

TOWN OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 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, Town Attorney, and Clerk-Treasurer present.

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

PRESENT: General Public: Gary Hendershot, Cathy Mitchel, Sally Burry, Tony Lothridge, Mark Schoch, John Patch, Duane Booth

On a motion by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, meeting minutes for 04/14/26 and 4/29/26 were approved.

Public Hearing – Public Hearing reference Ordinance 2026-4 Amending Title V Water Charge Prepayment and After Hours Call Outs, which was introduced 4-14-26, opened by Lynn Burry. No discussion or concerns from the Town Council members. Floor opened to the public. No comments from the public. Public Hearing closed. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved motion to adopt ordinance 2026-4.

No citizen comments at this time.

Police Report – Marshal Booth discussed Lock Down Drill training at South Adams Schools. Quotes for a new police truck were discussed with Council. Quotes with final costs are as follows:

- Moser Motors/Safety Systems \$57,690.50
- Statewide Ford \$65,747.00
- Donley Safety \$67,537.25

On a motion by Stan Ringger, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council accepted the Moser Motors quote for \$57,690.50. Truck will be delivered in the next 3-4 months. The truck is a Ford F150 Responder truck which is rated for police work. The current police truck will be repurposed to the Town's inventory and replace the oldest utility vehicle. Marshal Booth and Matt Bullock are working together to research the costs of re-keying the

medical building and the Town Hall due to not knowing who all has keys to both buildings. Updates at the June meeting for this item. Stan Ringger suggested State Line Lock and Key and Agnes Schoch suggested Neal Potter. Stan Ringger discussed citizen complaint regarding excessive speeding on West Line Street with Marshal Booth.

Fire Report – Bathroom remodel has been completed. Issues with pipe during the Veterans Banner Reception. Chief Schoch will be calling in Bluhm and Reeber due to the slag on the iron pipe. Possible expense of lining the pipe.

Work Force Report – Workforce Manager Matt Bullock reported Outdoor Safety training was held in April. The utility workers cleaned up quite a bit around town, completed cold patching, and cleaned up around hydrants that have been replaced. Ironworks will be coming to the wastewater building to look at the metal rails and stairs. Received letter approving the Community Crossings Grant and the bid from Brooks will need to be signed by Council. The bid for Brooks is \$373,977.00. INDOT awarded the Town of Geneva \$292,000.00. The Town will be responsible to pay \$81,921.00. All streets were approved. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the formal adoption of the Community Crossings Grant. Matt is working with Tyler at Red Gold regarding the road repair. Red Gold will handle repairing/replacing the base, and the Town of Geneva will complete the surface work of Williams Street. Matt discussed options for a new truck for him. The last truck Council approved sold before Council could approve it. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a truck for the Workforce Manager *not to exceed \$33,000.00*. Cardinal Park lights have been completed. The incorrect netting was ordered, which is the company's issue. They are purchasing the correct netting due to their error. The sewer project for the Schwartz Addition started on 5/11/26. Hydrant flushing started 5/12/26 and will take 4-4 ½ days to complete. Arlen Mitchell is requesting a total evaluation of sewer plant. Four towns around Geneva are replacing their sewer plants. Lynn Burry stated we can get that planning process started. Stan Ringger asked what the issue is with the 18 meters that did not read. Matt reported that 8 are inactive. Out of the 10 that are left – 7 need a longer-range antenna.

New Business – Gary Hendershot, representing the Flat 50 Bike Tour, spoke to Council. Date of event is 6/27/26. Changes this year: ride is centered in Berne with 25-mile clover leaves that go out all 4 directions. Geneva will see traffic anywhere from 7 AM and 3 PM. Family ride

will be 8 AM – 1PM on the South Adams Trails from the trailhead in Geneva. Approximately 200 riders between the ages of 5 and 92 years old. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved supporting the Flat 50 Bike Tour.

Old Business – Purchasing a new fire truck was discussed. Chief Schoch went back to the 3 companies that have provided quotes to resubmit new quotes with specifications being met. Quotes are as follows:

- MacQueen/Pierce - \$744,900.00
- Donnely/Toyne - \$635,617.42

The third company has not formally submitted a quote in writing. Chief Schoch contacted a fourth company, Deep South out of Mississippi. This company is a smaller organization and currently has a stock/demo truck that will meet the fire department's needs. Nick Baumgartner confirmed that we do not have to re-open the quote process since a fourth company was found. The cost is \$448,050.00 plus travel costs to inspect the truck. This cost is a significant savings over the other quotes that have been received. Truck can be delivered in 60-90 days. Chief Schoch worked with Clerk Treasurer to find the money to purchase this truck. The Town can currently come up with \$411,780.40, which is \$36,269.60 short. Clerk-Treasurer suggested Council ask the TIF board for \$50,000.00 to cover the shortfall and travel costs. The Town could also finance the shortfall and have it paid off by the end of the year with the remaining Safety LIT payments. Chief Schoch stated the fire department would pay the interest of a loan if financing is the chosen option. Lynn Burry asked what would happen if we waited until 2028 to purchase a new fire truck. Chief Schoch discussed the ramifications of not replacing Truck 511, how the ISO ratings will be affected which affects insurance rates, that the NFPA standards need to be followed, the Town will assume liability for not following those standards, and that the prices for the fire truck will just continue to increase each year. Chief Schoch states this vehicle meets the spec and the cost is significantly less. Lynn Burry asked for the maintenance records for the last five years for truck 511. Council asked Chief Schoch to see if the truck with Deep South can be held for 30 days to allow Council more time to research. Nick Baumgartner stated TIF will need to set up a meeting as soon as possible. Council will hold a special meeting to discuss purchasing a new fire truck on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM. Lynn Burry wants to hold off at this time on paying off the current fire truck loan.

Ordinance 2026-5 Amending Title VII Golf Carts and Off-Road Vehicles was introduced at the April meeting and is ready for adoption. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously, Council adopted Ordinance 2026-5.

Seffernick Property Donation discussed. Details need to be finalized. There is no water source at this location. Nick Baumgartner asked Agnes Schoch to contact the Seffernick family and ask that they contact his office to arrange a time to meet him to finalize the details of the property donation.

Elevator updates discussed. Lynn Burry stated Groundworks will be onsite on 5/19/26 AT 1:00 PM to look at the elevator pit and offer a solution to the leakage problem. The inspection is free of charge.

I.T. Updates discussed. Matt Bullock will be meeting with the incumbent supplier on 5/13/2026 at noon. County I.T. continues to change the scope and the guidelines as far as when the phones and I.T. need to be stopped with the county.

Nuisance Committee Updates discussed. Lynn Burry reported that several properties are in compliance. Heavy Trash Day is Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 8 AM to noon. Volunteers are needed at the Leaf & Brush Site.

Clerk Treasurer – On a motion by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved April 2026 Bank Reconciliation. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the April 2026 Accounts Payable Vouchers. Fire contracts for 2027 will be on the June agenda. Clerk-Treasurer has sent out drafts to all Council members in an email for review. No other reports from the Clerk-Treasurer.

Town Attorney – no updates at this time.

Council Members – Agnes Schoch questioned if a decision is going to be made on the PASER certification. Lynn Burry stated to place this item on the June decision for the agenda.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: June 9, 2026 at 06:30PM



Lynn Burry, President



Andrew Briggs, Vice President



Arlen Mitchel, Council Member



Stan Ringger, Council Member



Agnes Schoch, Council Member



Christina Booth, Clerk Treasurer

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