# Genoa Township Board of Trustees
# Delaware County, Ohio
# Regular Trustee Meeting
# July 17, 2025

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The meeting was called to order by Trustee Antonetz at 6:30 PM.

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| **PRESENT:** | Mark W. Antonetz, Chairperson | |
| | Renee Vaughan, Vice-Chairperson | |
| | Annette McMurry, Trustee | |
| | Patrick M. Myers, Fiscal Officer | |
| **ALSO PRESENT:** | Donna Batten | Assistant Fiscal Officer/HR |
| | Deana Brown | Office Manager |
| | Lauren Fitzpatrick | Director Roads, B&G & Parks |
| | James McMillin | Police Chief |
| | Joseph Ponzi | Fire Chief |
| | Joseph Shafer | Director of Zoning & Development |
| | Leslie Strader | Director of Communications |
| | Paul Wise | Township Administrator |

Pledge of Allegiance.

## FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

**RES. 25-0717001 APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Mark Antonetz moved to approve the following Trustee Meeting Minutes:

June 10, 2025, Regular Trustee Meeting
June 26, 2025, Special Trustee Meeting

Seconded by Annette McMurry.
Vote: Antonetz-yes; Vaughan-yes; McMurry-yes.

JUNE 2025 FINANCIALS

- Mr. Myers presented the June 2025 Financials including the following:
  - Primary Bank Reconciliation
  - Fund Status
  - Cash Summary by Fund-YTD
  - Appropriation Summary-MTD
  - Fund Summary-MTD
  - Revenue Summary-MTD

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dan Riggle, 5444 Teresa's Trail, spoke against a trail/park between Hughes and Red Bank Roads.
- Jacqueline Lane, 8271 Beech Ave, spoke against the proposed resolution to ban e-bikes from township parks/trails.
- John McHale, 5311 Slater Ridge, spoke against the proposed resolution to ban e-bikes from township parks/trails.

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- Bret Watson, 6799 Regency Drive, commented on the proposed resolution to ban e-bikes from township parks/trails and informed The Board of low hanging tree branches on the trail at Center Green Park and Park Bend.
- Tony DiBlasi, 6501 Sunbury Road, commented on the City of Columbus Annexation of Hoover Reservoir.
- Frank Dantonio, 8041 Lewis Center Road, commented on the proposed resolution to ban e-bikes from township parks/trails and the Ohio Election Commission Complaint Settlement
- Karl Gebhardt, 6796 Regency Drive, commented the February 6th Trustee/Zoning meeting on the consent decree for EC New Vision Ohio LLC and the appointment of Trustee Annette McMurry.
- James Rickman, 5209 Medallion Drive East, commented on Trustees Mark Antonetz and Renee Vaughan and thanked them for their service.

## TRUSTEE COMMENT

COLUMBUS ANNEXATION-UPDATE

- Trustee Vaughan gave an update on the City of Columbus Annexation of Hoover Reservoir.
- Trustee Vaughan gave an update on House Bill 96 State Operating Budget and Referendums.
- Trustee Vaughan commented on the "Public Comment" portion of the meeting.
- Trustee Antonetz commented on the "Public Comment" portion of the meeting.
- Trustee McMurry commented on the "Public Comment" portion of the meeting.

## ADMINISTRATION

OHIO ELECTION COMMISSION COMPLAINT SETTLEMENT-DISCUSSION

- This item was tabled for further information.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT

- This item was tabled for further information.

TOWNSHIP HALL RENTALS

**RES. 25-0717002 TERMINATE TOWNSHIP HALL RENTAL RESERVATIONS**
Mark Antonetz moved to no longer rent the Genoa Township Hall for events. The hall will be available for reservation for only non-profit organizations, schools, and neighborhood groups. Seconded by Renee Vaughan.
Vote: Antonetz-yes; Vaughan-yes; McMurry-yes.

## POLICE

POLICE LEVY CERTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION TO PROCEED

**RES. 25-0717003 ACKNOWLEDGE DELAWARE COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE**
Mark Antonetz moved to acknowledge the Delaware County Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue for a renewal and increase of 4.95 mills to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation for Police purposes, to be placed on the November 4, 2025, General Election. The estimated property tax revenue that will be produced by the state milage is calculated to be $5,610,594 annually. Seconded by Renee Vaughan.
Vote: Antonetz-yes; Vaughan-yes; McMurry-yes.

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**RES. 25-0717004 TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A(N) RENEWAL AND INCREASE OF A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS, OTHER EQUIPMENT, BUILDINGS, AND SITES FOR SUCH BUILDINGS USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF PERMANENT OR PART-TIME POLICE, COMMUNICATIONS, OR ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION 145.48 OR 742.33 OF THE REVISED CODE, FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS INCURRED BY TOWNSHIPS AS A RESULT OF CONTRACTS MADE WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN POLICE PROTECTION (R.C. §§ 5705.03, 5705.19(J), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25)**

Mark Antonetz moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

PREAMBLE

**WHEREAS**, the Board, approved the following resolution declaring the necessity to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation:

Resolution No: RES. 25-0626002
Date Approved: June 26, 2025

; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Delaware County Auditor ("Auditor") has certified the following information to the Board:

1. The total current tax valuation of the Township is as follows:

   $1,655,748,360
2. The number of mills, for each $1 of taxable value, required to generate a specified amount of revenue is:
   - Specified amount of revenue: $ N/A
   - Required number of mills: N/A.
3. The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills, for each $1 of taxable value, is:
   - Specified number of mills: 4.95
   - Dollar amount of revenue generated (annual collection amount on Auditor's Certificate multiplied by number of years of levy):
     $ 28,054,770
4. The levy's effective rate or levy's rate, whichever is applicable, in dollars for each $100,000 of the Auditor's appraised value, is:
   $117.00
5. As applicable, an estimate of the levy's annual collections is (annual collection amount on Auditor's Certificate):
   $5,610,954

RESOLUTION

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board, at least two-thirds (2/3) of all of the members of the Board concurring, as follows:

1. The Board shall proceed with the submission of the question of the tax to the electors.
2. The rate of the tax levy, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value is:
   4.95 mill(s).
3. The levy's effective rate or levy's rate, as applicable, in dollars for each $100,000 of the Auditor's appraised value, as estimated by the Auditor, is:
   $117.00.
4. If the levy is a renewal levy or a replacement levy, the rate listed in #2 above:
   _____ **is** the same rate as the existing tax levy.
   X **is not** the same rate as the existing tax levy and is either:
   N/A a reduction, the extent of the reduction being:

__N/A__ mill(s)
$ N/A for each $100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value
__X__ an increase, the extent of the increase being:
__.75__ mill(s)
$26.25 for each $100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value

5. Pursuant to R.C. § 5705.03(B)(1):
   a. The purpose of the tax is as follows:
   Providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection;
   b. The type of levy is as follows:
   _____ additional levy
   __X__ renewal levy: __X__ increase _____ decrease
   _____ replacement levy: _____ increase _____ decrease
   c. The sections of the Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax are R.C. §§ 5705.03, 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25 and the following:
   R.C. § 5705.19(J);
   d. The term of the tax is as follows (in years or continuing):
   Five (5) Years;
   e. The territory where the tax is to be levied is as follows:
   __X__ Upon the entire territory of the Township
   _____ If authorized by the Revised Code, the following described portion of the territory of the Township:
   _____;
   f. The date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot is as follows ("Election");
   November 4, 2025;
   g. The territory where the ballot measure is to be submitted is as follows:
   __X__ Upon the entire territory of the Township
   _____ If authorized by the Revised Code, the following described portion of the territory of the Township:
   _____;
   h. The tax will be first levied and collected as follows:
   The tax year in which the tax will first be levied is __2025__;
   T The calendar year in which the tax will first be collected is __2026__;
   i. The Township has territory in Delaware County and each of the following listed counties:
   None.
6. The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to **certify the levy to the Board of Elections, Delaware County, Ohio ("BOE").** Certification shall include copies of **ALL** of the following documents:
   a. **Resolution of Necessity** (Resolution No. RES. 25-0626002 adopted on June 26, 2025; and,
   b. **Certification of the Auditor**; and,
   c. **Resolution to Proceed** (This Resolution).

Certification shall occur by **no later than 4:00 PM on August 6, 2025** (90 days prior to the Election)

The Fiscal Officer shall also notify the BOE to cause notice of the Election on the question of levying the tax to be given as required by law.

7. The BOE is hereby directed to submit substantially the following question to the electors at the Election:

| OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT<br>GENERAL ELECTION<br>NOVEMBER 4, 2025<br>PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL AND INCREASE)<br>GENOA TOWNSHIP<br>DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO<br>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage<br>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage | |
|---|---|
| A renewal of 4.2 mills and an increase of 0.75 mills for each $1 of taxable value to constitute a tax for the benefit of Genoa Township, Delaware County, Ohio for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection that the county auditor estimates will collect $5,610,954 annually, at a rate not exceeding 4.95 mills for each $1 of taxable value, which amounts to $117.00 for each $100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026. | |
| | FOR THE TAX LEVY |
| | AGAINST THE TAX LEVY |

8. All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. § 121.22.
9. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

Seconded by Renee Vaughan.
Vote: Antonetz-yes; Vaughan-yes; McMurry-yes.

**FIRE**

ACCEPT RETIREMENT

**RES. 25-0717005 ACCEPT RETIREMENT**

Mark Antonetz moved to regretfully accept the retirement of Fire Department Lieutenant Chad Cochran, effective July 31, 2025. Seconded by Annette McMurry.
Vote: Antonetz-yes; Vaughan-yes; McMurry-yes.

SUPPLEMENT AMBULANCE PAYMENT CONTRACT

**RES. 25-0717006 ENTER INTO SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP LLC**
Mark Antonetz moved to enter into an agreement with Public Consulting Group LLC for a Public Consulting Group Emergency Services Agreement, effective July 17, 2025, and authorize Township Administrator Paul Wise to sign the agreement on behalf of The Board of Trustees. Seconded by Renee Vaughan.
Vote: Antonetz-yes; Vaughan-yes; McMurry-yes.

## MAINTENANCE

PERSONNEL-TERMINATION

**RES. 25-0717007 APPROVE TERMINATION**
Mark Antonetz moved to approve the termination of Parks Seasonal Technician Jacob Corbin, effective July 14, 2025.
Seconded by Annette McMurry.
Vote: Antonetz-yes; Vaughan-yes; McMurry-yes.

APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS

**RES. 25-0717008 APPROVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN II JOB DESCRIPTION**
Mark Antonetz moved to approve the Maintenance Technician II job description effective June 10, 2025.
Seconded by Renee Vaughan.
Vote: Antonetz-yes; Vaughan-yes; McMurry-yes.

**RES. 25-0717009 APPROVE PARKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TECHNICIAN II JOB DESCRIPTION**
Mark Antonetz moved to approve the Parks, Buildings & Grounds Technician II job description effective June, 10, 2025. Seconded by Annette McMurry.
Vote: Antonetz-yes; Vaughan-yes; McMurry-yes.

INTERNAL JOB POSTING

- There was a consensus of The Board to post an internal job opening for a Maintenance Technician II and Buildings & Grounds Technician II.

E-BIKE RESOLUTION

- There was Board discussion regarding the ban of e-bikes in township parks. The e-bikes would be permitted on township trails with a 20-mph limit. This item was tabled for further information.

MCNAMARA PARK BARN DEMO REPORT

- Ms. Fitzpatrick provided quotes on the demo of the McNamara Park Barn. There was a consensus of The Board to move forward with the selection of a vendor for the barn demo project.

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PURCHASE ORDER

**RES. 25-0717010 APPROVE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER**
Mark Antonetz moved to approve a Blanket Purchase Order, in the amount of $12,864.76, for township asphalt repairs. Seconded by Renee Vaughan.
Vote: Antonetz-yes; Vaughan-yes; McMurry-yes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- July 22 – Board of Zoning Appeals
- July 26 – Police Open House
- August 5 – National Night Out
- August 6 – Parks Advisory Committee
- August 9 – Movie Night
- Next Regular Trustee Meeting – August 12, 2025

There was no more business to come before The Board.

Mark Antonetz moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:53 PM. Seconded by Annette McMurry.
Vote: Antonetz-yes; Vaughan-yes; McMurry-yes.

Trustee Trustee Trustee

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer

Minutes Approved August 12, 2025.

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