

News & Updates



From Trustee Gebhardt:

You may have read news coverage about discussions occurring in nearby Liberty Township to consider having Delaware County Emergency Medical Service replace the Township's own cross-trained firefighter/paramedics. Their residents were surprised by the proposal and vocally opposed.

On the surface this news item appears to be an issue of significance only in Liberty Township, but the outcome there could have ramifications on other communities like Genoa Township that also employ cross-trained firefighter/paramedics. This subject has been discussed within our own Township numerous times over the past decade. Our goal has always been to balance maintaining the high level of Township provided EMS service our residents are accustomed to while reducing or eliminating redundant EMS coverage that is currently provided by Delaware County. Ideally, this solution would also be financially beneficial for residents. These efforts by Genoa Township and other communities have been disregarded by several Delaware County Commissioners apart from Commissioner Barb Lewis who is a former Genoa Township Trustee and has consistently supported the Township's best interests.

Your Township Trustees recently reaffirmed our collective support for providing Township based, Township managed, and Township supported fire/EMS service when we passed Resolution #18-1115001. We believe this Resolution best represents what residents want and repeatedly have shown their support for at the ballot box. We will be monitoring the situation in Liberty Township as we continue to try to work with the Delaware County Commissioners on an arrangement that will ensure the highest level of fire, EMS, and rescue services to protect the health and safety of Township residents.

A second item of importance to me in 2019 is to encourage more personal conversations with residents in lieu of electronic communications via email or social media. Having one-on-one conversations, or even small group discussions, is becoming a lost art. Emails and posts on NextDoor.com or Facebook are certainly convenient and have their place but can lead to confusion when complex issues are summarized. Hosting a meeting is efficient, but large meetings are not always convenient and can leave

some voices unheard. Instead, creative resolutions will be found by meeting with one another to share differences and what we all have in common, the desire for what is best for our Township.

Township Trustees and staff are available to meet and welcome the opportunity to better get to know residents. I encourage you to reach out - I think it will lead to better understanding and hopefully more positive outcomes. To reach the Trustees please call the numbers listed on the back of this newsletter. While the Trustees may not always be available to answer, if you leave a message with the topic you would like to discuss and your availability, we will be back in touch.

Happy New Year!

Karl R. Gebhardt, Trustee

Fiscal Report

Fund Name	01/01/2018 Fund Bal.	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Bal. 10/31/2018
General	\$2,288,999	\$1,980,969	\$1,805,898	\$2,464,069
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$27,588	\$29,282	\$30,467	\$26,404
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$154,297	\$176,268	\$297,316	\$33,248
Gasoline Tax	\$159,142	\$153,701	\$81,180	\$231,664
Road and Bridge	\$448,661	\$1,732,938	\$1,487,626	\$693,973
TIF Fund	\$1,240,719	\$980,817	\$699,319	\$1,522,217
Big Walnut/Worth Rd Improvements	\$238	\$2	\$0	\$239
Cemetery	\$37,724	\$3,152	\$7,286	\$33,590
Police	\$4,465,463	\$4,532,176	\$2,693,651	\$6,303,988
Police Capital Projects	\$688,056	\$0	\$149,091	\$538,965
Enforcement and Education	\$4,419	\$917	\$1,100	\$4,236
Law Enforcement Trust	\$67,570	\$4,138	\$2,131	\$69,577
Fire	\$4,502,290	\$5,304,379	\$3,772,201	\$6,034,467
Fire Capital Projects	\$2,244,167	\$102,000	\$0	\$2,346,167
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$0	\$171,981	\$0	\$171,981
General (bond)				
(note) Retirement	\$1,387	\$0	\$0	\$1,387
Totals	\$16,330,721	\$15,172,719	\$11,027,266	\$20,476,173

**Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar*

For additional information on Township finances visit www.OhioCheckbook.com

Fire/EMS/Rescue:

Most carbon monoxide poisonings occur in the winter. Reduce risks of carbon monoxide exposure:

- Install battery-operated carbon monoxide detectors near the bedrooms. Check or replace the battery during daylight savings time each spring and fall.
- Never use a generator inside or less than 20 feet from any window, door or vent; fatal levels of carbon monoxide can be produced in just minutes, even in a garage.
- Have chimneys checked and cleaned every year, and make sure fireplace dampers are open before lighting a fire and well after the fire is extinguished.
- Never use a gas oven for heating the home.
- Never let a car idle in the garage.
- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. Low to moderate carbon monoxide poisoning is characterized by headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness and high-level carbon monoxide poisoning results in mental confusion, vomiting, loss of muscular coordination, loss of consciousness and death.

If unhealthy levels of carbon monoxide are suspected, go outdoors immediately and call 911. The Genoa Township Fire Department will respond to sample the level of carbon monoxide in the air and provide medical attention to those who have been exposed.

In a medical emergency such as carbon monoxide poisoning, it may be necessary for Genoa Township Fire Department personnel to gain immediate entry into the home to provide life-saving services. To avoid the need for emergency responders to force entry, residents are urged to purchase a locked key box. Genoa Township Fire Department has partnered with the Roper Lock Box, LLC to provide emergency responders the access they need to a home without the security risks of hiding a key outside. The Roper Over-The-Door Key Box is installed simply without the need for tools. A key to the property is secured inside the box, accessible only to emergency responders. Each Lock Box costs \$30.95 and can be purchased by check at the Fire Station located at 7049 Big Walnut Road. Bring a spare house key when purchasing the lock box for staff to secure inside.



The Roper
Over-The-Door
Key Box



Police:

Genoa Township Police are deeply grateful to voters for supporting the bond levy to build a new police station. They understand that support is earned by providing the best possible police service to the community and are committed to doing so every day. While they are looking forward to moving into the new station, there is still much work to be done before construction can begin.

An architect is working with staff and Trustees to finalize the design development and preparing the construction documents required to obtain bids from construction companies. The estimated timeline places a groundbreaking late summer 2019 with completion in early September 2020.



Maintenance:

It may be cold outside, but that shouldn't be a reason to stay inside and hibernate. Walking paths are open year-round for your enjoyment and are abundant throughout the Township. A path has been created through a natural area at Jaycox Park (located at Jaycox Road and Sheffield Park Drive) for cross-country skiing and hiking adjacent to the sledding hill. Bundle up and enjoy the winter fun the parks offer.

Crews will continue to pretreat road surfaces prior to snow events and will work diligently to keep roads passable during and after winter weather events. The following three tips have proven helpful to keep drivers safe during adverse winter conditions: stay alert, slow down, and stay in control. Slowing down remains the single most important factor for safe winter driving and it can't be stressed enough over the next few months.

Development:

- On November 6, 2018, Genoa Township residents voted to overturn an approval granted by the Board of Trustees to re-zone approximately 43 acres at the southeast corner of Tussic Street and Oxbow from Rural Residential to Planned Residential District.
- The Board of Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the Genoa Township Hall to discuss potential amendments to the Genoa Township Comprehensive Plan and the Genoa Township Zoning Resolution. This meeting will be a continuance of hearings originally begun on October 30, 2017.



Watch the corresponding video for this article and subscribe to our channel on YouTube at www.GenoaTwp.com/YouTube.

A New Year's Resolution: Volunteering Talent to the Township

It's the time of year when everyone is doing the same thing, refocusing and setting goals for 2019. In doing so, consider the opportunities Genoa Township offers for involvement in the community.

Eight resident-driven committees exist to serve a vital link between the Board of Trustees and the Township's residents, providing input into policy and decision making. Not only does the Township benefit from the talents of each participant, but committee members have expressed that they feel a greater sense of connection and unity with neighbors after becoming involved.

Individuals from all backgrounds and professions are encouraged to apply for committee appointment; the variety provides a cross section of the community that brings diverse insight and talent. Some of the work currently being completed by committees include visioning and planning for a parks master plan, monitoring current events relating to EMS services in Delaware County, and planning for the development of a new police station.

Existing Committees:

- Parks Advisory Committee
- Police Advisory Committee
- Fire/Rescue/EMS Advisory Committee
- Audit Advisory Committee
- Finance Advisory Committee
- Investment Advisory Committee
- Zoning Commission
- Board of Zoning Appeals

Application process: Visit www.GenoaTwp.com/Appointments and complete a simple online application which includes uploading a resume by January 15, 2018. Trustees will review the applications and applicants will be notified of their decisions in the spring. Those selected for appointment to a committee will begin their terms on April 1, 2019.

Time Commitment: The day and time each committee meets varies. Typically, groups meet one time per month on a weekday evening. Occasionally committees host events or special meetings in addition to their regular schedule. The term of appointment ranges from two to five years depending on the committee.

Other opportunities: If a committee appointment doesn't feel like the right fit, there are more opportunities to get to know neighbors while serving the Township.

• CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY

Climbing ladders, driving fire trucks, and using the Jaws of Life to tear apart a car are just a few of the activities residents will get to experience during the Citizen's Fire Academy. The Academy will meet Monday evenings 7:00-9:00pm for 12 weeks between March and June. The program won't make participants firefighters, but it will be educational, fun, and, at times, challenging. Participants must be a minimum of 18 years of age and pass a background check. Apply online at www.genoatwp.com/FireAcademy



• CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Become a member of the Citizen Police Academy's 13th class. Convening Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00p.m. beginning in March for 10 weeks, officers and residents both enjoy the opportunity to get to know one another. During the course, participants will visit the county jail, go shooting at the firing range and more. Participants must be a minimum of 18 years of age and pass a background check. There is no charge for this course. Apply online at: www.genoatwp.com/PoliceAcademy



• VOLUNTEER

Events like the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Trick or Treat Village delight the Township's youngest residents and are made possible by a team of committed volunteers. Join this roster to be called upon to help with future event set-up, activities, and more. Contact LGreco@genoatwp.com.



• COMMUNITY GARDENING

Become a member of the Township's community garden located at Worthington Road Park. Plots vary in size and associated fees are as follows:

- 10' x 15' (\$20)
- 15' x 20' (\$40)
- 20' x 30' (\$80)



Water access, tiller, shovels, rakes, and wheel barrows are provided. Learn more at www.GenoaTwp.com/Garden.

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Six short surveys will be launched throughout 2019, each focusing a different topic. The first of these surveys aims to assess the quality of customer service received when communicating with Township employees. Share your thoughts and opinions at:

www.GenoaTwp.com/Resident_Survey

The anonymous results will be shared with the Genoa Township Board of Trustees to help guide their work.

Community Calendar

January & February 2019

January 1	New Year's Day	Offices Closed	February 4	Fire/EMS/Rescue Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.
January 3	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.	February 6	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.
January 5	Rumpke Holiday Trash Collection		February 7	Board of Trustees	6:30 p.m.
January 7	Special Trustee / Zoning meeting	6:30 p.m.	February 11	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
January 9	Parks Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.	February 14	Seniors	Noon
January 9	Police Advisory Committee (Fire Department conference room)	7:00 p.m.	February 14	Audit Advisory Committee	6:30 p.m.
January 10	Seniors	Noon	February 14	Finance Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m.
January 14	Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	February 18	Presidents' Day	Offices Closed
January 17	Board of Trustees*	8:30 a.m.	February 21	Board of Trustees*	8:30 a.m.
January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Offices closed	February 26	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
January 22	Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.			

***BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEW MEETING TIME!
8:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month**

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in the Genoa Township Community Hall at 5111 South Old 3C Highway. Visit www.genoatwp.com prior to events for any updates or changes that occur after publication.