix of types of calls, accidents open burns and lock outs.

Zoning Report: Mr. Cerjan reported that he issued 7-8 permits and one for an addition. He has also received a lot of calls from real estate agents and calls on property disputes – which is a civil issue. Mr. Cerjan also reported that the BZA held a couple meeting and issued the variance.

Road Department: Tod Young reported that they have done 608 miles of chip and seal. They also completed two pipe jobs, one on wheeler creek and one on West Maple. They fixed a sink hole on Lilac Court. Tod young also reported that the guard rail on Austin Road is rotted so the County is working on a plan and drafting specs. They will then get pricing.

Tod Young also reported that there are a couple of panels on the garage doors that are rusting out and he would like to install a garage door opener on the last door in the building across the parking lot. Diamond Door gave a quote of \$3,426.00. Tiffany Miller made a motion to replace the door panels and install a garage door opener for the quote of \$3,426. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All trustees voted yes.

There have been three items listed from the Road Dept on GOVDeals, The 2001 Dump truck, crack sealer and road grader.

Tim Mills reported that he had a zoom meeting with Sarah Fowler about drainage issues in Route 20. There is a lot of water dumping onto Richard Arndt's property. Tim Martin and Nick will be meeting at the property on September 20th at 11:00 AM to see and discuss the issue.

There was a comment made if the Township can do ditching and assess the property owners. Tim Mills commented the problem would be that some residents due take care of their properties and they would get assessed also.

Fiscal Officer: Tammy Caya reported that the depository agreement with Andover Bank needs to be renewed. She presented a draft agreement. Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Miller to renew the depository agreement with Andover Bank. All trustees voted yes. Ms. Caya also reported that she has had a couple calls over the past couple weeks about the hall rental. She asked if the Trustees wanted to start renting the hall again. The trustees discussed and decided to revisit renting the hall again at the beginning of the year after they get some guidance on where the County Health Department stands on -

New Business

- Resolution 2022-10 - A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by The Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to The County Auditor. Denny Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2202-10, seconded by Tiffany Miller. All trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2022-11 - A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Submit A Replacement Levy to The Voters for The Purpose of Providing Fire Service, Requesting the Ashtabula County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Tax Evaluation and The Dollar Amount of Revenue That Would Be Generated by The Levy. Denny Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2202-11, seconded by Tiffany Miller. All trustees voted yes.

Committee:

NAD: - Tiffany Miller reported that NAD is doing good.

Cemetery Board: = Tim Mills reported that there is a logging company that offered the cemetery \$7,500.00 for some of their lumber. The original offer was \$3,800 but Tim negotiated it up to \$7,500. The Board also is discussing a tree replacement program.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Browns, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 AM. All trustee voted yes.

Fiscal Officer