

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

January 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

- Mayor Thomas Bergman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Mayor Bergman asked for the roll call:
- Council members in attendance included, Mr. McPherson via Zoom, Mr. Diebert, Mr. St. Marie, Mrs. Huston, Mr. Huston, and Mr. Lewis.

Also, in attendance where Village Administrator Kevin Gladden, Solicitor Brian Ballenger, Fiscal Officer Julie Van Nest was absent.

ORDINANCE 1-2021

ORDINANCE APPROVING TITLE THREE-LEGISLATIVE CHAPTER 121 OF THE GENOA CODIFIED ORDINANCE TITLED COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Huston made a motion that the rule requiring three distinct readings for Ordinance #01-2021 be dispensed with in accordance with O.R.C. section 731.17; seconded by Mr. Diebert. Roll call:

Yeah: Mr. Huston, Mr. Diebert, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Lewis, Mr. St. Marie, and Mrs. Huston.

Nay:

Abstained:

Mr. Huston made a motion to pass Ordinance #01-2021 as an emergency measure according to ORC section 731.30; seconded by Mr. Diebert. Roll call:

Yeah: Mr. Huston, Mr. Diebert, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Huston, Mr. St. Marie, and Mr. McPherson.

Nay:

Abstained:

Mr. Huston made a motion to adopt Ordinance #01-2021 as amended; seconded by Mr. Diebert. Roll call:

Yeah: Mr. Huston, Mr. Diebert, Mr. Lewis, Mr. McPherson, Mr. St. Marie, and Mrs. Huston.

Nay:

Abstained:

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- Mayor Bergman asked for nomination for Council President.

- Mr. Diebert made a motion to nominate Mr. Lewis as Village Council President for 2021.

Mr. Diebert made a motion to close nomination for Council President; seconded by Mr. St. Marie.

Yeah: Mr. Diebert, Mr. St. Marie, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Huston, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Huston.

Nay:

Abstained:

Mr. Huston made a motion to appoint Mr. John Lewis as Council President for 2021; seconded by Mr. St. Marie.

Yeah: Mr. Huston, Mr. St. Marie, Mr. Diebert, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Lewis, and Mrs. Huston.

Nay:

Abstain

- Mayor Bergman asked for nominations for Council Pro Tem for 2021.

- Mr. Huston nominated Mr. Diebert for Council Pro Tem for 2021.

Mr. Huston made a motion to close nominations for Council Pro Tem for 2021; seconded by Mr. Diebert.

Yeah: Mr. Huston, Mr. Diebert, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Huston, and Mr. St. Marie.

Nay:

Abstain

Mr. Huston made a motion to appoint Mr. Diebert as Council Pro Tem for 2021; seconded by Mr. St. Marie.

Yeah: Mr. Huston, Mr. St. Marie, Mr. Diebert, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Lewis, and Mrs. Huston.

Nay:

Abstain

- Mayor Bergman asked for approval of the minutes from the regular Council meeting on December 21, 2020.

- Mr. Diebert asked for two corrections to the minutes for the December 21, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Diebert made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the December 21, 2020 regular Council meetings; seconded by Mr. McPherson.

Yeah: Mr. Diebert, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Huston, Mrs. Huston, and Mr. St. Marie.

Nay:

Abstain:

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ENGINEERS REPORT – Mr. Gladden – report attached

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Mr. Gladden

- Mr. Gladden reported the Village had a large water leak the previous night on 7th Street behind Millers.
- Mr. Gladden informed Council that the Administration Secretary, one Genoa Police Officer, and members of the Mayors family were all ill with Covid-19, so the Public Works crew will be working under the Covid-19 protocol.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – Mr. Huston

- Mr. Huston informed Council that Ms. Van Nest left a report stating she paid invoices on 12/12/2020 in the amount of \$252,333.09 and on 12/31/2020 in the amount of \$240,326.09.
- Payroll and withholding taxes of \$32,333.84.
- Ms. Van Nest gave Council, Mayor, and the Village Administrator the November, 2020 financial statements and reports, consisting of Bank Reconciliation, Year to date Fund Summary, Year to date Revenue Summary, Year to date Appropriations and bank statements from Genoa Bank, Huntington Bank, First Federal Bank, and Star Ohio
- Mr. Huston reported the Village had received a \$300.00 donation in memory in Steven and Richard Harmeyer from Harmeyer Farms. The Village will plant a tree at the Park this spring in their memory.
- Mr. Huston stated that the Village's Covid-19 fund still has an unencumbered balance of about \$2,600 that will need to be spent before the 12-31 deadline.

MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Bergman

- Mayor Bergman stated that all committee assignments will stay the same for 2021 with the addition of the new Parks and Public Grounds Committee, which will be assigned to Mrs. Huston, Mr. McPherson, and Mr. Huston.

Mr. McPherson made a motion to approve the 2021 Council Committee assignments; seconded by Mr. Diebert.

Yeah: Mr. McPherson, Mr. Diebert, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Huston, Mrs. Huston, and Mr. St. Marie.

Nay:

Abstain:

- Mayor Bergman stated they had 22 original applicants and are now down to 6 for interviews for Genoa Police Chief position. He also informed Council that Officer Herrig was off due to a broken leg, Officer Garcia is off due to Covid-19, leaving the Village working with a very slim crew, so Sargeant Mocniak will be looking at applications to hire part time Officers.
- Mayor Bergman reported that the North Coast Inland Bike Trail will have a Zoom meeting on Friday with the Park District in hope of getting Official backing, and CT Consultants has provided him with a cost estimate should the Village apply for the grant in March

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT - Mrs. Huston

- Mrs. Huston stated if the Village is unable to have Homecoming on the usual date due to concerns of Covid-19, then Homecoming will probably not be held this year at all.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS - Mr. McPherson – no report

UTILITIES - Mr. Diebert – no report

FINANCE AND INSURANCE - Mr. Huston – no report

- Mr. Huston scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for January 19th at 5:30 pm to discuss a maturing CD.

SAFETY - Mr. St. Marie - no report

AD HOC - Mr. Lewis

- Mr. Lewis stated they held an ADHOC meeting December 28, 2020 where they discussed options for extending the end of the North Coast Inland Bike Trail. He reported the committee recommends using the purple/center plan which extends the bike trail up to the Quarry, around a portion of the Quarry, then through and out by the Dairy Queen.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the purple/center plan to extend the North Coast Inland Bike Trail; seconded by Mrs. Huston.

Yeah: Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Huston, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Diebert, Mr. St. Marie, and Mr. Huston.

Nay:

Abstained:

PERSONNEL – Mr. St. Marie – no report

PARKS & PUBLIC GROUNDS

- Mrs. Huston scheduled a Parks and Public Grounds Committee meeting for February 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

ORDINANCE 02 -2021

AN ORDINANCE DELETING CHAPTER 139 OF THE GENOA CODIFIED ORDINANCE TITLED FIRE DEPARTMENT; FIRST READING.

ORDINANCE 03 -2021

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS MANUAL AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 2020 BY CT CONSULTANTS, INC.; FIRST READING.

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Mayor Bergman asked if anyone wished to address Council.

Christopher Karaves of 211 W. 9th St. Genoa, Ohio 43430 – Mr. Karaves had a concern about a letter he received from the Zoning Inspector informing him of the proper placement of the fence he was installing. Mayor Bergman informed Mr. Karaves he would need to apply to the BZA for a variance on the fence placement and assured him no one would remove his fence while he did so.

Abby Okorowski of 208 W. 9th St. Genoa, Ohio 43430 – Ms. Okorowski had concern about people speeding down her street and the removal of a speed sign. Ms. Okorowski requested speed bumps be put back in. Mr. Diebert informed Ms. Okorowski that speed bumps were not feasible due to the Village snow plow but there is a possibility of using removable speed bumps and something they can look into further at the next Streets and Sidewalks committee meeting on February 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Chasity Clucky of 211 W. 9th St. Genoa Ohio – Ms. Clucky also has concern about the cars speeding down the street as well as concerns about the fence which will help to block out the sounds of the roosters and ducks in the neighborhood.

Streets & Sidewalks 

Mayor Bergman stated their concerns will be addressed at the next BZA meeting on February 1, 2021.

Nancy Padgett of 1317 Buckeye St. Genoa Ohio 43430 – Ms. Padgett had concerns about the letter she received from Streets and Sidewalks committee on the idea of moving their mailboxes. Ms. Padgett wanted to voice her opinion that she did not want to move her mailbox across the street, stating it would then allow others to park in front of their house making it a problem when it came time to have their garbage picked up.

Mayor Bergman remarked that it seems to be the condenses in the Village to not move mailboxes. He mentioned that it's complicated and they are trying to find a good solution, also it would be discussed further at the next Streets and Sidewalks committee meeting on February 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Tony Sopko of 1323 Buckeye St. Genoa, Ohio 43430 – Mr. Sopko wanted to voice his agreement in moving his mailbox, as he has concerns about not receiving his mail due to the placement of his mailbox. Mr. Sopko will attend the next Streets and Sidewalks committee meeting in February.

