

TOWN OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

October 14, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Those present were asked to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Burry. Roll call showed Council members Andrew Briggs, Arlen Mitchel, Agnes Schoch, Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney present. Councilman Stan Ringger was absent.

This meeting was livestreamed on the Town of Geneva's YouTube channel.

**PRESENT:** General Public: Tony Lothridge, William Warren, Duane Booth, Mark Schoch, Alix Foster, Laura Schwartz

**On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved 09/09/25 & 10/11/25.

**2026 Budget – On a motion** Andrew Briggs, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously, the adoption of the Town of Geneva 2026 Budget was approved.

**Sewer Bids** – Only one bid received, by Isch Excavating. Bid is for \$105,840.00, everything is included in the bid. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council will take the bid under advisement and will add to November agenda. Clerk-Treasurer was advised to email the bid to Ryan Lefeld with Choice Engineering.

No citizen comments at this time.

**Police Report** – Cradle points need replaced, total cost through AT&T is approximately \$3380.00. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, approval was given to purchase the cradle points. Marshal Booth reported that 122 vehicles were checked by radar in the area of High Street due to complaints of speeding. Of the 122 recorded vehicles, 12 were above 30 MPH, with the highest speed at 35 MPH. GPD cannot corroborate the complaint of speeding vehicles exceeding 50 MPH. Marshal Booth, Clerk-Treasurer, and Trent Shaffer are forming a Safety Committee, which IPEP requested due to the Town's worker's compensation claims. The committee should be up and running by January 1, 2026. Marshal Booth reminded Council that the Traffic Incident Management Course will be held on the second floor of the Town Hall on Saturday, October

18, 2025, from 8 AM to noon. Lynn Burry states that Stan Ringger, who is not present, asked him to pass on that town employees are strongly encouraged to attend this training. Town Attorney stated employees cannot be mandated. Council agreed to pay overtime to the town employees if they choose to attend. Marshal Booth also provided alternate dates that town employees could attend the training, as well as completing the course online.

**Fire Report** – Chief Schoch reported that all fire hydrant reflective collars have been installed. These were funded through a grant through the ACCF. Annual Chili Supper will be on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 4-7PM. Costume parade begins at 7PM, costume judging will be after the parade. Trick-or-treating on Line Street will be from 5-6:30PM. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Line Street, between Railroad and Washington Streets, will be closed to vehicle traffic on 10/25/25 from 4-8PM.

**Work Force Report** – No updates on fire hydrants. Trent Shaffer advised Council that the manufacturer is behind on orders. Cody Conner's truck is having mechanical issues and can cost up to \$10,000.00 to repair. Trent Shaffer is currently looking for a chassis to replace on Cody's truck. Trent Shaffer advised Council the water line at Red Gold is scheduled to be replaced/installed at the end of October 2025. Leaf pick-up is currently on hold due to issues with the leaf vac, which is scheduled for repair on 10/16/25.

**New Business** – Bill Warren, Geneva Redevelopment Commission, is requesting a variance for approval to build at the platted street. Walkways have been installed. Bill Warren also listed two requests for projects at Cardinal Park that requires Council input due to maintenance and liability insurance: splash pad and dog park. Liability, maintenance, and costs were discussed. Berne spends approximately \$2000/month on the splash pad. Insurance would be needed for both of these items. The Geneva Redevelopment Commission can cover the costs for 15 years, after that, costs will be the Town of Geneva's responsibility. Council will research and investigate and discuss at November meeting. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously, Resolution 2025-1 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Geneva, Indiana Granting Consent for the Construction of an Entranceway Sign, Pavilion, and Walkways at Cardinal Park and Within the Adjacent Platted Sixth Street Right-of-Way was approved.

Updating the elevator phone was discussed. Phone needs to be upgraded in order to certify the elevator. Clerk-Treasurer and Lynn Burry had a conference call with Kings III, who was recommended by Oracle Elevated, for phone service. Costs will be \$49.91 per month (\$598.92/year) that will be billed after installation. Lynn Burry asked Trent Shaffer to contact Hoosier Elevator regarding the phone and decision will be made at November meeting.

**Old Business** – Fire Committee updated Council regarding replacing Engine 511. Committee is recommending purchasing a new truck due to having a warranty and the costs are not that different between a new or refurbished truck. With the numbers in the Cumulative Fire Fund and Safety LIT now, which can only be used for Police and Fire large purchases, and what will come into those funds within the next two years, the Town of Geneva will have the money to pay for almost all of a new truck. There is a possibility of a very small loan, but the majority of the truck can be paid for in 2027. Chief Schoch indicated he is pursuing grants for equipment. GVFD pays \$2000 annually out of their fundraising money to Lexipol to help with grant writing. Fundraising money would also be utilized to help fund the costs of the equipment on the new truck. The Town and Fire Department can also utilize the HGAC program, which would negate the need to use a sealed bid process. Chief Schoch would be sure any contract the Town would need to sign regarding the fire truck would have a locked in rate. Trucks are taking about two years to be delivered once they are ordered. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved Fire Chief Mark Schoch to spec out a new fire truck and get hard numbers to present to Clerk-Treasurer for funding. Council is not approving the actual purchase today. Chief Schoch indicated this is a lengthy process, and he may not have numbers until December, but possibly not until the beginning of 2026.

Arlen Mitchel updated Council regarding the Town Hall Mold Remediation Project. Two contractors have looked at the building, and two more will be in this week. No quotes as of yet, but we have two quotes from mold companies. Arlen wants to be sure the companies are bidding on the same thing. Both mold companies recommended that the building be vacated during mold remediation. Replacing the windows may resolve the water issue, then mold could be remediated. Lynn Burry stated for the committee to keep gathering information. No follow-up date was given.

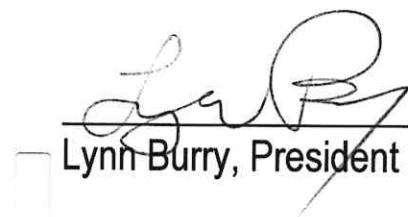
**Clerk Treasurer** – Elevated itemized bill was discussed. Council is requesting additional information regarding the itemization of the labor before the bill will be paid. The town filed utility liens against several citizens for outstanding bills. Total dollar amount of liens is \$8372.76. One citizen has paid since the lien was filed. Sewage Depreciation and Cash balance percentages discussed. Clerk-Treasurer reported a change from what was discussed last month. Going forward the percentages will be 50/50 between Sewage Depreciation and Cash Balance. Clerk-Treasurer has asked that the fire department utilize the gas tank at the Town Barn due to issues with Geneva Food Mart providing their W9 to the town after multiple requests. The fire department can contact the on-duty police officer to let them in the gate, unless they can just be given a key. Gas will also cost significantly less by using the tank at the Town Barn. Veterans Banner applications opened 10/1/2025 and 19 spots are filled. Currently 88% to goal in donations and grants. Veteran's Day Breakfast will be Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7AM – 10AM at the Geneva Volunteer Fire Department. The co-op where the fire department gets the diesel fuel was recently sold. Arlen Mitchel will contact the new owners regarding the fire department using the diesel there. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, the September 2025 Bank Reconciliation was approved. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, the September 2025 Accounts Payable Vouchers were approved.

**Town Attorney** – no additional updates at this time.

**Council Members** – Lynn Burry updated Council regarding the Nuisance Committee. Lynn stated he would need to speak to the Town Attorney regarding questions with a couple of citizens that may require legal action.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2025 06:30PM



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Lynn Burry, President



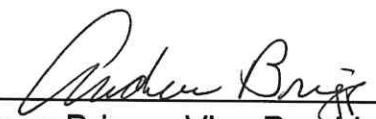
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Arlen Mitchel, Council Member



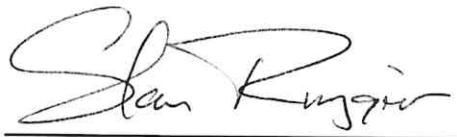
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Agnes Schoch, Council Member



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Andrew Briggs, Vice President



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Stan Ringger, Council Member



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Christina Booth, Clerk Treasurer

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