

THE GENOA VILLAGER

Hello Village of Genoa Citizens,

Welcome to 2017. It has been just a little over one (1) year since I took office as your Mayor. It has been a busy year with much accomplished. The Village Council, Administration staff, and I have worked hard to look at ways to cut or reduce cost in many areas but still be able to provide the Village with the best Public Works service and Police Protection that you deserve.

Due to the defeat of the Referendum in November 2016 of the (Ordinance 14-2016 that repealed the tax credit for residents working outside the Village). We must look to make various cuts and/or delete programs. Below is an update of what has been done to this point with the ongoing recovery plan.

TOWN HALL:

- Heating/Cooling temperatures will be controlled by the Village Administrator. All settings will be at low minimums.
- No Civic Theatre plays in the Town Hall permitted from July 1st through August 31, 2017 and December 15, 2017 through March 15, 2018. These blackout updates will continue yearly.
- Lawn sprinklers on Town Hall grounds will be shut-off. The Village Administrator will monitor and turn on if so determined.

CUSTODIAL SERVICES:

- Effective February 1, 2017, there will no longer be custodial services with an outside vendor. Administration staff will clean that building. Police staff will clean the Police station, and Genoa Civic Theater will clean their areas at the Town Hall.

VILLAGE YARD WASTE COLLECTION SITE:

- Ordinance 07-2017 was established for a new yearly fee (\$30.00) for Village residents to purchase a key card from the Village Utility Department for the purpose of having access to the yard waste collection site from April 1st through November 1st yearly. A replacement card fee is \$15.00.

VILLAGE INCOME TAX:

- All residents residing within the Village of Genoa limits who earn wages of income are required by law to file an annual village income tax return whether money is owed to the village or not. The resident is responsible to make sure tax forms have been filed with the village. Village tax forms can be found on our website (www.genoahio.org) or at the tax office during regular business hours. Failure to file and/or pay taxes is a criminal offense.

Upon recent review of the tax records, the tax department has notified residents who have not filed tax returns and/or have a balance due. Please contact the tax department at 419-855-7791 ext.228 if you have received a notice. Failure to contact the tax office and make your account current will result in criminal charges filed, and prosecuted in the Ottawa County Court system.

USE OF VILLAGE SPORT FIELDS:


- The Village Council set the field usage fees for all youth participating in Soccer, Baseball, and Softball for the Spring/Summer season. These fee's will help offset the cost of mowing, lining and prepping fields for play by the park crew. Also, a fee was set for use of the lights that will be used for girls and boys night games.

KILOWATT TAX:

- Village Council has decided with the passing of Ordinance 05-2017 to move the collection of a kilowatt hour tax imposed by the State of Ohio on electric distribution companies from the Electric Fund to the General Fund that will supplement the General Fund by @\$72,000.00. Electric rates were increased to match this amount to be returned to the Electric Fund.

RETIREMENT:

- After 32 years of dedicated service to the Village of Genoa, Administrative Secretary Mary Ann Bell plans to retire. Mary Ann's last day will be March 31, 2017. I wish Mary Ann the best as her and her husband Tom move onto retirement and enjoy family and traveling. I personally thank Mary Ann for her years of service and for guiding me in my first year as Mayor.

Sincerely,

Mayor, Kenneth Harsanje, Sr.