

TOWN OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 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: Mark Schoch, Duane Booth, Gary Hendershot, Jessica Miller, Jason Banter, Laura Schwartz, Mark Wynn, Kevin Boyce, Dennis Friday, Tyler Booth

On a motion by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved Executive Session Meeting Minutes for 7/8/25, Council Minutes for 7/8/25, and Executive Meeting Minutes for 7/31/25.

Sealed bids for Town of Geneva Waste Removal opened by Town Attorney. Two bids were received: Rumpke out of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Republic Services. Rumpke's letter states they are not bidding at this time. Republic Services included a certified check and the bid is for 3 years for Waste and Recycling Collection. Based on 578 homes for Waste Collection:

YEAR	PER HOME	TOTAL MONTHLY PRICE
2/1/26 – 1/31/27	\$14.98	\$8658.44
2/1/27 – 1/31/28	\$15.50	\$8959.00
2/1/28 – 1/31/29	\$16.04	\$9271.12

Based on 578 homes for Recycling Collection:

YEAR	PER HOME	TOTAL MONTHLY PRICE
2/1/26 – 1/31/27	\$5.25	\$3034.50
2/1/27 – 1/31/28	\$5.43	\$3138.54
2/1/28 – 1/31/29	\$5.62	\$3248.36

Town Attorney recommends Council take the bid under advisement for review. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved taking bid under advisement and deciding at September 2025 Council meeting.

No citizen comments at this time.

Police Report – Marshal Booth reported that July was a calm month. Mike Padgett started the academy and is doing well in his courses and will graduate in September. Loren Swanson has started and has almost completed his refresher course online through ILEA. GPD trained with GVFD on sonar training at the lake.

Fire Report – GVFD received a grant for \$1000 through the Adams County Community Foundation to purchase reflective markers on the fire hydrants. They are removeable and can be placed on the new hydrants once they are installed. Chief Schoch developed the sonar system to make it easier and faster to locate subjects on water rescues. The system, which costs approximately \$7000, was donated to the Geneva Volunteer Fire Department and has been used several times. Chief Schoch will have an update on the fire department bathrooms at the September meeting. Lynn Burry stated the new fire truck will be discussed at the September meeting.

Work Force Report – Workforce Supervisor Trent Shaffer reported that street paving will start the beginning of September. The fire hydrants should be arriving anytime and replacements will begin immediately. Stan Ringger inquired on the repairs of the hydrants. Trent indicated the Mueller hydrants are difficult to repair, and have to be torn apart to determine what needs repaired. Community Crossing Grants are due by October and Trent will be completing that information. No bids were received on the dump truck, but the rest of the items that were listed on the auction site were sold. Trent indicated we can advertise locally or take it back to the auction the dump truck was originally purchased from. Non-emergency call-out fees in the amount of \$100 were brought up by Trent Shaffer. Arlen Mitchel asked if Trent has checked with other towns on how they handle non-emergency after hour callouts, and Trent indicated he has not checked with other municipalities. Lynn Burry directed Trent to come up with a policy and have it at the September meeting. Clerk Treasurer indicated there will be paperwork that will be provided to the citizen to sign acknowledging that there is a charge for the call out and the fee will be added to the citizen's bill. Trent also brought up the tap fees and requiring a deposit or prepayment going forward in order to insure payment is made. Town Attorney stated he would look into that.

New Business – Gary Hendershot updated Council on the Flat 50 race that came through Geneva in June. Several states and age groups were represented. Geneva Youth Council was presented with a check for \$250 from the Adams Bicycle Club for their help with serving lunch at the Geneva bike stop. Bunn pay applications 9 and 10, for a total of \$170,482.45 were presented for approval by Council. The 2-year maintenance warranty period now starts with Bunn. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved Bunn pay applications 9 and 10. Remaining budget for sewer project is \$250,000 for the Schwartz Addition. The bidding documents have been prepared, and 2 vendors are prepared to send bids, and Trent Shaffer is working on a third vendor. Project will start when the weather breaks the first of 2026 and be completed by June. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved Choice One to proceed with bids. Lynn Burry will get clarification on the \$70,000 scope charge from Ryan Lefeld. Agnes Schoch asked if there have been any reports regarding the water flows. Trent Shaffer states it is still very hard to tell right now if there has been any improvement with the sewer upgrades. Lynn Burry advised Council we are now compliant with IDEM on wastewater inspections.

Laura Schwartz and Jason Banter asked Council for permission to close Line Street between Railroad and Decatur Streets, High Street between Line Street and the alley, and Decatur Street from Line Street to the alley for the Fall Festival on 9/27/25. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the roads be closed starting Friday, September 26, 2025 at 5pm to accommodate tents being erected for Saturday. Laura Schwartz also requested the town clean the streets prior to Saturday, confirmed she has the permit, and measured all food trucks. Stan Ringger will notify emergency services of road closures. Laura Schwartz asked the town clean the sidewalks and streets for town Spruce Up Day on 9/20/25. Friends of the Limberlost and the WRHCC will be having a clean up day on 12/06/25. Laura Schwartz stated the Bird Town renewal is due for completion and asked that the Town of Geneva pay the \$100 to recertify the Bird Town designation. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved payment to recertify the Bird Town designation. Clerk Treasurer will complete the application and make payment.

The Workforce Manager application process will open once the job description has been rewritten and updated and New Focus HR will review the updates to be sure it complies. Lynn

Burphy states one person on the Council and Clerk Treasurer need to review the job description. Plaque for the time capsule was discussed. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved Andrew Briggs requesting quote from International Bronze Incorporated for new plaque.

Old Business – Mark Wynn was in attendance with the engineering report for the Hub. Engineering report indicates the building is in poor shape and it will be more cost effective to tear the building down than repair it. Lynn Burphy opened up discussion. Mark Wynn offered suggestions and approximate cost to repair the outside would be \$150,000 to stabilize the building and double that cost to repair the inside. Current Hub owner is not helpful or responsive. Stan Ringger reminded everyone that the Town of Geneva does not own this building and should not be responsible for repairing the building. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Arlen Mitchel, and passed unanimously, Council approved Mark Wynn placing an “unsafe building” sticker on the Hub in order to take the liability off of the Town of Geneva. No updates on the elevator at this time regarding the repair of the relay board.

Lynn Burphy requesting committee of two council members, Clerk Treasurer, and Trent Shaffer regarding the mold remediation and other repairs and updates to the Town Hall. Members of the committee will be Arlen Mitchel, Agnes Schoch, Tina Booth, and Trent Shaffer. Committee will keep Council informed. Lynn Burphy stated an employee time clock policy needs created and added to the Employee Handbook.

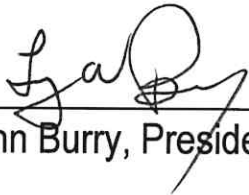
Clerk Treasurer – Reviewed proposed handbook changes regarding flex time, ghost employment, and the Indiana Child Educational Leave. The last item is required to be added. Lynn Burphy wants to discuss the proposed changes with Trent and we will come back to this. 2026 budget discussed. Budget is ready to advertise as soon as the final revenue numbers come in. Nick Baumgartner is agreeable to the \$25,000 yearly payment for his services. He is requesting that we cap the hours for the \$25,000 at 100 hours, and then the town will be charged \$250 per hour after that, and would prefer to be paid monthly. Stan Ringger asked if we have a contract with him. Nick Baumgartner explained there is no contract as he is appointed to his position. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, permission was given advertise for the budget, contingent on revenue numbers being sent to Council prior to advertise. **On a motion** by Arlen Mitchel, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the July 2025 Bank

Reconciliation. Agnes Schoch asked if water was turned off at the Medical Building. Clerk Treasurer confirmed water is turned off and Deputy Clerk confirmed the charges are currently for sewage and storm water. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the July 2025 Accounts Payable Vouchers.

Council Members – Agnes Schoch asked for Nuisance Committee updates. Lynn Burry said there is some progress, citizens are being worked with, but we are not anywhere where we would like to be, but we are moving forward.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2025 06:30PM



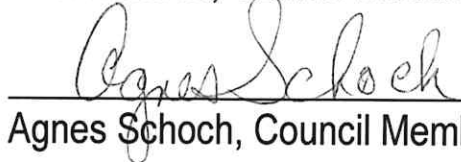
Lynn Burry, President



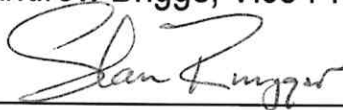
Andrew Briggs, Vice President



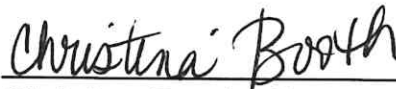
Arlen Mitchel, Council Member



Agnes Schoch, Council Member



Stan Ringger, Council Member



Christina Booth, Clerk Treasurer

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