

Village of Geneva on the Lake  
Regular Meeting of Council  
Minutes of Meeting 4/17/2023

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

Fiscal Office Tammy Caya performed roll call and the following council members were present: Jennifer Allison, Matt Caudill, Gary Himes, Cindee Dudeck, Donald Woodward and PJ Macchia. Also present were Village Administrator Jeremy Shaffer, Deputy Administrator Jessi Spurlock, Solicitor Cris Newcomb, Police Chief Kyle Cawley, and WWTP Supervisor John Sency. Dave Thomas, Ashtabula County Auditor and Genny Costanzo from NOPEC were in attendance. Citizens were also in attendance.

Absent:

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 10, 2023 regular council meeting. The motion passed with all in favor. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Genny Costanzo was present from NOPEC. She gave an update on where NOPEC's rates are, about 6.45 kw.hr. They also have 24 month fixed rates. The residents can move between programs anytime they want with no termination fee. She also commented that the residents should be receiving letter to opt out of NOPEC if they chose. Mr. Woodward stated he appreciates NOPEC's efforts over the years. There was discussion on the Village passing legislation to allow residents to enroll immediately into program which would help the seasonal residents. Genny also reported that NOPEC has hired an outside consultant to help watch rates to make sure they aren't fluctuating too much and they are, they can react fast.

Dave Thomas gave Village Council an update on the Auditor's office. They are working on their triennial mass evaluation update. They will be working with the State over the next few months and are hoping to be able to release the numbers early summer.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to approve the payment of bills for the month of April YTD totaling \$35,157.72. The motion passed with all in favor.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT:**

409 CALLS FOR SERVICE            94 TRAFFIC STOPS            238 BUSINESS CHECKS  
8 CITATIONS                            2 ARRESTS  
FULLY STAFFED AT 6 FULL-TIME OFFICERS  
18 PART-TIME OFFICERS  
3 AUXILIARY – HAVE RECEIVED OTHER APPLICATIONS.  
L4 IS OUT OF SERVICE.  
USDA GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR VEHICLES.  
PREPARING FIREHOUSE SUB GRANT APPLICATION FOR POLARIS POLICE UTV.  
GOTL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION HAS APPROVED BUYING RIFLES.  
POLICE BENEFIT ASS. GOLF OUTING – MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>  
PTLM. CHRISTOPHER HAS SCHEDULED MORE FREE TRAINING.

**FIRE REPORT:**

10 EMS CALLS                    5 TRANSPORTS                    1 MUTUAL AID TO SFD  
5 FIRE CALLS                    55 CALS TO DATE                    263 TRAINING HOURS  
1 BUSINESS INSPECTION                    106 RENTAL INSPECTIONS YTD  
118 PAID HOURS  
4 NEW HIRES  
STATE FIRE MARSHALL GRANT OF \$5,000  
FIRE LEVY COMING DUE – NEED TO DISCUSS WHAT TO DO

WORK SESSION REPORT: A report for meeting held on April 10, 2023 was provided.

GOLF REPORT: None

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

Jeremy Shafer provided his Administrator Report for Council's review.

- S. Geneva was graded today. T
- The bids are out for the bike path. He hopes to have the award legislation for next meeting.
- The trunk line is on Congressman Joyce's list of funding. WPCLF could be used to start design of project. Could apply for \$500,000 from OPWC for the balance – it should score well.
- Community EV Charge Station Grant - \$500,000 grant for fast charge stations. He received one quote for \$850,000. W can manage them at Village Hall. The Village's cost would be between \$70,000 - \$80,000 and the cost could come out of charging fees. The application is due in 40 days.
- Walkable Community - \$1.4 million grant – paving, sidewalks, fix storm drains. Due July 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot to pull together and would need public meetings.
- ARC is coming due on April 21<sup>st</sup> – apply for press. Will get quotes on generator as well.
- Shoreline – This area is the highest coastal vulnerability. We meet almost every criteria. They did a survey for Township park. Hope to get some traction on federal grant.

Jessi Spurlock- Submitted Resolution to join the SID. It is on Eastlake's agenda for May 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Discussion on Ohio Lake Erie Commission Grant
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Public Forum – Walkable Community
- Issues 28 zoning permits – 1 BZA
- 26 Code Enforcements cases 4 closed

John Sency gave an update on the Wastewater Plant. They are cleaning the pit, next project to match sure it is up and running. Starting manhole inspections in May. EDMR report – electronic discharge monthly report.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

ORDINANCE 2023-49: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AUTOMATIC RESPONSE AGREEMENT FOR GENEVA FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE VILLAGE OF GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE 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 2023-49. The motion passed with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-50: RESOLUTION 2023-50 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF GENEVA ON THE LAKE, OHIO BY SUPPLYING ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

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 Resolution 2023-50. The motion passed with all in favor.

New Business: Jeremy Shaffer reported that the Ashtabula County Visitors Bureau is holding an open house at the GOTL location on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. A copy of the invitation is included in the packet.

Mayor Bennett announced future events & meeting dates.

Allison made a motion, seconded by Macchia to adjourn to executive session with no further business taking place. The motion passed with all in favor. Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting into executive session at 7:46 P.M.

Recorded by:

Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer