

TOWN OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

July 8, 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.

PRESENT: General Public: Kristen Werling, Janet Werling, Kylee Simmons, Amy Miller, Margaret Booher, Renneth Cover, Cathy Mitchel, Tony Lothridge, Bob Simon, Duane Booth, Mark Schoch

On a motion by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved the June 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the June 17, 2025 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved the June 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

On a motion to introduce 2025-4 by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously, Council approved motion to introduce.

On a motion by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Arlen Mitchel and passed unanimously by Council, suspending the rules for 2025-4 was approved.

On a motion by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously by Council ordinance 2025-4 Amending Title V, Chapter 52, Section 52305 of the Town of Geneva, Indiana Code of Ordinances Establishing Parameters of the Hydrant Rental Fund was approved.

No citizen comments at this time.

Police Report – Marshal Booth reported that Michael Padgett starts the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, and Loren Swanson will start his employment, on July 21, 2025. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved the purchase of four shields through Armored Republic for \$2482.71. **On a motion** from Stan Ringger, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved hiring Todd Miller as a part-time Deputy Marshal with no benefits at the standard rate of pay.

Fire Report – Chief Mark Schoch thanked President Burry and Clerk Treasurer for attending Fire Ops 101 in June. The fire department will come up with a plan regarding repairing/updating the bathrooms at the fire station.

Work Force Report – Workforce Supervisor Trent Shaffer reported the MOU with Red Gold has been signed. Red Gold discussed changing their truck entrance to 5th Street, and Trent will talk to the engineers concerning that street. The water leak near Casey's is still being investigated, still unable to find the connection, each map is different. The Utility employees are working on this when they have time. Fire hydrants should start being delivered in the next 2 weeks. Trent Shaffer has not gotten an answer from Brooks regarding the streets, but the ADA corners have been completed.

New Business – Kristen Werling with Werling Wildlife Rehabilitation spoke to Council concerning the loose alligator that the center picked up in Geneva last month. She expressed her concerns to Council concerning the Town of Geneva not educating the police department on the town ordinances, how Cameron Curtis, the owner of the alligator, treated her, and the expenses she has incurred from rescuing and returning the alligator to its owner. Andrew Briggs asked Ms. Werling how much she is asking for the town to reimburse her, and she stated that has asked Cameron Curtis to pay the \$1100 that her facility has spent over this alligator. Ms. Werling did not request reimbursement from the town specifically. Council thanked her and advised this would be taken under advisement.

Sanitary Sewer application #8, May 1 – May 31, 2025. Ryan Lefeld and President Burry agreed to make a reduction to the pay application to accommodate the replacement of the fence on Bristol Dr. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, the Council approved payment of \$40,663.42 for pay application #8.

Ongoing issue with the Schwartz Addition was discussed. Town and Indiana Finance Authority is allowing Bunn to walk away from this project and will allow the Town of Geneva to obtain 3 quotes from contractors to finish the Schwartz Addition. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved Lynn Burry to sign off on the final invoice from Bunn, with the approval from Choice One.

The controller needs to be replaced on the elevator at the Town Hall and will cost \$3240. Clerk Treasurer explained that the Town has paid \$7660, which is one half down, for a motor for the elevator. The motor does not need to be replaced. Clerk Treasurer is working with Elevated, and they have agreed the Town will not pay anything else on the elevator until it is repaired completely. Elevated will then review the labor and materials that were actually spent on the repair and bill the Town accordingly. Attorney Baumgartner directed the Clerk Treasurer to get something in writing stating the afore-mentioned information. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the service agreement once the wording has been revised.

Roman Troyer owes the Town of Geneva \$1575 for water/sewer taps and labor. No response or payment has been received. Nick Baumgartner stated the Town Attorney would need to pursue small claim cases and recommended checking with TRECs to see if we can file on a single person LLC to attempt to get reimbursed, and suggested the Town ask for deposits going forward.

Old Business – **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a time clock not to exceed \$250.00. The engineering report has not been received for the HUB. Mark Wynn's office will be contacted to request information for another engineer. President Burry requested a motion to purchase the Gateway equipment for reading meters in town - \$25,000 for the equipment, \$10,000 for installation, and \$5000/year for maintenance. No motion was made. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved the Clerk Treasurer to obtain quotes for mold remediation for the Town Hall. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Loren Swanson's annual salary of \$63,924, the 4-year experience rate, was approved.

Clerk Treasurer – First draft of the 2026 budget was presented to Council for review. Possible additional appropriations by the end of the year. Town Manager position has been added for 2026 at an annual salary of \$70,000. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, the advertisement for bids for garbage pickup was approved. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved Geneva Proud using the outdoor power outlets at the Medical Building for the Fall Festival 9/27/25. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the June 2025 Bank Reconciliation. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously, Council approved the June 2025 Accounts Payable Vouchers.

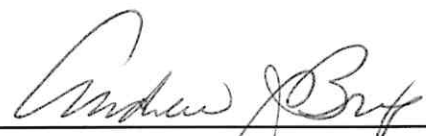
Council Members – Agnes Schoch attended the County Council public meeting regarding SB1, Baker Tilly was there. Handout was provided to Clerk-Treasurer to send to all Council members.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2025 06:30PM



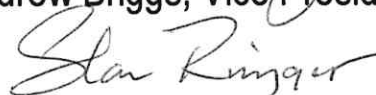
Lynn Burry, President



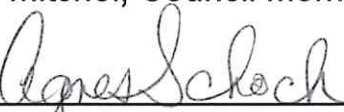
Andrew Briggs, Vice President



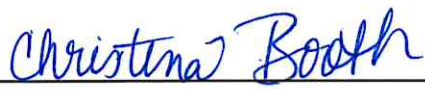
Arlen Mitchel, Council Member



Stan Ringger, Council Member



Agnes Schoch, Council Member



Christina Booth, Clerk Treasurer

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