

Village of Geneva on the Lake  
Regular Meeting of Council  
Minutes of Meeting 2/01/2021

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

Fiscal Office Kimberly McKinley performed roll call and the following council members were present: Jennifer Allison, Matt Caudill, Cindee Dudeck, Gary Himes, P.J. Macchia and Donald Woodward. Also present were Administrator Jeremy Shaffer, Solicitor Nicholas Brown, Fire Chief Chris Craft and Police Chief Alex Hyla. Student Intern George Matthews attended via zoom.

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 January 18, 2021 meetings. The motion passed with all in favor. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: Tim Mills

Tim Mills was available for any question on the Trex Permit Application provided in packet.

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 January.

FIRE REPORT: The department provided a written report on fire & ambulance calls, and hour statistics for the month of January. Chief Craft will reach out to six companies regarding new ambulance; built out is twelve months. VFD received a Marc's grant for \$19,700 allowing the department to update mobile portable devices. Grant will cover a year subscription service.

GOLF REPORT: Report provided for month of January along with annual report.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Jeremy Shaffer provided a summary on his written report for January. Report included Lake Erie water levels, a Zoning, Street, WWTP and Golf Course report. A Funding from state capital budget for bike path may be paired with ODNR Clean Ohio and ODOT Tap Fund. Village may consider another engineer for project. Equipment replacement on golf course was discussed.

George Mathews provided a written proposal on Eco Tourism and he was available vis zoom for questions.

APPOINTMENTS and CONFIRMATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Bennett met with the new sheriff regarding the jail contract. Negotiations to continue.

**ORDINANCE 2021-02: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR INCREASES FOR HOURLY AND SALARIED EMPLOYEES AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.** Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to table Ordinance 2020-02.

**ORDINANCE 2021-03: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2021 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT 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 2021-03. The motion passed with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Macchia made a motion, seconded by Woodward to accept Trex permit submitted by Lakeside Ladies LLC. The motion passed with all in favor. Woodward made a motion, seconded by Macchia to direct the solicitor to draft resolution of support to save the coal conveyor in Ashtabula Harbor. The motion passed with five in favor; Himes abstained.

Mayor Bennett to contact Major to discuss curbside cleanup this spring. Administrator Shaffer explained that the \$75,000 state funding earmarked for shoreline improvement at the Jennie Munger Gregory Museum will be under control of the museum board. Mother's Day Parade will not take place this year due to the pandemic. CVB working on fireworks, committee is seeking a higher range display to control overcrowding. Tim Mills inquired about any further interest in the change of boundaries at Geneva State Park. Mayor Bennett explained that there would not be a financial benefit to village to initiate a change.

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

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:57 P.M. Recorded by: Kimberly A. McKinley, Fiscal Officer