

TOWN OF GENEVA COUNCIL
August 9, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

The Council President asked those present to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President, Agnes Schoch, called the meeting to order. Roll call showed Council members Marvin Schwartz, Gary Hendershot, Arlen Mitchel, Agnes Schoch, Jim Timmons, Clerk-Treasurer Tony Davidson, and Town Attorney Dave Baumgartner present.

PRESENT: General Public: Mark Schoch, Tony Lothridge, Gabe Schwartz, Zach Hess, Tyler Ritter -Butz, Trent Shaffer, Jason Banter, Lynn Burry, Mary Fields, Rhonda Briggs, Esther Kile, Fred Gilbert, Jessica Miller Represented the Berne Witness and Justin Ayers Represented Decatur Daily Democrat.

On a motion by Marvin Schwartz, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously with street closure corrections Line Street from Railroad to High street, the Council approved the minutes from the July 12th meeting with corrections.

Citizen: Jason Banter: Jason thanked the council and town employees for the approval and helping set up of the snow fencing. Jason awarded the town of Geneva a \$500 check to show his appreciation for the support given for the Bike and Burlesque show.

Marshal Zach Hess: Marshal Zach gave his recommendation for the new hire for the police opening and it was Clayton Henkle

On a motion by Marvin Schwartz, seconded by Gary Hendershot and passed unanimously the hiring of Clayton Henkle as the new police hire.

Geneva Chamber: Mary Fields gave praise for the community for stepping up and doing their part and cleaning up the town. Mary praised the Town employees for painting, mowing pulling weeds and doing whatever has been asked of them. Mary also mentioned the fire department has agreed to hose down Decatur street and the parking lots where the kids rides will be.

Lynn Burry: Lynn was given Decatur's Nuisance Ordinance by Agnes Schoch and was asked to review it and see if we could improve our current ordinance. Discussion was held, Town Attorney Dave Baumgartner communicated that we have many differences from the City of Decatur. Dave said that we need to see what would need to happen to get the clerk treasurer and town attorney involved. Dave said that we can always improve on our ordinances and suggested putting together a committee. Marvin Schwartz, Lynn Burry said they would be on the committee, suggestion was a police officer and a town employee.

On a motion by Marvin Schwartz 2nd by Gary Hendershot to approve of Geneva Town Council 2023 Meeting Calendar and passed unanimously.

On a Motion: by Marvin Schwartz 2nd by Jim Timmons to Introduce Ordinance No 2022-5 Re-Establishing the Geneva Park Board and passed unanimously.

On a Motion: by Jim Timmons 2nd by Marvin Schwartz to Waive and Suspend the Rules and Procedures in order to Adopt Ordinance No 2022-5 Re-Establishing the Geneva Park Board and passed unanimously.

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Agnes Schoch asked what members will stagger so our terms will overlap. Gary Hendershot suggested that the 2 council members that will be on 2-year terms. Dave Baumgartner suggested we do three 5-year terms along with the two 2-year terms.

On a Motion by Marvin Schwartz 2nd by Arlen Mitchel to have Arlen Mitchel and Marvin Schwartz serve 2-year terms on the Park Board and Trent Shaffer, Jim Buckingham and Don Walters serve 5-year terms and passed unanimously.

Clerk Treasurer on EFT's, ACH banking-Tony Davidson spoke about the troubles he is having mailing checks and having invoices mailed to him, resulting in termination notices and attempted late fees. Tony mentioned that we have done this for years with utilities and taxes. Tony asked town attorney Dave Baumgartner to write an ordinance to cover current, future EFT, ACH and payroll included in the ordinance.

On a motion by Arlen Mitchel, 2nd by Marvin Schwartz to Introduce Ordinance No 2022-6 Policy for EFT's, ACH and online banking and passed unanimously.

On a motion by Marvin Schwartz, 2nd by Gary Hendershot to Waive and Suspend the Rules and Procedures in order to Adopt Ordinance No 2022--6 Policy for EFT's, ACH and online banking and passed unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Hendershot, 2nd by Marvin Schwartz to Adopt Ordinance No 2022--6 Policy for EFT's, ACH and online banking and passed unanimously.

On a motion by Marvin Schwartz, 2nd by Jim Timmons to approve Bank Reconciliation and passed unanimously.

On a motion by Jim Timmons, 2nd by Arlen Mitchel to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers to pay the claims against the Town and passed unanimously.

Clerk Treasurer presented the town council to replace rusted out rear rocker panels and cab corners, we received 2 quotes for Lehman's Auto sales \$3,147.89 and Schwartz Precision Collision \$4,716.56. for the Town dump truck.

On a motion by Marvin Schwartz, 2nd by Gary Hendershot to have Lehman's Auto repair the dump truck and passed unanimously.

Additional Appropriation for the Fire tanker discussion was held.

- o Cumulative Capital Improvements-Special Fire 118,295.86
- o ARPA \$50,000
- o Cum Fire \$67,034.10
- o Safety Loit \$138,077.14

On a motion by Marvin Schwartz, seconded by Jim Timmons to approve the additional appropriations as requested by Clerk Treasurer Tony Davidson, and passed unanimously.

Choice one street application: Agnes Schoch presented the preliminary construction estimate, and which streets would we use the \$229,000. Trent Shaffer mentioned that we can do 5 streets or we can do Williams street.

On a motion by Marvin Schwartz, 2nd by Gary Hendershot to use the community crossing grant to replace High Street (line to Main) totaling \$85470.00, West Shackley Street (Main St to Diamond just Palmer St) totaling \$41900, Holy Lane (line to dead end) for 31,000. Bittersweet Lane (line Street to Dead End) for 31,000. Cherry Lane (Bittersweet Lane to Holy Lane) for a cost of \$15,700 and passed unanimously.

Salary Ordinance for 2023: Brief discussion was held about the proposed 3% increase, the ladder system the town uses for raises and if that stays consistent with inflation. The council agreed that we will continue this conversation at the budget workshop on August 11, 2022.

Unfinished Business: tabled Items discussion: The Fire Department additional compensation, Tony Davidson said speaking with Chief Schwartz he felt \$35 dollars for each of the 24 firemen totaling \$840.00 was fair. Discussion held by council for additional compensation for the year 2022 to help offset personal cost to be a member of the fire department.

On a motion by Marvin Schwartz, seconded by Jim Timmons to have Town Attorney redo the fire department salary ordinance to include the additional \$840 increase and passed unanimously.

Arlen Mitchel spoke about the brush and leave site hours and how to increase the hours to better serve our citizens. Discussion was held and with the new cameras installed at the brush and leaf site we can use the ordinance and fine the minimum \$500 fine for violations.

On a motion by Arlen Mitchel, 2nd by Jim Timmons to increase the hours of the brush and leaf site on Saturday until 6 pm and passed unanimously.

Water Station for Fire department at the water tower discussion was held, the purpose of the water station and how it can help reduce the rusty water in the lines. Trent Shaffer mentioned a company that is making one and is going to share specs of it when done and completed. The Council decided to let this on the table.

Citizen: Bob Elzey asked if we could ask Red Gold to mow the grass around the retention pond as it is a mosquito breeding ground. Agnes Schoch asked Marshal Hess if he would be willing to speak to Red Gold about the problem.

On a motion by Marvin Schwartz, seconded by Gary Hendershot and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.



Agnes Schoch, President

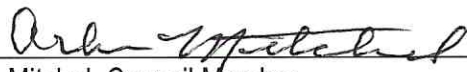


Marvin Schwartz, Council Member



Gary Hendershot, Council Member

James Timmons, Vice President



Arlen Mitchel, Council Member

Attest: 

Anthony Davidson, Clerk-Treasurer

Geneva Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Printed Name

Signature

1 FRED GILBERT

Fred Gilbert

2 Esther Kile

Esther Kile

3 RICHARD BELLIS

Richard Bellis

4 Mary E. Fields

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5 Lynn Barry

Lynn Barry

6 JASON BANTER

Jason Bantar

7 Zachary Hess

Zachary Hess

8 Tyler Ritter-Bute

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9 Mark Schoel

Mark Schoel

10 Tony Lothridge

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11 Gabe Schwartz

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