

Geneva Township  
Regular Meeting  
October 14, 2020

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Those present were Mr. Mills, Mr. Russell, Mr. Brown, Fiscal Officer Mrs. Huff and Zoning Inspector Ron Cerjan, Road Superintendent Tod Young  
Visitors: Bill Douglas, Jim and Barb Wood.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown approved minutes from the September regular meeting. All Trustees voted yes.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown to approve bills for \$58,466.94 covered by e-payments E133-E-149 and Warrants 21244-21289.

Public Comments: Bill Douglas started the discussion by stating the culvert still remains full with stagnant water and is worse on the South side of Lake Rd. which is completely covered in Algae even though the lake water level is down. The Marine wetland level is down and the creek is also green.

Jim and Barb Wood, residence of 6600 West Maple Road stated their concerns of the speed limit on West Maple Avenue. They are afraid someone will get killed or injured. The trustees stated that they could call the sheriff's department or State Patrol or call the county to change the speed limits. Trustee Russell explained that the speed limit is established by the state and will not be changed unless they do a speed study. The trustees stated that they could call the state patrol regarding their concerns.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood also stated that they have a neighbor that is collecting junk and covering it white tarps for approximately 5 years and has been dumping and burning in the backyard in the middle of the night.

Fire Department: a comment was made that Geneva on the Lake was working on a grant for a boat, but is waiting for additional information.

Zoning Report: Mr. Cerjan state that 1 permits were issued for a pole barn. Dollar General did get their permits. In regards to Mr. Miller with the septic issue, Terry Palmer from the county was called because the land was so low that they couldn't do a conventional septic tank so they have to consider a compose or mound system. An E-mail was sent to the county prosecutor by Mr. Cerjan for their opinion regarding the short term rentals and has not had a response to date. Mr. Cerjan stated he contacted Saybrook Township and they also do not have anything on their books, but they created recreation district to address a settlement out of court regarding this matter. Mr. Cerjan stated that he had information regarding a webinar on October 23 on Short Term rentals but there was a fee to attend. Mr. Cerjan received a complaint about Driftwood adding an addition on but the county stated that they have nothing filed with the trailer park or Lake Road East.

Road Report: Mr. Young stated that the dump truck was being repaired by 5 Star, and the head was cracked and the part will be in tomorrow. They replaced the culvert on West Maple and also, the patch work was complete on New London road. A motion from Mr. Russell and a second by Mr. Brown to spend up to \$20,000.00 to get the dump truck repaired. All trustees voted yes. Trustee Russell made comment that Rocky Road should be contacted regarding fixing Spencer Drive on a storm line that went back and the paving was never repaired. Casey Kozlowski was contacted regarding the golf carts and the speed limit at the RV Resort near the State park. Trustee Mills stated he will call Tim Martin to inquire about speed study.

Fiscal Officer Report: Mrs. Huff stated that she received notification from the Department of Commerce regarding the liquor permits issued in the township and inquired with the trustees if they any objections or concerns regarding any business getting a renewal. They stated they had no objections. She also stated that Halloween Trick or Treat was recommended by the Ashtabula County Health Department that all communities have the same time period on October 31 between 4:00-6:00. The trustees stated that they will follow what the city decides to do. She also noted that Share a Christmas for the safety forces is looking for donations and support. She stated that they received the renewal from Summacare as of January 1, 2021 and the current plan will have a 2.67% increase. They did offer a reduction of 1.16% for the same plan but we would lose Cleveland Clinic. The trustees stated that we should have a meeting with the employees and discuss our options.

Public Comments: Mr. Douglas asked if any monies could be set aside for Zoning. Mr. Russell made comment that he is not sure if it's the zoning code or the legal process needed to be changed. Due to the November election, they are not sure if zoning will be a priority. The trustees will look into it further after COVID and can have larger public meetings.

Motion to adjourn to meeting by Mr. Russell and second by Mr. Brown at 8:25pm. All Trustees voted yes.

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Fiscal Officer