

Village of Geneva on the Lake
Regular Meeting of Council
Minutes of Meeting 3/16/2020

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll call was taken and the following council members were present: Jennifer Allison, Matt Caudill, Cindy Herda, Gary Himes, P.J. Macchia and Don Woodward. Also present were Fiscal Officer Kim McKinley, Village Administrator Jeremy Shaffer, Fire Chief Chris Craft and Solicitor Kyle Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited; a moment of silence followed.

Caudill made a motion, seconded by Allison to go into executive session with elected officials and hiring committee to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official. The motion passed with all in favor. Executive Session: 7:31 p.m.

Allison made a motion, seconded by Himes to adjourn from executive session, Motion passed with all in favor. Adjournment: 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Bennet apologized for the delay. He wanted to give council the opportunity to meet Mr. Esser and to allow council to asked questions.

MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 council meeting. The motion passed with all in favor. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to approve the payment of bills. The motion passed with all in favor

POLICE CHIEF REPORT: None

WORK SESSION REPORT: Fiscal Officer provided a report of the meeting held on March 9, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Bennett reported taxpayer assistance schedule for April 2, 2020 has been cancelled by CCA due to the corona virus. Town Hall meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2020; that status may change. Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 27, 2020; Mayor Bennett does not expect that date to change.

ORDINANCE 2020-15: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO BORROW FROM ANDOVER BANK THE SUM OF \$60,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE PURCHASE OF GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT (\$15,000.00) AND REDRAFTING THE VILLAGE ZONING CODE (\$45,000.00) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass Ordinance 2020-15. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2020-16: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AND RESTORING NATURAL SYSTEMS IN AREAS THAT WILL PROTECT COMMUNITIES FROM COASTAL EROSION AND IMPROVE VALUABLE HABITATS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE SPECIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass Ordinance 2020-16. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2020-17: AN ORDINANCE ADVANCING FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO THE PARK FUND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE GOLF COURSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass Ordinance 2020-17. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2020-18: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF GEOFFREY A. ESSER AS POLICE CHIEF FOR THE VILLAGE OF GENEVA ON THE LAKE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor with Macchia abstaining. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor with Macchia abstaining. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Woodward to pass Ordinance 2020-18. The motion passed with all in favor with Macchia abstaining.

ORDINANCE 2020-19: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TREX LIQUOR PERMIT FOR HIGH TIDE TAVERN, LLC dba HIGH TIDE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Caudill made a motion, seconded by Macchia to pass as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Woodward to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass Ordinance 2020-19. The motion passed with all in favor.

New Business: Primary Election is back on at this time. The building was thoroughly cleaned this morning. Surfacing will need to be cleaned after meeting. Building will be cleaned again on Wednesday. Mayor Bennett has reported conversations with Representative Patterson and Senator O'Brien regarding issues with PPE for safety forces and emergency medical services. Phone conference will be held tomorrow with EMA and Ashtabula County Commissioners. Mayor Bennett would like to know the chain of command for restaurants and liquor establishments required to be closed. Woodward commented that the press release indicated the Department of Health as the enforcer. Bennett would like to know if health department could require the police to facilitate. Chris Craft is the contact for EMA. Adm said there is not a clear definitive chain of command; many questions could be resolved tomorrow. At this time no corona cases have been diagnosed in the county, therefore, county has not declared an emergency. Village is reaching out to insure lunches are delivered to students. Chief Craft has reaching out to the elderly community.

Tim Mills reported that landscape designer provided an estimate \$10,125, less \$1950 for area around CVB, for Rec Park. Administrator Shaffer is applying for grants thru CDC and NatureWorks. Fiscal Officer McKinley feels village should not expend any unnecessary funds at this time; Mayor Bennett wants to explore additional grant opportunities. Woodward made a motion, seconded by Caudill to grant permission to CVB to proceed and pay for landscape design service for area around building. Motion passed with all in favor.

Woodward made a motion, seconded by Macchia to appoint fiscal officer as the certified public records designee. Motion passed with all in favor.

Next council meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2020 at 7:30. Solicitor will review OMA under an emergency declaration.

Allison made a motion, seconded by Macchia to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Recorded by: Kimberly A. McKinley, Fiscal Officer