

## TOWN OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2026 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, Stan Ringger, Agnes Schoch, and Clerk-Treasurer. Town Attorney is absent due to illness.

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

**PRESENT:** General Public: John Patch, Tony Lothridge, Mark Schoch, Alix Foster, Dennis Friday, Art Booth, Loren Swanson, Brad Shuler, Matt Tebbe, Alex Miller, Duane Booth, Matt Bullock

**On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, meeting minutes for 3/10/26 and 4/6/26 were approved.

No citizen comments at this time.

**Police Report** – Marshal Booth discussed the new police truck purchase/quotes he has received. Quotes are running in the mid \$60,000 for a turnkey product. Moser Motors currently has a Ford truck with the police package that is running between \$58,000-59,000. Marshal Booth will have quotes for a decision at the May Council Meeting.

**Fire Report** – The fire department had 8 First Responder runs and 10 fire runs in March 2026. The Bathroom remodel at the fire station has been completed and is ADA compliant. The office at the fire department has also been remodeled with new carpet, paneling, and updates. The fire department paid \$2000 out of their fundraising money to pay for the office remodel. Great turn out for the breakfast that was held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The department currently has one member, Duane Booth, attending an Arson Investigation Course. This will allow the GVFD to investigate fires without needing to wait hours for the State Fire Marshal to come to the scene. All fires are required to be investigated.

**Work Force Report** – Workforce Manager, Matt Bullock updated Council. Effective Accident Investigation safety training was completed in March. Inexpensive airlift was purchased that works with the skid loader. It has a capacity of 1400 pounds and two employees can be inside

of it. The lift has two safety harnesses and Matt brought in one for the Council to see. The Bids for the Community Crossings Grant (CCG) expired today. No bids were received. Matt will reach out to the companies that bid in the past to see if they are interested in providing a bid. If those companies are not interested, we will re-advertise. Storms drains have been cleaned out again. The drain at Railroad and Butcher street was jetted out due to being completely clogged. Reference I.T., Matt met with Mike Brown who recommends we stay with what we currently have. Matt also met with a representative from LEAP, who agrees that what we have now is overkill. LEAP will put together a plan, now that we have confirmation that the Police Department will stay with the County. Matt wants to update the camera system. At this time all the cameras are on different systems. Matt wants to streamline the cameras and have them all on one system.

**New Business** – Seffernick property donation discussed. The Seffernick family would like to donate a part of their property on Shackley Street to the Town. Mr. Seffernick would like to have permission to keep a portion of the land to maintain a small garden for himself. Councilwoman Schoch contacted Mr. Seffernick's son who said that the Town can use the property for whatever they like, they just want to give back to the community. Mr. Seffernick is asking for 20 feet for a personal garden. Agnes will work with the family and TIF to come up with a good plan and gather more info, as well as determining the water source if the ground was used for a community garden.

Matthew Tebbe with Red Gold reviewed the CF-1 forms with Council. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously, Council approved, pending legal review, signing the CF-1 forms. Alex Miller with Red Gold discussed the Williams Street reconstruction with Council. Red Gold will take on the cost and manage the construction of the repaving and sub-base work of Williams Street. Residents will not be disrupted and a fulltime construction manager will be onsite to manage the project. Project would start mid-June and will take approximately 10 days to complete. Williams Street is one of the streets in our CCG project and we cannot change the grant. Council suggested Red Gold do everything up to the topcoat, then the Town will take care of the topcoat through the CCG project. This would reduce the cost for Red Gold. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved Red Gold's proposal and work out details as discussed.

Ordinance 2026-4, Amendment Requiring Prepayment of Water Connection fees was discussed. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved the motion to introduce 2026-4. Ordinance 2026-5 Amendment for Use of Golf Cart and Off-Road Vehicles in Town. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously, Council approved the motion to introduce 2026-5.

Purchasing a truck for the Workforce Manager was discussed. Matt Bullock located a Ford F250 truck at CMA Truck and Auto for \$33,125.00. The price is good until the truck is gone. Clerk-Treasurer found the funds to cover the cost in general and CEDIT, there is money available in Storm Water depreciation, but cautioned Council about the number of unbudgeted purchases that have been approved by Council for 2026. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously, Council approved the motion to purchase this vehicle.

PASER Certification for possible pay or stipend discussed by Council. Agnes has done some research, and there are other towns that do not pay anything extra for certifications. Andrew suggested this be added to the Street Department job description. Council is tabling this item for further investigation and information. No formal motion to table was made.

Changes to the ordinance for Traffic/Stop signs discussed. Lynn Burry requested a committee be formed to investigate this issue. Lynn Burry, Andrew Briggs, Marshal Booth, and Matt Bullock will be on the committee.

The Town Hall elevator pit is currently seeping water. Lynn Burry suggested quotes be obtained for sealing the inside of the pit to stop the seeping water. Unsure if it is groundwater that has leached through over time. The pump is working. Agnes asked if finding the source first would be better. Lynn is willing to obtain the quotes for this. Groundworks is a company that would provide a free quote. Stan Ringger made a motion to allow Lynn to obtain quotes. There was no second and no passing of the motion.

**Old Business** – Ordinance 2026-3 Amendment to Holiday Pay up for adoption. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved the adoption of Ordinance 2026-3.

New fire truck updates. Chief Schoch is requesting this be tabled until May to allow time to review all the quotes and funding. The specs were sent out to 3 businesses to quote. Fire Service Inc, E1 is the main manufacturer who builds the truck, has given a verbal quote of \$750,000.00 approximately and will have physical quote to Chief Schoch next week. The second quote is from Donnelly Safety, Toyne is the manufacturer who will build the truck, and they have provided two different pricings based off of payment. If the town pays the cost of as the truck is being built, the cost is \$591,964.49. If we choose to wait to pay at delivery, the cost is \$624,048.88. The difference is \$32,084.39. Chief Schoch needs to check to see if all the specs were met. The third quote is from MacQueen Emergency Services, Pierce is the manufacturer. Their quote is \$762,000.00. If the contract with MacQueen is signed by the end of the month, we would get a \$5000.00 discount. The prices are valid for 60 days. Councilman Ringger asked if the spec used was put together by the fire department or one of the manufacturers. Chief Schoch stated it was a combination, and he has been communicating with all three companies. Chief Schoch asked to table this item until May to allow time to review the quotes and all three companies met the specs. One of the companies already stated they cannot accommodate the height requirement for the specs. Lynn Burry said we will table this item. No formal motion to table this item was made.

Basketball Court acceptance was made in March. The Town has the deed to this property. Motion needs to be made to approve the improvements for TIF. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved the motion for improvements for TIF. Agnes Schoch, on behalf of TIF, is asking for permission from the Council to put up a fence around the pickle ball after it is resurfaced. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved TIF erecting a fence around the pickle ball court.

Nuisance updates from Lynn Burry. Meeting was held this morning and two properties will have liens filed against them. Invoices have not been paid, certified letters have been returned unsigned, and no effort to comply or communicate with the Committee. Several other citizens have made progress and communicated with the Committee. Lynn Burry reminded citizens that grass clippings need to be removed from the streets after mowing.

Schwartz Housing Addition updates to replace wastewater lines will start May 1<sup>st</sup>. Heavy Trash Day is Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, from 8AM to noon. Volunteers are needed at the site. Citizens that do not have the ability to take their items to the site can contact the Town Hall for items to be picked up. Citizens interested in volunteering can contact the Town Hall. Agnes Schoch and Andrew Briggs are on this committee and Mr. Hirschy will need contacted.

**Clerk Treasurer** – Door replacement at the new police department will be on hold until more quotes are obtained. We have a stale check that needs removed from the books. The check has not been cashed or returned. This check was a water deposit and the funds will be returned to that account. Sewage cash operating is low due to the yearly insurance being paid out. Baker Tilly has contacted the Town that money needs moved into the account regarding the bond issue. Clerk-Treasurer is requesting to move \$50,000 from Sewage Depreciation to Sewage cash operating to comply with Baker Tilly. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved funds being moved. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the March 2026 Bank Reconciliation and March 2026 Accounts Payable Vouchers.


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

**Council Members** – Lynn Burry reminded citizens that the Town of Geneva does not pick up sticks and twigs along the curb, it is the citizen's responsibility to take those items to the Leaf and Brush site. Agnes Schoch asked if the two companies who quoted the mold repair will quote the second floor. Clerk Treasurer advised they will just amend the quote if repairs/remediation is needed on the second floor. Clerk Treasurer also advised Council that a claim has been opened up with the insurance company to see if the mold issue would be covered. Currently waiting to hear back from insurance. Per Lynn Burry, Limberlost Construction is getting ready to order the windows. Run for the Fallen will be May 8, 2026 and will be coming through Geneva around 3:00PM that day.

**On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, motion to adjourn was approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2026 at 06:30PM



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Lynn Burry, President



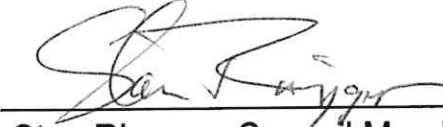
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Andrew Briggs, Vice President



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Arlen Mitchel, Council Member



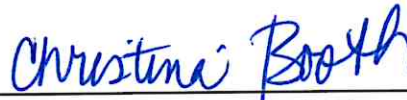
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Stan Ringger, Council Member



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Agnes Schoch, Council Member



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Christina Booth, Clerk Treasurer

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