

TOWN OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 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, Stan Ringger, Arlen Mitchel, Agnes Schoch, Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney present.

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

PRESENT: General Public: Duane Booth, Mark Schoch, Andy Yoder, Tony Lothridge, Nyla Gerber, Dennis Gerber, Dave Straley

On a motion by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, the Council approved the May 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed by Town Council, waiving and suspending the rules and procedures in order to adopt ordinance 2025-3 was approved. Andrew Briggs opposed.

On a motion by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed by Town Council, motion to adopt 2025-3 Amended Yard Sale Ordinance was approved. Andrew Briggs opposed.

No citizen's comments at this time.

Police Report – Ballistic Vests have been ordered, at no cost to the Town. Michael Padgett attended a Domestic Violence Class. GPD completed golf cart registrations at Amishville, which is a yearly event the department does over Memorial weekend. Requesting volunteers next year. Marshal Booth is looking at ballistic shields for the squad cars, which will come from the equipment fund, as well as donations that were received this year. Officer Hankins' last day was May 30, 2025. He has asked to remain part-time, but is currently not returning calls or taking shifts, but has turned in all of the Town's equipment. Marshal Booth requested an Executive Session to interview potential candidates to fill the open Deputy Marshal position. Executive Session was approved for Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30PM to interview 3

potential candidates. Council is choosing not to schedule a public meeting to hire a new officer at this time. Marshal Booth's new computer has crashed twice and has been repaired and replaced. Internet has been lost a couple of times. Other than that, no other issues.

Fire Report – Chief Schoch provided a report to Council regarding location, issues, and flow rates of the 115 fire hydrants in Geneva. A rating scale has been put in place, and Trent Shaffer and Cody Conner agree with the scale. Hydrants in the 0-1 scale should be replaced immediately. Hydrants in the 2 scale should have a 2 to 5-year plan. Hydrants in the 3 scale are repairs that can be completed as time permits. Hydrants in the 4 scale are operating correctly. There are some hydrants that have water line/main issues. Chief Schoch said no audit has been scheduled yet, but the town is due for one. Arlen Mitchel questioned how soon homeowner's insurance will increase due to this issue. Citizens will not be notified that insurance will go up until they see the increase on their insurance coverage bill. The Fire Station has experienced the same internet outage issues the Police Station has and the printers are not working. Printer issue has been reported to I.T.

Work Force Report – Trent Shaffer confirmed to Council that the town employees can repair and replace the hydrants, another company will not need to be hired, and he will put a plan together to repair/replace hydrants as quickly as possible, based on the rating scale. He has gotten one quote to replace 15 hydrants, which is approximately \$67,000, parts are included. No quotes at this time for repair kits. Trent Shaffer reported a sewer issue at 755 Winchester Rd. The sewer line goes into a flat manhole, and the homeowner has had Roto-Rooter come out to fix it twice. Trent states this is a town issue, and the two bills total \$660.00. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the homeowner at 755 Winchester be reimbursed \$660.00. The leak at Red Gold has been capped off, currently have no MOU for Red Gold to pay half of the repairs. Attorney Baumgartner will put together an MOU for Red Gold to sign. The invoice for Utility Supply is \$4411.11. Agnes Schoch asked if more lights can be added to the t-ball field, as games are not being held at night due to insufficient lighting. Trent stated lights could be added. Wastewater and Town Barn are losing internet intermittently.

New Business – Scott Dunlap with Utility Supply presented and update for the Neptune Program. This will add a collector and antenna to the town's water tower, which will allow the town to get nearly live data, leak flags, and live graphs. The information will sync hourly. It

currently takes about 90 minutes to read the 611 meters in town with what we are using now. The Town would be able to catch water leaks much more quickly, which will save the citizens of Geneva money. Antennas last approximately 15 years. The equipment will cost \$25,000, labor would come from another company and cost between \$8000-\$10,000. Annual fee will be \$4800-5000. Council will do more research. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Alixander Foster's Livestreaming Service contract was approved for one year for \$2000.00.

Old Business – Additional discussion regarding the Red Gold Leak repair and how the line will be running. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the new water line to run down Highway 27 to the fire hydrant, maintaining the loop for the line. The large yellow dump truck was discussed. Currently not being utilized due to no CDL driver in town. Town is currently paying \$1099 annually for insurance. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved the large dump truck be advertised to sell. Clerk Treasurer hired company to come in and complete mold testing, as remediation companies require that testing before they will come out. Test was completed 06/10/2025 with results in 24-48 hours. Council will require more information before continuing. Medical Building update by Agnes Schoch. County I.T. estimated a cost of \$10,000 to get internet/computers in the building. Agnes Schoch asked why water is still turned on at the Medical Building. Marshal Booth has been through the building and it is usable as it is right now for the Police Department to move there. Just small repairs and painting. Additionally, Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer may have to move to that building temporarily while the mold issue at the Town Hall is remediated. The Medical Building has no sprinklers. Lynn Burry instructed Trent Shaffer to shut the water off at the Medical Building at this time. Regarding the HUB, the engineer's report is still not available so no decisions can be made at this time.

Clerk Treasurer – Crossroads Community is asking for funds from the Opioid Settlement account that the town has. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved payment of \$76.93 to Crossroads Community. That will zero out the balance on that account. Christmas Décor Systems, the company that handles the Town's Christmas lights, has asked what size decorations the Town would like this year. The contract expires in 2026. Trent Shaffer stated the small decorations are the only ones that will fit on the light poles. The current garbage contract with Republic is up in January

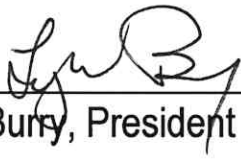
2026. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved Clerk-Treasurer to advertise for sealed bids for garbage services in Geneva. **On a motion** from Stan Ringger, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the four-year street sweeping contract with Indiana Department of Transportation, that will pay the Town of Geneva \$180 each year. Clerk-Treasurer is attempting to gain financing in to purchase 25 banners that honors Geneva veterans, on behalf of the Town of Geneva, the goal being no cost to the veterans or the town. Trent Shaffer confirmed the brackets that the banners will hang from will work on the light poles. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved Veteran banners being hung by the Town Employees during normal business hours on the light poles on Line Street, between Railroad and Highway 27, and on Decatur Street, between Line and 6th Streets. **On a motion** from Andrew Briggs, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously, Council approved the May 2025 Bank Reconciliation. **On a motion** from Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the 2025 Accounts Payable Vouchers.

Town Attorney – Town received notice of Tort Claim from a third party on behalf of Brightspeed alleges the town hit a cable line in October 2024. Trent Shaffer confirmed the line was hit. Attorney recommends pay the claim. **On a motion** Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved payment of the Tort Claim. Lynn Burry stated we will be billing Brightspeed for town lines they have damaged.

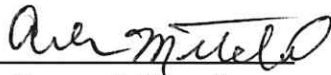
Council Members – The elevator is still in the process of being repaired, per Lynn Burry. There is a water leak coming into the elevator shaft. Agnes Schoch updated Council on the South Adams Trails regarding the new sign for the trail.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: July 8, 2025 06:30PM



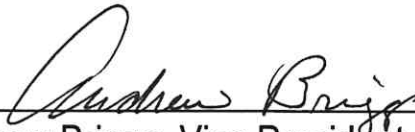
Lynn Burry, President



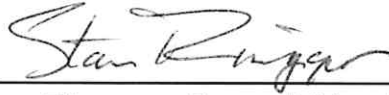
Arlen Mitchel, Council Member



Agnes Schoch, Council Member



Andrew Briggs, Vice President



Stan Ringger, Council Member



Christina Booth, Clerk Treasurer

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