

TOWN OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

June 9, 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: Tony Lothridge, Mark Schoch, Duane Booth, Jessica Miller, Patrick Richardville, Sally Burry, Matt Bullock, Dennis Friday, Brad Shuler, Michelle Lengerich,

On a motion by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, meeting minutes 5/12/26, 5/20/26, and 5/27/26 were approved.

No citizen comments at this time.

Police Report – Marshal Booth provided documentation of speed patrols on West Line Street. National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 6-8 PM. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Decatur Street, between Line and Shackley Streets will be closed 5-9 PM to accommodate the National Night Out event. Annual golf cart checks at Amishville was completed in May. Marshal Booth discussed concerns regarding safety on the South Adams Trails and requested permission to apply for a grant through the Adams County Community Foundation for an E-Bike. No motion was made, but Lynn advised to apply for the grant and talk to the Berne Police Department regarding how they are handling the trail. Lynn Burry questioned the cost of the water utility bill at the medical building. Marshal Booth advised he does not see those bills and it will need to be addressed with the front office. Tina Booth advised there was a coding issue and it has been resolved. Agnes Schoch asked for an update on moving the Police Apartment to the new building. Marshal Booth updated Council that painting has been completed and furniture moved in. At this time, the delay is with County I.T. Several attempts have been made to get the quotes. Lynn Burry asked if he should talk to the County Commissioners. Lynn stated to contact Doug Bauman regarding this issue.

Fire Report – Chief Schoch reported higher call volume in May. The cast iron sewer line that is flaking at the fire department is still an issue. Bluhm and Reber was contacted to jet the

line, but there is no clean out on the outside of the building to pull the debris out. Quote from Liechty Brothers for \$1788.00 was provided to Council for review and approval. Lynn Burry requested a second quote and to find out if the pipe can be lined. Chief Schoch asked for permission to flow water twice a year for training purposes, not to exceed 30,000 gallons of water for the year. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously, Council approved the fire department's request to flow water for training. Chief Schoch will notify Matt and Sally know when the department has flowed water for training. The grant should be submitted by the end of the week for the fire truck grant. The deadline is June 22, 2026.

Work Force Report – Matt Bullock reported that hydrant flushing was completed in May. Lift station 6, located on North Drive, had new rails and a pump installed. The other set of rails should be replaced in the next couple of weeks. The ADA ramps have been completed for the Community Crossing Grant. The grinding of the approved roads should start the week of June 22nd. Matt Bullock is requesting assistance on grass being blown into the streets, specifically on High Street. The grass clippings are clogging up the storm drains. Lynn Burry stated there is an issue at Railroad and Pyle Streets as well and asked if the Berne Witness could put something in the paper. The doors are in for the wellhouse and the medical building. Just waiting on the contractor to schedule a time. Heavy Trash Day was successful, five dumpsters were filled. Updates on I.T. Matt received information on the current service provider. If the Town chooses to go elsewhere, we would lose equipment and firewalls and could cost in excess of \$100,000 to replace the equipment and firewalls, which is cost prohibitive. Matt's recommendation is to remain with the current service provider and he will provide information to Council on costs. Bob Hakes with County I.T. provided a quote for phone replacement. It could be a one-time cost of \$3800 and a monthly cost of \$266 for service fee. Matt will put everything together and send to Council.

New Business – Resolution 2026-1 Accepting Joseph D. Seffernick Real Estate Donation and Establishing Conditions/Restrictions reviewed. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved Resolution 2026-1. Michelle Lengerich with the Adams County Community on Aging spoke to Council regarding the services they provide to the citizens of Adams County and requested a pledge from the Town of Geneva for 2027 in the amount of \$2500.00. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved the 2027 pledge of \$2500.00. The

2027 Township Fire Contracts were presented to Council. Contracts increase by 5% for 2027. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved the 2027 Township Fire Contracts. The Isch Excavating pay application #1 for the Schwartz Addition was presented to Council for approval. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved the Isch Excavating pay application #1 for \$86,621.89. Pulling the maintenance bond with Bunn on previous sewer construction work was discussed. This would require submitting a claim to the surety company against Bunn. Bunn is reluctant to resolve and there has been correspondence between Choice One and Bunn. There are currently 3 sink holes in town: Booth property on Winchester Road, Kaverman property at Lake of the Woods, and the Fields property that Bunn used as a staging area. Nick was just made aware of the potential of pulling the bond this afternoon and will need to research the contractual and statutory requirements, etc. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved Nick Baumgartner to pursue legal proceedings regarding pulling the surety bond against Bunn. Ryan Lefeld with Choice sent over paperwork requesting an additional \$5000 for the SRF to cover their costs, it will be an amendment to the existing agreement. Mr. Lefeld doesn't believe it will be more than \$5000. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved the additional \$5000 for Choice One through the SFR. Patrick Richardville with Groundworks presented options to Council concerning the seepage in the elevator shaft at the Town Hall. Water is seeping into the walls where the walls and floor meet. Their solution is creating an exterior waterproofing membrane from the inside, which will block water coming in from the pit. The approximate costs will be between \$17,000 and \$18,000. This includes a one-year warranty for seepage with leak testing. Lynn Burry stated Council will take this under advisement and this item will be on the July Town Council Meeting agenda.

Old Business – PASER certification was opened for discussion by Lynn Burry. Lynn Burry states Berne doesn't pay for this certification, this is completed during normal work hours and the class to become certified is free and can be done online during normal working hours. Matt Bullock stated this certification is required for the Community Crossing Grant. This item was tabled by Lynn Burry, no vote taken to table, for additional research. This item will be on the July agenda for a decision.

Duane Booth spoke with Neal Potter regarding re-keying the locks at the Town Hall and the medical building. Duane will have numbers at the July meeting.

Clerk Treasurer – Tina Booth reported that sewage cash operating needs to go back to 100%, leaving sewage depreciation at zero. The Town approved changing this to 50/50 summer of 2025. The Town can approve periodically for funds to be transferred from cash operating to depreciation. Baker Tilly advised that the Town has to have at least 2 months operating costs in sewage cash operating. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved changing sewage cash operating to 100%. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously, Council approved May2026 Bank Reconciliation. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the May 2026 Accounts Payable Vouchers.

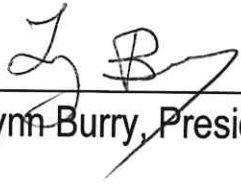
Town Attorney – Town Attorney, Nick Baumgartner, requested that he be kept in the loop regarding the Bunn bond.

Council Members – Lynn Burry reported the windows for the Town Hall were ordered approximately 2 weeks ago and they will take 4-6 weeks to come in. Lynn Burry will also take care of getting the plaque for the time capsule placed in the appropriate spot. Lynn Burry reported on behalf of the Nuisance Committee that several properties are compliant or are improving and the Town looks much better.

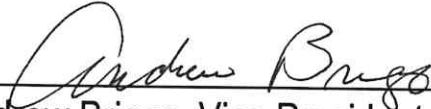
On a motion by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, motion to adjourn was approved.

Meeting adjourned.

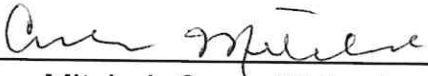
Next Meeting: July 14, 2026 at 06:30PM



Lynn Burry, President



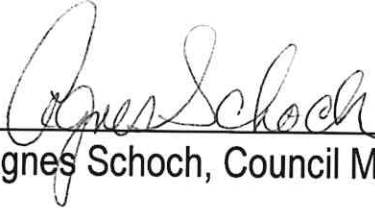
Andrew Briggs, Vice President



Arlen Mitchel, Council Member



Stan Ringger, Council Member



Agnes Schoch, Council Member



Christina Booth, Clerk Treasurer

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