

Geneva Township

Regular Meeting

April 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Geneva Township Board was called to order at 7 p.m. with all board members present, and 10 residents.

The regular meeting minutes from March 12, 2024, Annual Meeting March 28, 2025 all approved as read.

The Treasurer's report dated March 31, 2025 will be held for audit with bills paid in the amount of \$24,665.80 and balance in all accounts of \$2,903,570.89. CD rolled for 7 months at 4.02% interest, expires October 17, 2025. The 2024-2025 Budget updated from Annual Meeting change.

Van Buren County Sheriff Department - Justin Blankenship - Absent.

Reports presented and on file:

South Haven Airport - Absent

South Haven Area Emergency Services

Senior Services of Van Buren County

BOARD ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Cemetery Resolution updated - Motion by Marty Pfaff, seconded by Clare Olney, to adopt the Township Cemetery Resolution amendment dated April 8, 2025. Motion carried with roll call vote of five (5) yes, 0 no. Resolution adopted.

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Kal-Haven Campground - Provided update on facilities and Easter egg hunt.

Hall furnaces - More quotes needed.

Gridlife: - Provided contract provided, tabled pending additional approvals.

County Road Commissioner - Mr. Askew - Quick update - all going well, looking at doing four (4) miles of CR 384 to complete upgrading of road this year. Road pending 62nd to CR 681 with funds from Road Commission.

Board Member Comments - None

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Brandie Rainey

Geneva Township Clerk

GENEVA TOWNSHIP

Van Buren County

Township Cemeteries - RESOLUTION AMENDMENT April 8, 2025

Amendment April 9, 2019

Amendment of March 12, 2019

Amendment of October 9, 2007

Amendment of April 10, 2007

The Geneva Township Board resolves that:

All burials shall be under the direction of the Township Sexton. No burial shall be allowed in any of the Geneva Township Cemeteries (Monks, Lacota, or Chambers) without an approved cement vault and an approved marker. Holidays are defined as “Saturday - Sundays & all State & Federally Recognized Dates”.

Geneva Township requires two days notice on grave openings.

Geneva Township requires that burial site must be vacated one (1) hour after graveside service.

All Head Stone Grave Marker’s must be placed upon Township installed footings.

The Geneva Township Board, will pay an hourly rate of pay for Sexton work not associated with burials and personal vehicle usage mileage rate, as defined in the annual township salary schedule.

Non-resident tax payer of Geneva township

- Resident non-tax payer of Township as defined in Cemetery Ordinance.
- Burial spaces are \$800 each.

Non-resident and non-tax payer of Geneva Township:

- Burial spaces are \$2,000 each. Full burial rate is \$1,800. (800 Township - \$850 grave digger - \$150 Sexton)

Cremations (ashes) shall be \$650 each (\$450 grave digger - \$200 - sexton).

Residential Burial Fees:

- **Saturday - Sundays & Holidays shall be double weekday fee as defined below:**

- All full burials Monday through Friday shall be \$650.00.

(\$550 to grave digger - \$100 to Sexton.)

Saturdays, Sundays and all Holidays rates shall be doubled.

- Mausoleum Burials- Recording Fee Any day - shall be \$250 (\$100 to Sexton, \$150 to Township).

Burials in mausoleums will be at full burial fees.

Infant to two (2) years: Monday through Friday shall be \$200.00.

Saturday, Sundays and all Holidays rates shall be doubled.

- Cremations: Monday through Friday - shall be \$200.00.

Saturdays, Sundays and all Holidays rates shall be doubled.

Ashes may be buried on top of an existing grave vault in crematory provided container.

- **Saturday - Sundays & Holidays shall be double weekday fee as defined above.**

- Footings - Footings will be figured at \$.60 per square inch determined by length x width x \$.60 square inch installed by township. Footing installation - April 15 to October 15 of any given year. Footings will only be installed on a weekday.

Interment - Body/cremations:

All interments of bodies/cremations shall be double the burial fee. Saturday, Sunday and Holidays shall be double the weekday fee. All interments must have court order to be interred.

This Cemetery Resolution supercedes and replaces all previous Cemetery Resolutions.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted, April 8, 2025 at the Regular Meeting of the Geneva Township Board.

Nancy Ann Whaley