

NEWS & INFORMATION July / August 2022

TRUSTEE REPORT: Observations

Mark Antonetz, Trustee

I heard during my campaign that it is, "easy to divide a community and it is difficult to unite it." I couldn't disagree more. I believe if you are honest and transparent, treat people with respect, listen to their concerns, and deliberate with Township's best interests in mind, you can keep a community united.

When I look at other communities in central Ohio, they cannot compete with Genoa Township. Geographically, we live in a scenic area where you can hop in a kayak or ride a bike for miles. The roads you take home are never in disrepair. Houses are beautiful. Schools are excellent. When you call for help from police or fire, you're sure to get a quick response. We have something special here.

I've found this didn't occur by accident, luck, or geography.

I work full-time in the private sector, and, in my business, I see that high quality organizations are the result of thoughtful planning and a conscientious workforce.

After six-months as Trustee, I have witnessed the innerworkings Genoa Township's team of specialized professionals that has contributed to making our community exceptional. I am proud to work alongside of them: fellow Trustees and Fiscal Officer, our long-standing Administrator of 18 years, Directors with an array of experience working in large cities, counties, and townships, military servicemembers, tradespeople; the list of diverse knowledge goes on. Each is a specialist in the business of government operations.

In Genoa Township, residents play a key role through volunteerism, serving as ambassadors of the community, lending expertise, and engaging in healthy discussion about local issues.

The residents I've had the pleasure to meet have told me of their desire to maintain our characteristic rural charm and to hold onto that even in the face of persistent development pressure. Simultaneously, there is an appreciation for balancing respect for personal rights with its impact on quality of life for the entire community.

Engaged residents, talented people, and attentive leaders working together will ensure this community remains united. It takes effort and dedication which are well within our collective ability.

Sincerely,

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Local Benefits

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\$2,954,838.25 in federal funds have been allocated for Genoa Township by the State of Ohio. The figure was determined based on population and split among eligible governments.

The infusion of funds is known as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). As the name suggests, the goal was to help communities recover from the impacts the Covid-19 pandemic.

For Genoa Township, deciding how to spend the funds began with a detailed study of legal documents that specify the type of expenses that are eligible. Trustees asked for a prioritized list of needs from each department including estimated costs.

Funds must be spent on these specific items unless the Genoa Township Board of Trustees votes to amend its previously approved upon resolution.

The funds will not be spent quickly, but rather, will be phased in with spending to be complete by 2026. Any unused balance after that time would be returned.

As of June 2022, the Board of Trustees have approved expenditures totaling \$2,470,470.25.

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MOVIES at McNAMARA PARK



Movies at McNamara will continue on Saturday, July 9. Disney Pixar's Luca will start at dusk. The event is free and open to the public. Free popcorn. Bring chairs, blankets, drinks, and bug spray.

Learn more www.GenoaTwp.com/MovieNight

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Local Benefits (continued)

Police:

- \$38,970 to replace 10 cruiser computers.
- \$12,000 to purchase a blood alcohol concentration device.
- \$27,500 to purchase a Polaris Ranger for patrolling off-road areas.
- \$20,000 to purchase AED equipment.
- \$15,000 to purchase tasers.
- \$338,000.25 for the partial tear-down of the old police station.

Fire:

• \$377,000 to reimburse the Fire Department for overtime resulting from the pandemic.

Maintenance:

• \$192,000 to repair Plumb Road between Rome Corners Road and Shagbark Trail.

Parks and Trails:

- \$50,000 to purchase playground equipment for Hilmar Park.
- \$700,000 for greenspace conservation/preservation grant match.
- \$200,000 to purchase a restroom for Hilmar Park.
- \$200,000 to purchase a restroom for the Worthington Community Garden.
- \$300,000 to repave the Genoa Trail between Big Walnut and Lewis Center Roads, Center Green Park trail from the bridge to Spring Run Drive, Center Green Park to Park Bend Road, Center Green Park to Tussic Street Road.

\$2,470,470.25 has been encumbered to date as outlined; however, these amounts are estimates and subject to change once final pricing is determined.

A balance of \$484,368 remains uncommitted at this time. The Board of Trustees will allocate those funds at a later date.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Litter Mittie

Young leaders at Alcott Elementary School formed a group they named Litter Mittie. The group felt inspired to help keep their community and parks clean and help the planet in the process.

On their first outing they collected two full bags of trash from Hilmar Park and the grounds at Alcott Elementary. Thank you to Bella Cuahuey, Anika Kulkami, Mimi Cuahuey, and Lauren Carroll.



Ohio's tax-free weekend is Friday, August 5 to Sunday, August 7. Benefit applies to an item of clothing priced at \$75 or less; an item of school supplies priced at \$20 or less; and an item of school instructional material priced at \$20 or less. There is no limit on the total amount of the purchase. The qualification is determined item by item.

		Fiscal Report		
Fund Name	01/01/2022 Fund Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance 05/31/2022
General	\$3,833,268	\$1,084,535	\$655,473	\$4,262,330
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$18,878	\$15,954	\$27,342	\$7,490
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$64,349	\$89,515	\$21,172	\$132,691
Gasoline Tax	\$122,636	\$143,915	\$212,608	\$53,943
Road and Bridge	\$1,138,528	\$1,589,458	\$1,695,868	\$1,032,118
Road & Bridge Capital Projects	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
TIF Fund	\$760,229	\$549,635	\$567,871	\$741,993
Cemetery	\$28,018	\$444	\$220	\$28,242
Police	\$7,605,659	\$2,198,712	\$1,820,798	\$7,983,574
Police Capital Projects	\$201,898	\$149,275	\$103,074	\$248,099
Police Station-Capital Projects	\$165,977	\$279	\$0	\$166,256
General (bond) (note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$1,387	\$0
Enforcement and Education	\$7,357	\$248	\$0	\$7,605
Law Enforcement Trust	\$23,034	\$0	\$0	\$23,034
Bond - Police Station	\$326,121	\$432,127	\$116,282	\$641,967
<u>Fire</u>	\$6,313,565	\$2,760,306	\$2,243,907	\$6,829,965
Fire Capital Projects	\$1,726,287	\$0	\$0	\$1,726,287
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$262,915	\$106,079	\$30,910	\$338,084
Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance	\$0	\$568,081	\$568,081	\$0
Parks	\$156,992	\$357,755	\$221,792	\$292,954
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$6,324	\$0	\$6,324	<u>\$0</u>
American Rescue Plan Act-ARP	\$1,477,206	<u>\$107,818</u> \$30.041	\$0 \$0	\$1,585,024
EPA Grant	\$24			\$30,066
Total	\$24,340,653	\$10,184,177	\$8,293,108	\$26,231,722

Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar. For additional information on Township finances visit www.OhioCheckbook.com

DEPARTMENT UPDATES



ZONING & DEVELOPMENT

Joe Shafer, 614.899.0725

Plans have been presented to develop a 55 acre parcel adjacent to the new Police Station. The project would create a new 95 home neighborhood, "Courtyards at Big Walnut".

Before the project could move forward, rezoning from Rural Residential to Planned Residential District is required. A recommendation from the Zoning Commission and a majority vote of the Board of Trustees is necessary for the project to move forward.

The project was previously presented to the Zoning Commission on April 11 and June 13, 2022. It is anticipated to return for further discussion and consideration on July 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Learn more or submit your comments at www.GenoaTwp.com/Zoning



POLICE

Chief Stephen Gammill 614.568.2060

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Also, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Join our local National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 2 at McNamara Park for food, live music, and the infamous police vs kids water balloon battle. The fun starts at 5:00 p.m.

Also, a women's self-defense course will be held July 22 at 6:30 p.m. Register at **www.GenoaTwp.com/SelfDefense**



FIRE/EMS/RESCUE Chief Joseph Ponzi 614.568.2040

When a heart attack occurs outside of a hospital, whether a patient can survive depends upon someone recognizing cardiac arrest, calling 911, and beginning CPR quickly. Defibrillation comes next followed by advanced resuscitation by the rapid response of Genoa Township paramedics. This is when a bystander becomes a hero, bridging the gap in time between onset of cardiac arrest and paramedics arriving with advanced life support measures.

For this reason, we provide CPR training for residents. Rather than having set course dates, we customize training opportunities for groups and individuals. Please call the Fire Department at 614.568.2040 to coordinate training for CPR certification. The course is free. Individuals age 12 and older are recommended to participate.

MAINTENANCE

Bob Mathews, 614.568.2080



The long-awaited improvements to Freeman Park are scheduled to be complete at the end of June. To celebrate, residents are invited to the new playground on Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Kids will be divided into groups by age to test their speed and agility on the new ninja-style obstacle course. Prizes will be awarded to individuals participating in each group.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

Independence Day | July 4 Township administration office closed. Rumpke service delayed until July 9.

Freeman Park Playground Celebration | July 6 | 6:00 p.m. Kids can join in the fun of challenging their agility on the new playground for a chance to win a prize!

Movies at McNamara featuring Luca | July 9 | Dusk No reservation needed. Free popcorn! **GenoaTwp.com/MovieNight**

Women's Self-Defense | July 22 | 6:30 p.m. Register at www.GenoaTwp.com/SelfDefense

National Night Out | August 2 | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Activities, vehicles, and cops vs kids water balloon battle at McNamara Park

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Board of Trustees | July 7 & August 4 | 6:30 p.m. Zoning Commission | July 18 & August 8 | 7:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals | July 26 & August 23 | 7:00 p.m.

Note: Communication, Fire, Parks, and Police Advisory Committee meetings not shown. View the full calendar at <u>www.GenoaTwp.com</u>.





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