

Village of Geneva on the Lake
Regular Meeting of Council
Minutes of Meeting 05/04/2020

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Fiscal Officer performed roll call and the following council members were present: Jennifer Allison, Matt Caudill via Zoom, Cindy Herda via Zoom, Gary Himes via Zoom, P.J. Macchia and Don Woodward. Also present were Fiscal Officer Kimberly McKinley, Administrator Jeremy Shaffer, Solicitor Kyle Smith, Fire Chief Chris Craft and Police Chief Esser.

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

MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 council meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: Tim Mills, Amanda Briggs CVB

Tim Mills requested the village provide guidelines to the businesses so that may operate in a safe and responsible manner. Currently, establishments may offer carryout food and beverage. Food or beverage may not be consumed on site. Mayor Bennett said the village is trying to be proactive; however, much of the information is not clear or in conflict with other agencies. Don Woodward feels businesses need to be careful about reopening He does not want Geneva on the Lake to become a hotspot and killing the entire summer. The village received several complaints about people not complying with the social distancing rules over the past weekend. Solicitor Smith explained that the county health department receives direction from Ohio Department of Health. Geneva on the Lake is subject to the rules and regulations of Ashtabula County Board of Health. Solicitor Smith stated that elected officials and officers of the Village of Geneva on the Lake have sworn to uphold the laws of the State of Ohio and the village. Village must make a good faith effort to implement regulations provided. Woodward stressed that the state website is very clear regarding facemask, sanitation and social distancing. Village or CVB may need to educate businesses; post information about guidelines and requirements. Solicitor feels we need to let the public know that we take the health regulations very seriously. There was some concern about gathering of groups over 10 and some businesses not able to comply with the standards. Guidelines may be viewed at coronavirus website developed by the state. Suggestions ranged from distributing information to businesses to directing businesses to check online each day. Businesses need to be responsible. Some business owners are concerned for their health and safety along with the health and safety of their families and employees. Village Administrator Jeremy Shaffer said the village has been trying to be proactive. He drafted the guidelines for the golf course in order to receive permission from local health department to open course. At times, the village has received several interpretations of guidelines. Rules have been enacted one day and reversed the next day. Solicitor stated that everyone must make every effort to comply with the resources available. Public health should be a primary concern.

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

Council reviewed reports from the Mayor for the month of April.

FIRE REPORT: The department provided a written report on fire & ambulance calls, on-site inspections, and hour statistics for the month of April.

ENGINEER REPORT: PDG provided a written report for April.

GOLF REPORT: Report provided for month of April.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Jeremy Shaffer provided a summary on his written report for April. Report included Lake Erie water levels, a Street and WWTP Report. A report on Hearthside Grove was provided. Contractor is sealing manholes; air test in thirty days. Census reporting is low with only 24% of the community reporting.

Administrator included copies of letters sent to state and federal agencies requesting financial assistance due to the impact of Covid-19. Administrator Shaffer sent a capital project list to U.S. Representative David Joyce's office. Projects include S. Geneva/Palmer Dr. Improvements, Sanitary Sewer Extensions, Siphon Replacement, Shoreline Protection and Repair, Bike Path, S. Spencer Improvements and the purchase of a new ambulance.

APPOINTMENTS and CONFIRMATIONS: Fire Chief Chris Craft appointed Carl Reed to the Assistant Fire Chief position.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 2020-26: A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF GENEVA ON THE LAKE, OHIO BY SUPPLYING ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **2nd Reading.** Himes inquired on how assessment was calculated. Fiscal Officer will provide example at work session.

ORDINANCE 2020-28: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$25,000 OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN PERFORMING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE VILLAGE'S POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **1st Reading**

ORDINANCE 2020-29: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR ADMINISTRATOR TO SEEK A NATURE WORKS GRANT UP TO \$25,000.00, INCLUDING A 25% LOCAL MATCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEW IMPROVEMENTS, 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 2020-29. The motion passed with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Annual cemetery meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The following councilors agreed to attend via teleconference: Jennifer Allison, P.J. Macchia and Don Woodward. Work session to following at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Bennett reported that a special planning commission meeting to discuss Hearthside Grove Phase II is scheduled for May 7, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. BZA will hold their regularly scheduled meeting this month.

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

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:23 P.M.

Recorded by: Kimberly A. McKinley, Fiscal Officer