

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
December 8, 2021

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

Those present were Mr. Mills, Mr. Russell, Mr. Brown, Ron Cerjan, Fiscal Officer Caya, Fire Chief Shook. Citizen Bill Douglass was present.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Mills to approve minutes from the November 10, 2021 and December 3, 2021 Special meeting. All trustees present voted aye.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Mills. All trustees present voted yes to, approve bills for \$ 58,970.17 covered by e-payments E-182-198 and Warrants 21839-21868. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment:

Mr. Douglass asked for an update on the creek issue by his house. He commented that it was discussed in September about the Township hiring an engineer to look at the drainage issue and he inquired if that has happened. Mr. Russell commented that he asked the prosecutor if they can hire engineer. Mr. Mills commented that he talked to CT Consultants and they are willing to look at it if the Township can hire an outside Engineer. Mr. Russell also said he will contact the County Engineer about the issue. Mr. Mills commented that he will talk to the County Commissioners as well. Mr. Douglass commented about his safety concern on the standing water. Mr. Russell said there is standing water all over that area.

There was also a question asked about short-term rental and if anything was heard back from the County Prosecutor? Mr. Russell responded that the Township is still waiting.

There was a discussion on the \$15,000 in the 2021 budget for updating the zoning. MR. Russell commented that it was not spent in the 2021 but it will go back into the General Fund and it has been budgeted again for 2022.

Mr. Douglass asked if the Township knew what their 2021 carryover will be? Mr. Russell said it will be around \$1 million but about \$280,000 of that is AARP funds. In the past 18 years the carryover has been around \$800,000. The County is working on hiring someone to deal with the spending of the AARP funds that the communities received.

Fire:

Chief Shook reported that there were no fires over the past month but a couple accidents and one fire alarm.

Zoning Report: Ron Cerjan reported he issued a couple permits this month and will be meet with one more citizen. He has again received a lot of calls from real estate agents. He sent a letter to Todd Mills and he is working on cleaning up a little bit. He also reported that he met with Sims. He has also received calls from the towers on the zoning needs.

Mr. Mills commented that he received an email to see if the Township heard anything on the tower issue. Mr. Mills commented that he has not heard anything since he met with Mr. Peet and made him two offers, first \$30,000 second \$50,000 and Mr. Peet responded that they are far apart. Mr. Mills stated that he told Catherine that Jamie Miller appraised the property at \$30,000.

Road Department:

It was reported that the truck has an issue that they are working on. The new truck worked well. The generator is almost done. The Street crew demoed a Case Excavator on tracks and it moved slow. They will be looking at a 4x4 excavator on tires next. Craig Parker had an issue with drainage and it was taken care of. Rich Palinkas on Maple had an issue with when the catch basin was moved the yard is holding water. They will look at digging a trench in the summer.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya reported that she is working with the Insurance broker on switching insurances. Anthem came in with a quote around 30% decrease. Mrs. Caya also reported that the insurance check for the Fire on Padanarum was deposited with the City of Geneva so she talked to the City Finance Director and she is contacting the insurance company and having them issue the check to the Township.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-11 was to place a Levy for Fire protection on the ballot. There are two choices. It can be a renewal for the next 5 years which would generate about \$87,000 or a replacement which would generate about \$96,000. Mr. Russell commented that it will not be a significant difference for homeowners. Mr. Russell recommended to put a replacement levy on the ballot and made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-11. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. Roll Call on passage, all three Trustees voted yes.

Resolution 2021-12 Geneva Township Annual Appropriations. Mr. Russell made the motion to approve the Resolution, Mr. Mills second. Roll Call on passage, all trustees voted yes.

The 2022 budget was presented. Mr. Russell made the motion to approve the 2022 Budget as presented, Mr. Brown second. Roll Call on passage, all trustees voted yes.

Committee: Mr. Mills received a call from Jeff Griffiths I regards to the Public Hearing commencing up on 12/16 on the Safe Route to School. He will be sending info out on the public hearing. He asked the Township to send out a newsletter in regards to the vaccination and suggested getting quotes from influential people in the community.

Public Comment: Mr. Douglass suggested that the Township update the zoning code with the 2022 budget. There was a suggestion to get a quote from CT Consultants.

Mr. Russell made a motion to make a correction from the 12/23/2020 organizational meeting minutes from the employee shall be entitled to sick leave of 4.6 hours for each eight hours of service to the employee shall be entitled to sick leave of 4.6 hours for each eighty (80) hours of service.

The organization meeting will be held on January 3, 2021 at 8:00 AM.

Mr. Russell made the motion and a second by Mr. Brown, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM. All trustee voted yes.

Fiscal Officer