

May 1, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Harsanje, Sr. called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Before roll call Mayor Harsanje, Sr. read a message from Mr. Reed. I would like to take this time to thank the Council, the Mayor, and the Administrator for their understanding and support during my recent medical procedures. Thank you to Mr. Bittner and Mr. St.Marie for taking my community responsibilities. As most of you know I have a long road to recovery with Chemo and radiation and I will try to fulfill my duty as a Council member, if I cannot perform these duties I will step down. I'm overwhelmed at the support from family, friends, and Genoa communities, it makes me very proud to live in a great, small town like Genoa, Thanks again for your support. Councilmen Tim Reed.

Mayor Harsanje, Sr. then asked for the roll call:

Council members in attendance included Mr. Brent Huston, Mr. Jacob Diebert, Mr. Darryl Bittner, Mr. Issac St. Marie, Mr. John Lewis, and Mr. Tim Reed.

Also in attendance were Village Solicitor Brian Ballenger and Fiscal Officer Julie Van Nest

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Mayor Harsanje, Sr. asked for the approval of the minutes from the April 17th, 2017 Council of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Diebert made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17th, 2017 Council of the Whole meeting as written; seconded by Mr. Bittner. Roll call:

Yeah: Mr. Diebert, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. St.Marie

Abstain: Mr. Huston, Mr. Reed

Nay: 0

Motion carried.

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Mr. Lewis corrected a statement under the Safety Committee report, which stated Chief Hartman retired and the Safety committee advertised for a new Chief, when it should read the Allen-Clay Board of Trustees advertised for a new Chief.

Mr. Bittner also corrected the name for Gary Kapp under the Streets and Sidewalks report. Several other spelling corrections were made for amendment to the minutes.

Mr. Bittner made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17th, 2017 Council meeting as amended; seconded by Mr. St.Marie. Roll call:

Yeah: Mr. Bittner, Mr. St.Marie, Mr. Diebert, and Mr. Lewis

Abstain: Mr. Huston, Mr. Reed

Nay: 0

Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - no report was given.

- Mr. Gladden stated he did meet with Poggemeyer and the new Engineer Doug Nusser and that there will be someone coming at least once a month, a little more regularly between Doug and his partner.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Mr. Gladden gave a written report which is on file.

- Mr. Gladden did want to thank Kerry Pliska a village resident who works at Torrance Sound, for coming over on his own time to help figure out the brush gate. It operates now so you have to card in and card out. The electronic eye is for safety only. If the gate closes and you pull up to the eye, the gate will open back up. If the gate is closed, you can't go through and break the eye, you have to card in and card out. Anyone using it should have a card.
- Mr. Gladden stated that we received half of the \$10,000 in taxes back from the County for grass clipping notices, nuisance property assessments, and the house take down the Village paid for last year. He also mentioned we received one of the grass clipping fees that came back. Mr. Gladden reported that there has been several outstanding bills we have applied for with the sewer system in Clay Center, so that process has been successful since we have money coming back.
- Mayor Harsanje Sr. complimented the Public works crew for cleaning the old Gordon Building opening up several bays. The goal will be to store items from homecoming and Fire Department in the Gordon Building instead of the block building after homecoming.
- The Mayor and Mr. Gladden will meet with the Historical committee after homecoming to discuss the future plans for the block building.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT -

- Mrs. Van Nest reported we received \$32,900 from the Ottawa Co. Treasurer for property taxes from the past three years. Also received was the first half of the real state taxes in the amount of \$37,000 which went into the General Fund, and \$32,000 that went into the Park Fund for the levy for real estate.
- Mrs. Van Nest stated the assessments Mr. Gladden spoke of earlier and the number for the sewers was \$3,800. The total we received for assessments was \$9,000, with the balance coming in the fall.
- Mr. Huston was given invoices to review, \$2,300 from April the 10th, \$105,000 dollars from April 14th, and \$5,000 from April 21st.
- Mrs. Van Nest stated everyone should have received an Ethics law paper to review, she asked that it be signed and returned to her.
- The Ordinance #23-17 went to the Ottawa County Engineers office and Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the tax distribution which will go into effect next year.

MAYOR'S REPORT -

- Mr. Harsanje stated on the 19th of April he, the Chief, Mrs. Van Nest and Mr. Gladden attended the Ottawa County Safety Council meeting. It was reported there was no lost time for Public Works for the last year.
- April 24th, Mayor Harsanje Sr. attended the Economic Development Team Small Business workshop held at the Jr. High.
- Friday April 28th was the Arbor Day Celebration at the park and there was a large turnout, which included four honorees.
- On the 19th of April and on May 1st the Mayor worked with High School Seniors painting the sign and pulling weeds on St. Rt. 51.
- At the Administration building, Public works crew and Genoa High School seniors pulled all the bushes and cleared the beds for flowers to be planted.
- Items were moved from the block building to the Gordon Building with the help of the senior students who are required to work 21 volunteer hours in order to walk at graduation.
- Mayor Harsanje Sr. inquired as to whether Mr. Diebert was still working on the Landowners/Renters Ordinance. Mr. Diebert indicated that they were.
- Mayor Harsanje Sr. requested a Council of the Whole meeting on May 15th at 6:30 to discuss Police activities and hiring.
- The Mayor asked if anyone had any question.
- Mr. Lewis stated that at the last Council of the Whole meeting they were under the impression the recorder was on and it was not. He mentioned he had taken a few notes and that was what was used to type the minutes, so he wanted to know if someone would be present to take minutes for the next meeting. Mr. Gladden said that the new recorders would be used and on. Mrs. Van Nest remarked that she would be there and make sure the microphones were on also.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Mr. St. Marie

- Mr. St. Marie stated that last Monday the Genoa Economic Development team put on the Small Business Workshop, but that not many people interested in starting a business attended.
- Mr. St. Marie reported that there were good resources available from, First Federal Bank, Genoa Bank, members of the Pemberville community, and the Pemberville Mayor. Mr. Katifias, Genoa Principal spoke as well.
- Mr. St. Marie stated Tracey Rickman provided information on what kind of business and franchises would do well.
- The Economic Development team hope to have the workshop again, maybe even several times a year.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS - Mr. Bittner – no report given

UTILITIES - Mr. Diebert

- Mr. Diebert stated he would be meeting with Leeann in regards to the list for delinquent utilities to see how it was going.
- Mr. Ballenger has returned from out of town and will continue the work on the Ordinances.
- Mr. Diebert reported that there has been a lot of talk about the playground equipment steps that are being repair, so he met with Lester Meyer at Riverside Tool to check on their progress.
- He reported though Mr. Meyer is thoroughly aware of what needs to be done, unfortunately he cannot replace them with the same coating they had. He can sandblast them, fix the weaken spots, and repaint them. They should then last at least two or three more years before having to have them refabricated.
- Mr. Meyer stated they'd be ready at the very least by next weekend.
- Mr. Diebert plans on having the steps back in at least before Memorial Day when the Quarry opens.
- Mr. Diebert requested a brief Utilities meeting for Monday May 15th at 6:15 pm.

FINANCE/INSURANCE - Mr. Huston

- Mr. Huston reported Finance held a brief Investment committee meeting prior to the Council meeting, where they discussed updating the Investment Policy. It was noted that the last update was in 2003. The plan is to make sure everyone is aware of what they can and cannot do.

SAFETY - Mr. Bittner, no report

- Mr. Lewis mentioned that on Thursday April 27th there was a ceremony at the Administration Office to present Chief Brad Weis and Sargent Todd Mocniak with Special Recognition awards from the Department of Defense for hiring reserve Officers as part time Police Officers for the Genoa Police Dept.

AD/HOC - Mr. Lewis

- Mr. Lewis mentioned that they held an AD/HOC meeting prior to Council meeting where they discuss two request for donations. (In budget, yes)

Mr. Lewis made a motion for Council to approve donations of \$250.00 each to the Joyful Connections and American Legion Post 324, for their Memorial Day Service; seconded by Mr. Bittner. Roll call:

Yeah: Mr. Lewis, Mr. Bittner Mr. Diebert, Mr. St.Marie, Mr. Huston, Mr. Reed

Nay: 0

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL - Mr. St. Marie – no report

At this time, Mr. Bittner Presented Resolution # 26-2017 to Council for **first reading:**

RESOLUTION #26-2017

A resolution declaring the amount of taxes that may be raised by levy at the maximum rates authorized by law without the vote of the electors to be insufficient and declaring the necessity of an additional levy in excess of such rates.

At this time, Mr. Lewis Presented Resolution # 27-2017 to Council for **first reading:**

RESOLUTION #27-2017

A Resolution pursuant to section 5705.03 of the revised code requesting the Ottawa County Auditor to certify to the Council of the Village of Genoa, Ottawa County, Ohio the total current tax valuation of the Village of Genoa, Ohio and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a two and 00/100 (2.0) mill additional tax levy for Police purposes within said village and declaring an emergency, first reading

With no further business of the Council, Mr. Diebert made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Bittner. Roll call:

Yeah: Mr. Diebert, Mr. Bittner, Mr. St. Marie, Mr. Reed, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Huston

Nay: 0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

An audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.

ATTEST: _____ SIGNED: _____

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

APPROVED: _____