

Village of Geneva on the Lake
Regular Meeting of Council
Minutes of Meeting 2/12/2024

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:23 PM.

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

Also present were Village Administrator Jeremy Shaffer, Deputy Administrator Jessi Spurlock, Solicitor Cris Newcomb and Fire Chief Chris Craft as well as citizens in attendance – Dale Arkenburg, Clayton Moss, Lewis Murphy and Don Woodward Jr.
Absent Donald Woodward

Motion made by Caudill to approve Woodward's absent as excused, seconded by Macchia. Roll Call on passage, Himes, Macchia, Caudill, McMullan and Dudek 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 Caudill to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 regular council meeting. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes all voted yes. The motion passed with all in favor. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Dale Arkenburg from (C.I.S.M.A.C) Critical Incident Stress Management of Ashtabula County talked to Village Council about the outreach programs they offer. It is a peer support group for First responders and they offer a lot of classes or one on one support. Mr. Arkenburg left some literature and said he would be willing to come in and talk to the Fire Department as well.

Lewis Murphy thanked the Village for allowing him to intern at the Village of Geneva on the Lake. He has now received his Masters Degree and is teaching at lakeside.

Mr. Moss came to Village Council to talk about the process the Village went through to demo his building. He also asked if the Village is going to charge him the cost of the demo. Cris Newcomb recapped the legal process the Village went through over the past several years and that a judge signed the demolition order. Jeremy explained that the Village is required to give the property owner notice of the cost for the demolition. There was discussion about Mr. Moss no longer being the legal owner of the property. Mr. Moss also complained about the property tax bill he received and that the value should not be that high with the building being removed. Cris Newcomb explained to Mr. Moss that it was not the Villages responsibility to notify the Ashtabula County Auditors Office of the change, that Mr. Moss would need to file an application with the County to get the value adjusted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Macchia made a motion, seconded by Caudill to approve the payment of bills from 1/01/2024 through 2/08/2024 totaling \$406,517.33 covering EFT#001-2024 – 116-2024 and Warrant # 33474 through 33548. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes voted yes. The motion passed with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Ordinances and Resolutions: -

ORDINANCE 2023-130 An Ordinance Amending Business Regulations Code Chapter 701 And Declaring An Emergency

Macchia made a motion, seconded by Caudill to pass as an emergency. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes all voted yes, the motion passed with all in favor.

Macchia made a motion, seconded by Caudill to waive the three reading rule. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes voted yes. The motion passed with all in favor.

Macchia made a motion, seconded by McMullan to pass Ordinance 2023-130. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes voted yes, the motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2024-02 - An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor, Village Administrator And/Or Fire Chief To Apply For Grants For The Assistance To Firefighters Grant ("Afg") Program For A Pumper Engine In Amounts As Necessary And Declaring An Emergency.

Macchia made a motion, seconded by Caudill to pass as an emergency. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes all voted yes, the motion passed with all in favor.

Macchia made a motion, seconded by Caudill to waive the three reading rule. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes voted yes. The motion passed with all in favor.

Macchia made a motion, seconded by McMullan to pass Ordinance 2024-002. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes voted yes, the motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2024-03 - An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor, Village Administrator And/Or Fire Chief To Apply For The Ohio Emergency Medical Services ("Ems") 2024-2025 Grant For Ems Supplies And Training In The Estimated Amount Of \$5,000.00 And Declaring An Emergency

Macchia made a motion, seconded by Caudill to pass as an emergency. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes all voted yes, the motion passed with all in favor.

Macchia made a motion, seconded by Caudill to waive the three reading rule. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes voted yes. The motion passed with all in favor.

Macchia made a motion, seconded by McMullan to pass Ordinance 2024-003. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes voted yes, the motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 2024-04 - An Ordinance Retaining Christopher M. Newcomb, Esq. As The Solicitor For The Village Of Geneva-On-The-Lake And Declaring An Emergency.

Macchia made a motion, seconded by Caudill to pass as an emergency. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes all voted yes, the motion passed with all in favor.

Macchia made a motion, seconded by Caudill to waive the three reading rule. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes voted yes. The motion passed with all in favor.

Macchia made a motion, seconded by McMullan to pass Ordinance 2024-004. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes voted yes, the motion passed with all in favor.

Macchia made a motion, seconded by Caudill to change the minutes date to January 8, 2024 instead of January 8, 2023 as noted on the agenda correcting the typo. Roll Call - Macchia, McMullan, Dudeck, Caudill and Himes voted yes. The motion passed with all in favor.

New Business:

Mayor Bennett announced future events & meeting dates – Regular Council Meeting, February 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., Council Work session Meeting, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, March 11 2024 at 7:15 p.m.

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

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:14 P.M.

Recorded and documents by:
Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer