

Village of Geneva on the Lake  
Regular Meeting of Council  
Minutes of Meeting 12/18/2023

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Fiscal Officer Tammy Caya performed roll call and the following council members were present: Jennifer Allison, PJ Macchia, Cynthia Dudeck, Gary Himes and Matt Caudill.

Also, present were Village Administrator Jeremy Shaffer, Deputy Administrator Jessi Spurlock, Solicitor Cris Newcomb, Police Chief Kyle Cawley, John Sency, B.J. McMullan and Fire Chief Chris Craft.

Absent Donald Woodward

Motion made by Caudill to approve Woodward's absent as excused, seconded by Macchia. Roll Call on passage, Himes, Macchia, Caudill, Allison and Dudeck all voted No. Motion failed unanimously.

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 November 22, 2023 special council meeting and meeting minutes of December 11, 2023. 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: NONE

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to approve the payment of bills from 12/09/2023 through 12/15/2023 totaling \$58,012.16 covering EFT#374-2023 – 377-2023 and Warrant # 33434-33454. Roll call, all members present voted yah. The motion passed with all in favor.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:

POLICE CHIEF REPORT – November 2023

242 CALLS FOR SERVICE	63 TRAFFIC STOPS	111 BUSINESS CHECKS
3 CITATIONS	9 ARRESTS	

NOISE COMPLAINTS: 38 to date.

1. Currently down one full-time patrolman and are staffed with 5 full-time officers, 18 part-time officers and 3 auxiliary officers.
2. L-2 is back in service – new battery and several warrantied fixes. All vehicles are currently operational.
3. Emailed Tim Lally Chevrolet regarding the expected arrival date of the 2024 Tahoe's, but haven't received a reply.
4. Patrolman Keeler will be taking care of Luka and will be meeting with K-9 trainer, Mark Allen a few times over the next several weeks.

FIRE REPORT:

They are up 34 calls this year over last year. They were at the lodge for 16 hours on fire watch due to sprinkler malfunction. It is still not fixed. The new squad is going to Youngstown for warranty work.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

Golf: at \$571,000 for the year, up \$100,000 for previous year. The pass holders are just starting to pay. This month is only \$10,730 which was \$16,000 last year. A couple leagues pushed back on the increase but they are starting to pay.

John Sency: EDMR report for November was sent and went well. The sludge press is off for now. All the equipment is up and running.

Administration: Jeremy provided a written administrative report detailing updates on the following: Lake Erie Water Level, Wastewater/Sanitary Sewer, Street, Garbage Utility Report, Park Report, Capital Improvement Projects, Economic Development, Zoning, Planning and Code Enforcement.

They sent in 8 capital budget requests, 4 total shoreline area and Trunkline, Palmetto Sanitary Sewer Extension, Shadow brook Culvert Bridge. They hope to get all the Shoreline engineered and to be shovel ready. Those all total \$4,400,000. They are \$4 million dollars from Ohio EPA for Trunkline. Some of that will be a loan forgiveness after one payment. There will be only \$400,000 loan for up to 30 years.

Mr. Moss attended Council to express his concerns about the Village tearing down his property and towing the vehicles. He stated no one had been down to see what was done on the property since the letters went out. The Mayor and Solicitor Cris Newcome explained the timeline of the proceedings and that the Judge made the ruling.

OLD BUSINESS: None

**ORDINANCE 2023-116**

An Ordinance Creating Chapter 733 Regulations Governing Sexually Oriented Businesses and Employees in The Village of Geneva-On-The-Lake Under Part Seven of The Business Regulations Code -*3<sup>rd</sup> Reading*  
Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass Ordinance 2023-116. Roll Call, all present voted yes. The motion passed with all in favor.

**ORDINANCE 2023-117**

An Ordinance Creating Chapter 534 Regulations Governing Criminal Conduct in Sexually Oriented Businesses in The Village of Geneva-On-The-Lake Under Part Five of The General Offenses Code – *3<sup>rd</sup> Reading*  
Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass Ordinance 2023-117. Roll Call, all present voted yes. The motion passed with all in favor.

**ORDINANCE 2023-119**

An Ordinance Approving The 2024 Appropriations –*3<sup>rd</sup> Reading*  
Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass Ordinance 2023-119. Roll Call, all present voted yes. The motion passed with all in favor

**RESOLUTION 2023-120**

A Resolution Approving the Creation of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Village of Geneva-On-The-Lake and The Village of Grand River, Ohio For the Use of a Firetruck – *3<sup>rd</sup> Reading*  
Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass Ordinance 2023-120. Roll Call, all present voted yes. The motion passed with all in favor

**ORDINANCE 2023-121**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 121, Rule 1 And Creation of Rule 23, Concerning the Rules of Government of The Council of The Village of Geneva On the Lake, Ohio, And Declaring an Emergency. *2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 122**

A Resolution Approving the Settlement Agreement Between the Village of Geneva-On-The-Lake and Dobson Family Partnership, LLC Dba Servpro Of Ashtabula And North Trumbull County and Not Declaring an Emergency *2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*  
Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to waive the three-reading rule. Roll Call, all members present voted yes, the motion passed with all in favor. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass Resolution 2023-122. Roll Call, all members present voted yes, the motion passed with all in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2023 - 128**

A Resolution Honoring Jennifer Allison for Her Public Service and Dedication to The Village of Geneva-On-The-Lake

Macchia made a motion, seconded by Caudill to pass Resolution 2023-128. Roll Call, all members present voted yes, the motion passed with all in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2023-129**

A Resolution Declaring the Village of Geneva-On-The-Lake A Resort Area and Requesting the Ohio General Assembly to Determine and Approve a Resort Area Gross Receipts Excise Tax  
Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to waive the three reading rule. Roll Call, all members present voted yes. The motion passed with all in favor. Macchia made a motion, seconded by Allison to pass Resolution 2023-129. Roll Call, all members present voted yes, the motion passed with all in favor.

**ORDINANCE 2023-130**

An Ordinance Amending Business Regulations Code Chapter 701 And Declaring an Emergency.

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading*

**TABLED**

New Business: Cemetery board appointment

Caudill made a motion to appoint Jessi Spurlock, Deputy Village Administrator, to the Geneva Union Cemetery Board as the Village of Geneva on the Lake representative. Macchia seconded the motion. Roll Call on passage, all members present voted yes.

Mayor Bennett announced future events & meeting dates – Work Session January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and Regular Council Meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm. Regular Council Meeting January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Himes made a motion, seconded by Macchia to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call, Macchia, Allison, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes all voted yes. All members present voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:51 P.M.

Recorded and documents by:  
Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer