

TOWN OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING
September 9, 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, Agnes Schoch, Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney present. Councilman Arlen Mitchel was absent.

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

PRESENT: General Public: Robert Johnson, Alix Foster, Tony Lothridge, Michael Broillet, John Patch, Todd Wilson, Duane Booth, and Jessica Miller

On a motion by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved 8/12/25, 8/19/25, and 8/29/25.

2026 Budget – On a motion by Stan Ringger, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the introduction of the 2026 Budget. Clerk-Treasurer highlighted the following budget items for 2026:

- Pay increase of 3% for Police, Fire, Utilities, Council, Deputy Clerk and Clerk Treasurer.
- Full-time Workforce Manager at \$70,000 is in the budget, although we will be hiring for a part-time to start.
- Purchase of a new police vehicle in 2026 to replace the 2019 Dodge Ram. The current police truck could be moved over to utilities to replace Doug's truck, unless we trade it in.
- Hydrant Rental – we have 116 hydrants. At \$495.87 rental each, that gives us \$57,521 to use towards hydrant replacements next year, due to the ordinance amendment that will allow this.
- \$125,000 has been budgeted for mold remediation and windows for the Town Hall (Building repairs, CEDIT, and CCD)
- Fire department bathrooms - \$30,000 has been budgeted for 2026 in the event the remodel is not completed in 2025.

- Wastewater needs to replace a total of 6 control panels, at approximately \$8000 each. Wastewater Superintendent worked with the Clerk-Treasurer and she has budgeted for 3 of those to be replaced in 2026, then the remaining will be replaced in 2027.

No citizen comments at this time.

Police Report – Marshal Booth reviewed August activity and reported that National Night Out was a success. Michael Padgett graduates from ILEA at the end of September. The Geneva Police Department is hosting a one-hour traffic management course on October 18, 2025 from 8AM to noon. Ballistic shields are in and Marshal Booth brought one to show Council. GPD has received complaints regarding the 2-hour parking not being enforced on Line Street. Researched the ordinance and unable to find the ordinance to support the enforcement of 2-hour parking for the entirety of Line Street.

Fire Report – John Patch presented the Fire Department report. GVFD participated in extrication training. GVFD obtained a grant from ACCF for the reflective rings for the fire hydrants and one was brought to show Council. The rings are removeable and can be placed on new hydrants as they are installed. Fire Station bathroom remodel discussed and drawings and specs presented to Council. Fire department requests that the bathroom remodel does not start until after the chili supper on Saturday, October 25, 2025. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved the Fire Department's remodel plan/specs to update/remodel the bathrooms at the fire station. Agnes Schoch revised the motion to include this project will be properly permitted. Stan Ringger seconded the motion, and Council passed unanimously.

Work Force Report – Trent Shaffer reported the fire hydrants will not be here until the first of October due to a miscommunication with Utility Supply when hydrants were ordered. Trent Shaffer reported the Community Crossings Grant is coming up. The Town must come up with a 20% match, which would be \$73,014, and provided Council with an estimate. Town currently has \$69,332.65 available but bids will most likely come in less than his estimate. Trent reported \$24,000 in Local Roads and Streets, \$24,000 in MVH restricted, and \$21,000 left over from last grant. Agnes Schoch asked if money was available as there is not enough appropriated for 2025. Lynn Burry listed several man-hole covers that need to be fixed from—

the most recent CCG paving project. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved motion to proceed with project.

New Business – John Patch, representing the Limberlost Antique Tractor Show, requested to close down Decatur Street, between Line and Shackley, on Sunday, October 5, from 7AM to 5PM. He also requested no parking signs be put out the night before by the Geneva Police Department, and barricades from the Utility department be placed in the parking lot behind the fire station. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved John Patch's requests. Mike Broillet, representing Living Stones Recovery, informed Council that he is going to start a recovery support group. He is planning meetings for one time a week, on a Friday evening, and he is currently looking for a location for the meetings. Council offered Mr. Broillet their support of this program in Geneva. Charlie Fear is requesting a stop sign at Bradford and High Streets due to speeders. Lynn Burry will work with the Geneva Police Department on researching this request. Requests from citizens for a Heavy Trash Day was discussed by Council. Agnes Schoch and Andrew Briggs were placed on a committee to head this project up. Lynn Burry requested coordination with Scott Hirschy. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved Heavy Trash Day for Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 8AM to noon. May guidelines will apply to October Heavy Trash Day. Citizens can contact Town Hall to be placed on a list for pick-up if needed.

Old Business – Waste services bid from Republic was discussed. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Republic was chosen for waste service pick up. New fire truck discussion. Lynn Burry wants to form a committee with Mark Schoch, Clerk-Treasurer, Agnes Schoch, and Stan Ringger to come up with formal presentation for a new fire truck for the October Council meeting. Township Fire Contracts were discussed. Wabash Township Adams County has sent a counter offer of 4%. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved 2 meetings, dates to be announced. One meeting will be an open house for the citizens of the Townships. The second meeting will be a presentation to the Township Board Members to discuss the 2026 Fire Contracts. Andrew Briggs obtained a quote for \$677 for a plaque for the new time capsule. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Stan Ringger, and passed unanimously, Council approved the purchase of the plaque for \$677. Workforce Manager position was discussed. A revised job description and an advertisement were given

to Council for review. Agnes Schoch discussed the updates/changes on the job description. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved the revisions of a part-time Workforce Manager. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved advertising the part-time Workforce manager for two weeks in the Berne Witness and Decatur Daily Democrat. Application process will close at noon on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. The Clerk-Treasurer will post the job listing on the Town's website, social media pages, the window of the Town Hall, and through AIM. Lynn Burry updated Council regarding the Town Hall elevator. The elevator has been repaired but cannot be certified until the phone line is replaced. Part-time Laborer discussed. Stan Ringger spoke with Trent Shaffer and Shaun Fosnaugh and there is a need to replace Cassidy. Leaf pick-up takes more employees and hydrants will be coming in. **On a motion** by Stan Ringger, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved advertising for a part-time laborer. Application process will close at noon on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

Clerk Treasurer – first TRECS submission has been done for outstanding utility bills and for Roman Troyer. Total submitted was \$3102.29. Amazon account was discussed. Clerk-Treasurer confirmed that more than one administrator is fine per State Board of Accounts. Sewage Depreciation and Cash balance discussed, specifically money not being put into sewage depreciation. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved 25% to go towards Wastewater Depreciation and 25% to go towards Wastewater Cash In, with remaining 50% to go towards Wastewater Bond and Interest. Veteran's Banner update. Demo banner is in the lobby and applications for the program will open in October 2025. **On a motion** by Andrew Briggs, seconded by Agnes Schoch, and passed unanimously, Council approved the August 2025 Bank Reconciliation. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved the August 2025 Accounts Payable Vouchers.

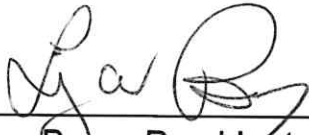
Town Attorney – Indiana Code indicates the Town can charge a fee for after hour emergency water callouts, deposits for tap fees, and adding a fee for the Neptune program. It will require a public hearing process and the amendment of the ordinance. Town Attorney clarified with Trent Shaffer what constitutes an emergency callout versus a non-emergency callout as well as normal business hours being 7AM-3:30PM. Trent Shaffer states an active leak would be an emergency, everything else will be a non-emergency. Until Council further decides on

Neptune, Town Attorney advises holding off for now, so everything can be completed at the same time.

Council Members – Lynn Burry reminded Council the Fall Festival is Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 11AM-11PM. Town Hall Committee updates will be updated in October due to Arlen's absence.

Meeting adjourned.

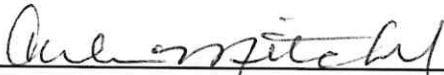
Next Meeting: October 14, 2025 06:30PM



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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