

Village of Geneva on the Lake
Regular Meeting of Council
Minutes of Meeting 6/20/2022

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Fiscal Office Kimberly McKinley performed roll call and the following council members were present: Jennifer Allison, Matt Caudill, Cindee Dudeck, Gary Himes, PJ Macchia and Donald Woodward. Also present were Solicitor Cris Newcomb, Village Administrator Jeremy Shaffer, Deputy Administrator Jessi Spurlock, Police Chief Kyle Cawley and Fire Chief Chris Craft.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited; a moment of silence followed. A sign-in sheet was distributed.

MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 regular council meeting and June 13, 2022 special council meeting. The motion passed with all in favor. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: James Governor, Scott Hupertz, Vincent Fontana, Patrick Forsythe, Ed Shearson, Karen LaRiche Tetrick, Bill Hyland, Bill Allison, Phillip Gibbons, R. Scott Vaughn and Rob Spencer.

Most people appearing before council spoke in support of the music in town. Comments included: Vacationers come for the music. Small Businesses support the community. Lateness may be the only issue. Property values have increased and property acquisition is in demand. Improvements have been made to lighting, streets and sidewalks. Businesses provide employment to the local community. Geneva on the Lake is a resort town not a retirement community. Business owners suffered through COVID the last two years. Businesses have continued to grow since the development of the Lodge. Phillip Gibbons spoke as a sound engineer. He has tried to bring the music levels down to the point of being drowned out by motorcycles. Don't be the next Geauga Lake. Compromise is an option. Kill the music, kill the town. Sunset Taxi transports thousands of customers a week. Sunset properties are rented out well in advance and business would like to acquire additional properties. The owner of Whips Magic stated that the music does not affect the business or bother him. Compromise and solution are good for everyone. Banning music would be like asking Vegas to turn off lights.

Ed Shearson family has been in the cottage rental business since 1915. He questions definition of a resort town. Many people come to relax and see the lake. The Lodge is a destination for weddings. Lakehouse has a spa. Both offer relaxation. Music continues to pound at 1:30 am. Noise is pollution; loss of sleep impacts health. He continues to request that the base be turned down. Mr. Shearson will provide to zoning an ordinance from Put-In-Bay addressing noise. He feels the ordinance has a rational and reasonable noise limits. He has requested council to consider a compromise. He asked that his property rights be protected. Bill Allison has been a resident since 1975. He lives ¼ mile from strip and can hear music in his home, even with the A/C on.

Stephanie Siegal, Executive Director of Ashtabula County Convention and Visitors Bureau provided statistics on Geneva on the Lake. Tourism has double in the last five years; the increase has been driven by GOTL. Over 10% of views on the website link are looking for live music. Revenue generated by tourism saves households a \$1000 a year.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to approve the payment of bills. The motion passed with all in favor. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to approve Then and Now Purchase Orders 134 and 135. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

POLICE CHIEF REPORT: Police Chief Cawley provided a summary on his written report for the month of May.

WORK SESSION REPORT: A report on the meeting held on June 13, 2022 was provided.

FIRE REPORT: The department provided a written report on fire & ambulance calls, and hour statistics for the month of May. Delivery date of new ambulance is estimated at 1/01/2024.

GOLF REPORT: Report provided for month of May.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS: Jeremy Shaffer provided a summary on his written report for May. Report included Lake Erie water levels, a Zoning, Street, WWTP and Golf Course report. The Village has been awarded \$450K towards the shore protection and enhancement project. This is around half of what we need; adm will reach out to Senator Sherrod Brown's office.

Deputy Administrator Jessi Spurlock provided an update on code enforcement.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS: Fire Department and Police Department appointments below.

OLD BUSINESS: None

RESOLUTION 2022-51: A RESOLUTION FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF GENEVA ON THE LAKE, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, ON THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022, OF THE QUESTION OF A **RENEWAL** STREET LEVY FOR 0.9 MILL, FOR EACH DOLLAR OF THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF GENEVA ON THE LAKE, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS, AND BRIDGES WITHIN SAID VILLAGE OF GENEVA ON THE LAKE, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5705.12 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO, WHEREAS SAID LEVY SHALL APPEAR UPON THE TAX DUPLICATE OF SAID VILLAGE OF GENEVA ON THE LAKE, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE TAX YEARS 2023 THROUGH 2027 INCLUSIVE AND DECLARING THIS RESOLUTION TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE. 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 2022-51. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2022-52: AN ORDINANCE ADVANCING FUNDS FROM ENTERPRISE DEBT FUND TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING 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 2022-52. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2022-53: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CLOSE THE SOUTH PARKING LANES ON LAKE ROAD ON THE STRIP FROM 5600 LAKE ROAD TO 5254 LAKE ROAD FROM 3 AM JULY 3, 2022 TO 6 AM JULY 6, 2022 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 2022-53. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2022-54: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1361.08 DEFINING MINIMUM DIMENSIONS OF A HOME 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 2022-54. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2022-55: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING CHAPTER 1121 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS. Motion by Machia, seconded by Allison to table Ordinance 2022-55. The motion passed with all in favor. Motion by Macchia, seconded by Allison to schedule public hearing for August 8, 2022 at 6:45 P.M. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2022-56: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF KALEE BARBINA AS STATE CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER/EMT TO THE VILLAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 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 2022-56. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2022-57: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CAMERON DRAGON AS STATE CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC TO THE VILLAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 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 2022-57. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2022-58: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN KEYSER AS STATE CERTIFIED EMT TO THE VILLAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 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 2022-58. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2022-59: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 901.05 AND 901.12 OF THE VILLAGE OF GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE. Motion to Woodward, seconded by Macchia to refer Ordinance 2022-59 to the next F & O. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2022-60: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE VILLAGE OF GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT ROSTER 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 2022-60. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2022-61: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE OFFICER MOTORCYCLE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE AND TIMOTHY H. SNYDER 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 2022-61. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2022-62: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Bennett announced future meeting dates.

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

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Recorded by: Kimberly A. McKinley, Fiscal Officer