

Village of Geneva on the Lake
Regular Meeting of Council
Minutes of Meeting 10/16/2023

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

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

MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Allison made a motion, seconded by Caudill to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 regular council meeting. Roll Call, all present votes yah. The motion passed with all in favor. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: Sarah Jammal from the Ashtabula County Planning Department came to talk about Fair Housing. She went over what the protected classes are and how Ashtabula County can help the residents if they have any questions, issues or need to file a complaint.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to approve the payment of bills from 10/07/2023 through 10/13/2023 totaling \$124,853.51. Roll call, all members present voted yah. The motion passed with all in favor.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT – September:

322 CALLS FOR SERVICE	40 TRAFFIC STOPS	94 BUSINESS CHECKS
12 CITATIONS	15 ARRESTS	

1. FULLY STAFFED AT 6 FULL-TIME OFFICERS, 18 PT OFFICERS, 3 AUXILIARY OFFICERS
2. ALL VEHICLES IN SERVICE. TWO TAHOE'S WERE ORDERED FROM TIM LALLY CHEVROLET AND WILL COME IN SPRING OF 2024.
3. TWO NEW MDT'S HAVE BEEN ORDERED USING RERP FUNDS FROM POWER PLANT.

FIRE REPORT:

Very busy month. Squad is still in Warren. They will be putting the old squad on GOV Deals.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

John Sency: smoke testing went well. They will do the strip in early May. The EDMR report went well.

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

- Lake Erie water level is up 3 inches
- He talked to the EPA about a future water plant. They have only approved two new plants in Ohio in the past 10 years.
- Talked to Ed Spoor about the water lines in Geneva on the Lake. 85% are new. South Geneva was updated. They need to set up a meeting with Doug Starkey about Palmetto.
- Eastgate is stuck on streetscape as Downtown Revitalization. They might send a letter to the people on the strip but this is due in January.
- They have applied for \$8,082,627.55 in grants in 2023.
- 2 BZA appeals this year
- 76 zoning permits in 2023 – last year 68
- 5 conditional use
- There is a Planning meeting in October 26th for the subdivision at 5533 Lake Road – tabled
- 32 Code Enforcement cases in 2023
- They are working on a new IT contract. There have been issues with NEOTHINK and they think it is

- better to get a dedicated person for the IT needs.
- Working with Brown and Vance on a project through the State Budget.
- Joyce is moving forward with the trunkline - \$3 million request
- Siphon project is out to bid

Woodward asked where the Vencill fund stands. There was a discussion about funding trails out of the budget. Jeremy stated they are talking about putting a plaque on the shelter.

There was discussion about creating R&R accounts to funds projects.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-93

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 921.01 AND 921.10 AND ALL PRIOR ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 921.01 AND 921.10 CLARIFYING AND INCREASING MONTHLY MINIMUM SEWER RATES BY 5.5% AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass Ordinance 2023-93. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-95

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE CREATING AND DEDICATING CERTAIN ROADS AND ROAD NAMES

ALONG MAPLETON BEACH AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to amend the verbage. 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 2023-95. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-97

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH IMPROVING THE STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE, OHIO FOR STREET CLEANING & SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL AND TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR SUCH CLEANING AND REMOVAL AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to waive the three reading rule. Roll Call on Motion 5 yes – 2 no, Woodward and Allison. The waiver of three reading rule is not passed.

ORDINANCE 2023-99

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS TO COMPLY WITH NEW ESTABLISHED REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTICE, POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF VILLAGE PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 731 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 3, 2023, AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY *2nd Reading*

ORDINANCE 2023-101

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND ADOPTING AN OVERPAYMENT POLICY FOR ANY AND ALL TYPES OF PAYMENT(S) RECEIVED BY THE VILLAGE OF GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAYMENTS FOR UTILITIES, BED TAX, ASSESSMENTS, MAYOR’S COURT, AND PERMITS AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *2nd Reading*

RESOLUTION 2023-102 –

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VEHICLE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF AND/OR DISPOSAL OF SAID SURPLUS VEHICLE BY THE VILLAGE OF GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE

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 2023-102. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-103

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (“OPWC”) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) FOR

THE SHADOWBROOK CULVERT PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED 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 2023-103. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-104

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (“OPWC”) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) FOR THE GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE SANITARY SEWER MAIN TRUNKLINE PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED 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 2023-104. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-105

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 133 FISCAL OFFICER AND ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE RATES BEGINNING CALENDAR YEAR 2024 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 2023-105. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-106

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 133 FISCAL OFFICER AND ESTABLISHING REFUSE COLLECTOR BUSINESS LICENSE AND FRANCHISE RATES BEGINNING CALENDAR YEAR 2024 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 2023-106. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-107

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 951 GARBAGE AND REFUSE 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 2023-107. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-108

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 713 GARBAGE COLLECTION 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 2023-108. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-109

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING MARTIN COLE AS A PERMANENT CLASS I FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER WITH SPECIAL DUTIES 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.

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 2023-109. The motion passed with all in favor.

New Business: Mayor Bennett announced future events & meeting dates. Trick or Treat will be Sunday October 29th from 4-6 pm. The Fire Department will have a Halloween party from 12-3 before trick or treat.

Allison made a motion, seconded by Macchia to adjourn. Roll call, all members present voted yah. The motion passed with all present in favor.

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting into at 7:50 P.M.

Recorded and documents by:
Fiscal Officer Tammy Caya