

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
January 28, 2008
7:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Beckwith, Buskirk, Cordova, Ebersole, Fuller, Latimer and Piotrowski.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend Harry Pishcura of the New Life Assembly Church.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Ebersole to accept the minutes of the January 14th, 2008 Council Meeting.
Roll call, 7 years.

Citizens – Citizens were present along with a representative from the Star Beacon and Gazette.

Department Presentation – Police – Chief Dan Dudik

Chief Dudik stated that Part Time Police Officer, Mike Miller was trained in December and is currently working the streets. John-David Schuld is a new Part Time Police Officer currently in his 4th week of training. Chief Dudik stated that the Geneva Police Department is a recipient of special awards from AAA that directly benefit the residents. For 25 years the City of Geneva has had a fatality free pedestrian safety record. Very few communities receive the bronze, silver, gold, and platinum awards. Out of all of Northern Ohio, Bedford Hts., Broadview Hts., Geneva, Kirtland, Parma, and Solon were the only communities to receive such awards. To date, the City of Geneva has received two platinum awards, two gold awards, and one silver award.

Officer Joe Carroll explained that a checklist is filled out every year for AAA which looks for traffic safety committees, programs, projects, and regulations, along with the number of traffic crashes, and DUI arrests.

Points are received by participating in the following:

- Traffic Safety Committees – The Geneva Police Department participates with Ashtabula Safe Communities meeting monthly to discuss traffic safety issues throughout the community and what can be done to have an impact on them.
- Programs, Projects, Regulations – Separated by education, enforcement and engineering.
Education – The Geneva Police Department participates in the AAA Smart Helmet Program. If residents are seen wearing a bike helmet, an Officer can stop and give them a citation form from AAA for a free order of breadsticks and pop from Dominoes and enter raffles winning bikes and tickets to Geauga Lake.
- Child Safety Seat Checkups – Every other month in 2006, car seat checks were held.
- Third Grade Seatbelt Poster Contest – The Geneva Police Department has been involved in this program for a number of years giving education to third graders on seatbelt safety. The Geneva Rotary provides trophies to the winners of this contest.
- Safety Presentations – Provided by the School Resource Officer to children from Kindergarten on up.
- School Resource Officer Program – If residents drive by the school and see a traffic violation they can call Officer Carroll. The child will be informed of the violation and that there are people watching them who want them to be safe.
- Teen Drinking and Driving Presentation – A mock crash is put on annually with the Fire Department, North West Ambulance Service, and Life Flight/Medivac along with a presentation on safety.
- What's Holding You Back Campaign – Banners are displayed to send the message to wear your seatbelt. Enforcement – There is extra patrol during this campaign to promote click it or tick it – wear that seatbelt.
- You Drink You Drive You Lose Campaign – Banners are displayed to send the message to not drink and drive. Enforcement – There is extra patrol during this campaign to enforce no drinking and driving.
- Attend Community Events – The Geneva Police Department participates in many community events to promote traffic safety.
- Engineering – A speed display unit is put out to slow traffic down, and a traffic signal trailer is used at the main intersections if the power goes out to free Officers from having to direct traffic.

Jim Pearson thanked Chief Dudik and Officer Carroll. Mr. Pearson stated that Officer Joe Carroll has volunteered his time, worked with the children, worked on safety and has been a landmark appreciated not only by him but by the entire community.

Citizens - None

Items for Consideration of Council

Resolution 3054 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GENEVA STATE LODGE AND THE EFFORTS OF ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ASHTABULA COUNTY GROWTH PARTNERSHIP, ASHTABULA COUNTY CONVENTIONS FACILITY AUTHORITY, KENT STATE ASHTABULA, DELAWARE NORTH AND OTHERS IN THEIR EFFORT TO BRING DEVELOPMENT, JOBS AND FAMILIES TO ASHTABULA COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Cordova, seconded by Ebersole to declare Resolution 3054 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3054 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3054 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- Mr. Pearson stated that there are leaks in the Old City Hall roof. Chief Starkey explained that with exhaust from the new heaters and the freeze and thaw that has been happening with the weather, water is leaking in one corner of the building. There is a 10 year warranty on this roof and it has been patched and repaired numerous times. Other roof concerns will be addressed at the Capital meeting.
- Sewer relining was done on East Main Street and as part of that project there was a lot of I & I on Woodlawn Street. Video was taken on the storm sewer last week showing bad sections that will require excavation on Woodlawn Street which was just paved. The Engineers are currently looking at moving that to the tree lawn area with a smaller excavation. Mr. Pearson will keep Council informed once the feasibility and cost is determined.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business - None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports – None

Citizens – None

Motion by Buskirk, seconded by Cordova for Council to adjourn to executive session to discuss property acquisition and litigation. Roll Call, 7 yeas. Council adjourned to executive session at 7:49 p.m.

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Piotrowski to re-convene the January 28th, 2007 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas. The meeting re-convened at 8:59 p.m.

Council meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
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