

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
October 12, 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, Bill Douglas, Barb and Jim Wood, Jeremy Shafer and Jessi Spurlock.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve minutes from the September 14, 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 \$ 61,674.66 covered by E□ payments E-154-2022 through 180-2022 and Warrants 22238 through 22300. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment:

Mr. Wood commented that he is concerned about the vacant properties in the Township on Maple Ave. There is 14 acres that has been vacant for 10 years. People are stealing plumbing and siding. The property was boarded up but there is someone with a sleeping bag and backpack there now. Ron Cerjan suggested for them to call the sheriff if someone is coming in and out. The resident also expressed concerns about the property values. Tim Mills stated he can get with Terri from the Health Department and see if there is anything he can do. Ron Cerjan also asked the Fire Chief if the Fire Department can condemn the building?

Bill Douglas asked for the status of the zoning updates since the Township has hired Mr. Smith? Tim Mills commented that the Township has not moved forward with the zoning yet. Mr. Smith has a copy of the current zoning and is reviewing it. Mr. Mills commented that they hope to move forward in the Fall. Mr. Douglas asked if the zoning discussions will be in a public meeting? Mr. Mills responded yes.

Jeremy Shafer commented that Geneva on the Lake is getting quotes for a sidewalk/bike trail down Austin Road. Tim Mills commented that they are looking at a joint grant for a bike trail and CT Consultants can give an estimated cost.

Tiffany Miller commented about an email she received from Duane Fehr about him wanting the Township to join the SID. There was a discussion about the process to join and they will

have to find out if any citizens are interested in the program. The steps would be to pass a resolution wanting to join, take it to a SID meeting, they would have to accept the Township, then get the cost to join. A resident would have to give a letter of interest in the program in order to join. Mr. Douglas stated he would sign a letter of interest in the program. Jeremy Shafer stated he believe the past cost to join was around \$3,000. There was discussion on the concern of oversight on the contractors that would be dealing with the erosion issues.

Tiffany Miller commented that she received a letter from Debbie Sistek asking of the Township can contact the railroad about the overpass and how bad it is. Tim Mills stated that Serge Grenier has been working with ODOT and the railroad for the past two years trying to get them to do something with the overpass. ODOT stated that will be making some repairs but no one has gotten much response from the railroad.

Tim Mills stated that the Township received a thank you card from Barb and Greg in regards to the New London road project.

Fire: Chief Shook reported there were open burn complaints this past moth along with 1 accident. He also reported that they went to lodge and helped them replace their flags on the poles. Denny Brown asked how the boat is working out for the Department. Chief Shook reported that they have been able to go out on the lake more and they trained twice in September.

Zoning Report: Mr. Cerjan reported that he issued 2 permits for pole barns this month. He also reported that he has been in contact with the state on the licenses for car lots on Route 20. They have been out checking on them and one was cited. Mr. Cerjan stated he has been getting calls from people wanting too put up hunting camps in the woods. Currently they are not allowed with the zoning. He is hoping to get some guidance from Mr. Smith.

Tim Mills reported that he has some problems at Austin Road mobile home park. Two residents contact him about a water leak that has been going on for a long time and the water is now running through their property causing issues. Mr. Mills stated he wrote a letter to Terri Palmer about the complaint.

Road Department: Tod Young reported that he is collecting signatures for the ditch at Walter Main. They met ODOT, Tim Martin and Nick about the ditch from Walter Main to Wheeler Creek. They decided the ditch needs cleaned. It has less than 2% grade. Tim Martin said they will put it on the county ditch program hopefully for next summer. Mr. young reported they are waiting on the line stripping to be completed by the county. They are also waiting on pricing for backhoe tires and they have been working on various pipe jobs and finishing grading.

The Township sold the road grader for \$5,850 and the crack sealer for \$3,550 on GovDeals. The dump truck did not meet the reserve so will be listed again. Tod Young also asked to add the mower to be auctioned on GovDeals. The township trustees agreed.

Fiscal Officer: Tammy Caya reported that she has started working on the 2023 budget. She also commented that she would like to move some money from the Money Market account onto Start Ohio because they are at a higher interest rate. The Trustees agreed,

New Business: None

Committee: None

Public Comment:

Mr. Wood commented that he is concerned about the minimal requirements to be shooting in Township. It only has to be 300 feet.

Tiffany Miller commented that she attended the Township Association meeting last month and there was a presenter talking about electronic recycling collection events. She would like to have one at the Township for the residents.

Mr. Brown made the motion and a second by Mrs. Miller, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM. All trustee voted yes.

Fiscal Officer