

Geneva Township

Regular Meeting

November 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Geneva Township Board was called to order at 7 p.m. with all board members present and 12 residents

The meeting minutes from October 8, 2024 approved as read.

The Treasurer's report dated October 31, 2024 will be held for audit with bills paid in the amount of \$39,793.27 and balance in all accounts of \$2,135,557.88. Motion by Marty Pfaff, seconded by Deb Diekema, to charge \$.25/each tax bill copy for tax payers that require copies in excess of 250 tax bills to one address, payable in advance of sending billing. Motion carried.

Van Buren County Sheriff Department - Justin Blankenship gave his report of activity, assists and arrests in township. Justin continues to work on code enforcement as his time allows.

Reports presented and on file:

South Haven Airport - Jonathon Woodhams - Absent
South Haven Area Emergency Services - Brandon Hinz
V.B. Senior Services- Clare Olney

BOARD ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Oath of Office to: Board: & Deputy Treasurer for 2024 term. Supervisor Nancy Whaley, Clerk Brandie Rainey, Treasurer, Patti Brinks, Trustee – Clare Olney & Bill Diekema, Deputy Treasurer Deb Diekema.

Resolution - Public Inspection of Records - Attached to these minutes.

Election Workers: Motion by Brandie Rainey, seconded by Marty Pfaff. effective November 12, 2024 to pay election workers \$20.00 pay per hour and election chairperson at \$22.00 per hour for all future elections. Motion carried.

Motion by Brandie Rainey, seconded by Marty Pfaff to give a bonus to November 5, 2024 election workers of \$50.00 each. Motion carried.

Election Report - Brandie - Geneva has 2943 registered voters. We had 1708 voters on November 5 or 58%, 507 absent voter ballots were received; 239 early voters at Hartford early voting site. Early voting, county wide site, saw 6542 voters for November 2024 election.

Street Lights - Lacota and Township wide. Motion by Marty Pfaff, seconded by Clare Olney, to rescind street light charges on taxpayers in street light zones of Geneva Township. Motion carried.

Beeches Golf Course - After lengthy discussion by board and Beeches, this discussion and action by board is tabled to obtain more information in the future.

2025 Inflation Rate Multiplier - 1.031 set by State Tax Commission Bulletin 14, 2024. Inflation rate will apply to all properties in Michigan.

Road Commission - Mr. Askew - Absent

County Commissioner - Kurt Doroh - Absent

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jimmy Lindemulder spoke on raising poultry and facility they plan to build in the future.

Meeting adjoined at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Brandie Rainey
Geneva Township Clerk

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GENEVA TOWNSHIP
Public Inspection of Public Records
June 10, 2014 - amended - November 12, 2024

Policy to establish guidelines of Geneva Township Board for the public inspection of all property assessment rolls, property appraisal cards and all other public records of Geneva Township. Electronic copies of Geneva Township Voters Records cost will be \$30.00. If paper copies are submitted the cost shall be \$50.00.

Geneva Township does not hold regular business hours. All public inspection of records is available through the Supervisor, Assessor, Clerk or Treasurer upon receipt of request via telephone call, email, fax, or U.S. mail. Appointments are available for access to all public information.

Public inspection is always available on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Public inspection is available during advertised meetings of the Board of Review or other Township meetings properly noticed.

Fees for copies of public records is defined in Freedom of Information Resolution updated November 12, 2024 and applies to this policy.

ADOPTION:

The Geneva Township Board establishes and amends this Policy the 12th day of November, 2024.

Roll call vote: Yes 5

No 0

Absent 0

Nancy Ann Whaley
Nancy Ann Whaley, Supervisor

Brandie Rainey,
Brandie Rainey, Clerk

Deborah Diekema
Deb Diekema, Treasurer

Marty Pfaff
Marty Pfaff, Trustee

Clare Olney
Clare Olney, Trustee

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