

TOWN OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING
May 20, 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, and Clerk-Treasurer present. Town Attorney not present.

This meeting was livestreamed on the Town of Geneva's YouTube channel. Two videos were uploaded due to a streaming issue.

PRESENT: General Public: Duane Booth, Mark Schoch, John Patch, John Schoch, Cathy Mitchel, and Art Booth

Special Town Council Meeting held to discuss the Rainbow Lake traffic for the annual garage sales and the possible purchase of a new fire truck.

— Agnes Schoch spoke to the Berne post office to confirm which way would be best for the traffic to flow. The mailboxes cannot be blocked either. **On a motion** by Agnes Schoch, seconded by Andrew Briggs, and passed unanimously, Council approved traffic being one-way around Rainbow, entering from the south and exiting from the north, for May 21-23, 2026.

Purchase of new fire truck was discussed. Lynn Burry stated a decision needs to be made tonight. The TIF board approved a loan to the Town of Geneva up to \$50,000. Loan would need to be paid back in full by 12/31/2026. Due to the continued conversations about the fire truck, Lynn Burry is requesting comments be kept brief in order not to be repetitive. Agnes Schoch **made the motion** to purchase the firetruck from Deep South for \$448,000.00. The price will increase \$93,000 next year. Lynn Burry called for a second to the motion three times. No second to the motion was made. Motion dies. Lynn Burry asked for any other motions. Stan Ringger **made a motion** to postpone the firetruck discussion until the 2027 budget hearings. Arlen Mitchel seconded the motion. Agnes Schoch asked what we are hoping to gain by postponing the decision. Andrew Briggs said the Town needs to be in a better position. State of Indiana could be pulling back another 5% and we don't know where we are going to be at financially. Andrew confirmed that the 5% cut is not for municipalities. Agnes Schoch stated she has a hard time spending an additional \$93,000 next year. Lynn Burry stated he has the utmost respect for Mark Schoch and the Fire Department. Lynn Burry requested rollcall vote:

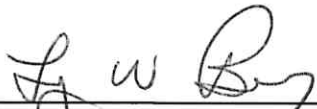
Stan Ringger: yay
Arlen Mitchel: yay
Andrew Briggs: yay
Agnes Schoch: nay
Lynn Burry: yay

Motion passes to postpone discussion on the firetruck.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: June 9, 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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