

Held December 21 1987

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Mayor Michael Despones called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag. Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Smith called the roll as follows: Bower, Verkin, Harbal, Donley, Skilliter and Miller (6) present.

Minutes from the December 7th meeting to be amended as follows: Engineers report, Guardian Industries 500,000 gal per month usage. Bower moved and Donley seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Bower, Verkin, Harbal, Donley, Skilliter and Miller. Yeas (6) Nays None.

Clerk/Treasurer report. We have been notified by the Ohio Employment Bureau that our Unemployment rate for 1988 will be 1.0% due to the timeliness of filing returns. Ottawa County Board of Elections have reported on the results of the Park Levies. Renewal levy 1.3 mills for tax years 1987, 88, 89, 90, 91 For 435 against 222. Additional levy .75 mills for a continuing period of time commencing with the tax year 1987. For 341 and 310 against. County Auditor has certified \$18,000 to be collected for 1987 tax year. Village evaluation \$14,265.286.

Kenneth L. Hegemann, P.E. Representative from AMPOHIO gave a presentation on a proposal that they buy an existing power plant at Marietta, Ohio. They are requesting agreements by AMPOHIO customers and that they sign a contract for 20 years to purchase power. This will provide the means to sell bonds for the purchase of the plant. A specimen Ordinance will be sent within the next two weeks to be read for three readings and to take effect by early March 1988. Tentative decisions must be made by January 8, 1988. If the majority of members do not agree we will continue to purchase power on a short-term basis from whatever source we can. AMPOHIO will present a slide show at City Hall 252 N. Main Napoleon Ohio on December 30, 1987.

Pete Calkins, store manager from Super Value, was present and protested the lack of hiring a fourth police officer. He stated that his store is open 24 hours and since the newspaper article was published he has indications of unsavory characters casing his store during the night time hours when the police are not on duty.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UTILITY - Water-Bower reported on the December 14, meeting. The contact with Guardian Ind. has guaranteed 500,000 gal. per month usage. The Engineer Ray Sanholtz indicated we are assured a 60% grant. The extension would open up a tremendous area for residents and businesses on the Route for tap in.

Sewers: Bower further quoted Sanholtz as indicating that we were to install the combined sewer system at this time we could expect a cost of \$3,000,000. and we could get a OWDA loan for 25 years. This would cost approximately \$300,000 in annual payments. Over the 25 years we would be paying \$4,500,000 in interest. Sanholtz will make an inquiry with EPA to see if they would go for a 12 year plan. This would enable us to construct annually and pay as we go at a cost of approximately \$250,000.

FINANCE - Skilliter reported on the meeting of December 14, 1987 An Ordinance to amend the 1987 appropriations and the temporary appropriations for 1988 will be presented for passage.

#### ORDINANCES -

Verkin presented Ordinance 87-87 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SECOND FULL TIME POSITION OF POLICE PATROLMAN AND SETTING THE WAGE THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Verkin moved that the rule requiring Ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with in accordance with Section 731.17 ORC. Miller seconded the motion: Roll call vote, Yeas Bower, Verkin, Miller and Skilliter. (4) Nays: Donley and Harbal (2) motion not carried.

Mayor Despones called this a second reading and the third reading will be at a special meeting of December 28, 1987 at 7:30 pm.



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Skilliter presented Ordinance 88-87 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 21-87 and 55-87 TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF GENOA, STATE OF OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1987, and DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Skilliter moved and Donley seconded that the rule requiring Ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with in accordance with Sec. 731.17 ORC.

Roll call vote: Yeas, Bower, Verkin, Harbal, Donley, Skilliter and Miller (6).

Skilliter moved and Verkin seconded that Ordinance 88-87 be passed as an emergency measure in accordance with ORC 731.30 ORC. Roll call vote: Yeas; Bower, Verkin, Harbal, Donley Skilliter and Miller (6) Nays. None.

Skilliter presented Ordinance 89-87 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES, TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF GENOA, STATE OF OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988, and DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Skilliter moved and Donley seconded that the rule requiring Ordinances to be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with in accordance with Sec. 731.17 ORC.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Bower, Verkin, Harbal, Donley, Skilliter and Miller (6) Nays None.

Skilliter moved and Verkin seconded that Ordinance 89-87 be passed as an emergency measure in accordance with SEC.731.30 ORC. Roll call vote: Yeas; Bower, Verkin, Donley, Harbal Skilliter and Miller. (6) Nays None.

Skilliter presented Ordinance 90-87 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE HIRING OF HARLEY PERTNER FOR ADDITIONAL WORK REQUIRED ON THE NEW TAX ORDINANCE AND FOR PAYMENT OF \$1,500 FOR SAID WORK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Skilliter moved that the rule requiring Ordinance be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with in accordance with Sec. 731.17 ORC. Motion seconded by Bower.

Roll call vote: Yeas. Bower, Verkin, Skilliter and Miller (4) Nays. Harbal and Donley (2). not carried.

Mayor Despones declared this to be the first reading.

Skilliter read Ordinance 91-87 for the first reading. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF \$2,500 FOR ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES NOT NORMALLY REQUIRED BY THE CLERK-TREASURER'S POSITION. Second reading to be December 28.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Despones read letter from Steve Cottrell as follows:

Dear Mayor Despones: It has been with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I have served the Village of Genoa and your administration during the past several years as Village Solicitor. However, since your term is now coming to an end and since the appointment of the Village Solicitor is the pleasure of the Mayor, I feel it is best that the new Mayor decide with whom he would like to work in this position. I am therefore submitting my resignation effective December 31, 1987, so that the new Mayor will have time to assess the position and decide with whom he would like to work. signed Stephen E. Cottrell.

There will be a special meeting on December 28, 1987 for the readings of Ordinances 87-87 and 90-87, the appointment of a new fire chief, and any other business that may be needed.

Mayor Despones presented a statement from the Attorney General to be included with the audit as follows:

INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT - Due to the extensive list of citations and the fact that the Tax Department could not be audited, although we have made the corrections for the current year, the Genoa Village council intends to conduct an investigation to determine if there is any missing monies. If the investigation indicates that to be, the case we be we intend to recover those amounts from the responsible party. Signed - Michael Despones, Mayor, Joseph Verkin, Council president, Roger Miller, John Bower, Robert Skilliter, Councilmen Harbal and Donley not signing.

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Mayor Despones then read the following statement as the state village address:

This being my last meeting, I would like to publically thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the Village. It was something more people should experience.

Since the Ohio Revised Code requires the Mayor, at the first meeting in January, to give a State of the Village address and considering the bias our Mayor-Elect has, I'm not sure he would be able to reflect on the past years accomplishments ... with any degree of objectivity, I would like to mention just a few things:

- 1) The village finally has corrected a situation which took place many years ago. We brought back from the county our water supply system.
- 2) The computerization of the Clerk/Treasurers office and the utility billing office with the tax office coming on when possible.
- 3) The installation of a new cost effective and efficient phone system.
- 4) Our Clerk/Treasurers office, after years of turmoil, has been turned around and according to reports, is one of the most orderly in the state.
- 5) Our financial condition has been changed from a 'hand-to-mouth' situation to where we now have a million dollars invested.
- 6) Our income tax collections are up over 35% from last year.
- 7) We have reduced the Utility billing lag time from 90 days to 30 days and our delinquencies have been cut about in half.
- 8) Development of the 5 acres into two new ball fields, not 3 by the way, is well on it's way.
- 9) The sewer program has been engineered and the financing options are being worked out.

I could go on but I am sure the people who care are well aware that Genoa is very healthy and alive.

Ironically the high points and low points of 1987 were the same. The high point was the successful reestablishment of the income tax collection process, internal audit procedures, and the renewing of the purpose of our income tax. We also have a new emphasis on the original mission and less on personal empire building.

The low point was the resistance to the needed and required changes, in that department, by self-serving individuals... But, when the facts are in .. When the truth is known. Those same people shall walk in the shadows in an unsuccessful attempt to escape the scorn of the people they were sworn to serve. It shall be a vain attempt for to defend fiscal irresponsibility, misfeasance, malfeasance and non-feasance is an unforgivable act as our oath of office so succinctly points out.

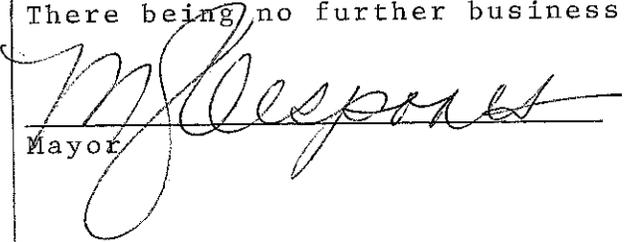
I invite our elected officials to reflect on these words by John Kennedy.

"At some future date when the high court of history sits in judgement on each one of us our success or failure in whatever office we hold will be measured by the answers to four questions.

- Were we truly men of courage
- Were we truly men of integrity
- Were we truly men of judgement
- Were we truly men of dedication

My answer to these questions is yes, what about yours?  
Mayor Michael Despones.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer