

TRUSTEE REPORT: Friendship first

Renee Vaughan, Trustee

Chaos and turmoil have occurred throughout our country for the past several months. Emotions are running high, and citizens have become so passionate about issues that they have organized peaceful protests and riots to express their disapproval of decisions that have been made. Family, friends and neighbors stand on both sides of issues that have strained relationships.

At the time of this writing, the process of replacing Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the supreme court has begun. This is yet another controversial topic. One need only look at the friendship between Justice Ginsburg and Justice Antonin Scalia as a model to put relationships over controversy. According to Justice Scalia's son, Christopher, the two held very strong, very different views. Both stood firmly in their position. They never discussed politics because there was no point. These two passionate, caring friends were able to put all differences aside for the sake of the friendship.

If we are to change the climate of our country, it starts with us. So as we celebrate the holidays with our family, friends and neighbors, let the example of Justices Ginsburg and Scalia be an inspiration for us all. Focus on what's truly important and cherish precious time with those we love. Recall what we all have in common: we are Americans, Ohioans, Delaware County citizens, Genoa Township residents, neighbors and friends.

May we all count our blessings
this holiday season,

Renee Vaughan

VIEW FROM ABOVE: Construction nears completion

Progress appeared slow throughout the year as drivers passed the site of the new police station at the northwest corner of State Route 3 and Big Walnut Road. However, the view from the sky told another story.

Standing just out of sight, resident Bret Watson visited religiously to fly his drone. Bret was documenting Genoa's history in real-time.

Major Township construction projects are not frequent, and so they are noteworthy in local history. Most recently, Township Hall was opened in 2003, replacing the original building that dates back to 1880.

Bret's drone videos show the steady, out of sight progress made to level the site, establish an underground network of utilities, lay cinder block, raise trusses, and attach siding. The crew, working through the pandemic, made steady progress and are finishing on schedule.

The 2018 voter-approved, bond funded project is under budget and expected to be paid off within the next nine years.

Community leaders will ceremonially cut the ribbon on the new police station on December 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. Residents are welcome to attend. Masks are required.

Public tours of the new police station will be available in groups of ten or less. Attend the grand opening or call 614-568-2060 to schedule for a later time.



Those who are interested to see the new facility but are uncomfortable attending in-person can view a time-lapse compilation of drone footage at www.GenoaTwp.com/PoliceStation on the date of the event.

FIREFIGHTERS TOY & FOOD DRIVE

The Fire Department is accepting donations of nonperishable food, new unwrapped toys, and gift cards through December 31 for those less fortunate. Items can be dropped off at the Fire Station at 7049 Big Walnut Road.

Many families are facing financial uncertainty this year which can make maintaining a magical holiday especially stressful for parents. Genoa Township

firefighters request for your help to give local families a joyful end to 2020.

Leave donations inside the vestibule where the firefighters will sort items for distribution by Big Walnut Friends Who Care and Helping Hands. Please wear masks during drop-off.



ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 3



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ASSIGNED SEATING: Apply for committee appointments

Residents take-on the formal role of advisor when they are appointed to serve on a committee by the Board of Trustees. Eight separate committees serve a vital link to township leaders, providing input into decision making.

For example, members of the Parks Advisory Committee published a master plan to guide and prioritize improvements. They will continue in 2021 by working with staff to implement the plan.

Advisory committees include:

- Communications
- Finance
- Fire/Rescue/EMS
- Investment
- Parks
- Police

The Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission are also made up of resident appointed members. However, their duties vary from those of an advisory committee. The Board of Zoning Appeals make final decisions regarding proposed

development variances, conditional uses and appeals. Zoning commissions are required by law to fulfill the job of reviewing and providing recommendations for re-zoning and planned development requests. The Commission also recommends regulations to the Board of Trustees and assists in the development of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Resolution.

Applications and resumes are submitted online and provided to the Board of Trustees for careful review. The best suited candidates are then assigned to fill committee vacancies.

Those who are selected for appointment begin their new terms on April 1. Typically, each committee meets once a month on a weekday evening.

Complete an application at www.GenoaTwp.com/Appointments and upload your resume no later than January 17, 2021.

REEL FUN: Tournament results

Prizes lured youth anglers to participate in the Township’s fishing tournament. More than 40 fish were documented and submitted to the event website between September 4-13.

Thanks to all participants and congratulations to winners: Jacob B., Gavin L., Phineas H., Avery W., Jackson L., and Benjamin R. Each winner received a \$25 gift card.



LARGEST CATCH

22 inch catfish
Jacob B.

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Fiscal Report

| Fund Name | 01/01/2020 Fund Balance | YTD Revenue | YTD Expenditures | Ending Balance 9/31/2020 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| General | \$2,949,486 | \$1,724,177 | \$1,231,300 | \$3,442,363 |
| Motor Vehicle License Tax | \$27,320 | \$25,346 | \$40,000 | \$12,666 |
| Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax | \$71,567 | \$156,084 | \$139,436 | \$88,215 |
| Gasoline Tax | \$144,481 | \$256,068 | \$311,857 | \$88,692 |
| Road and Bridge | \$784,174 | \$2,685,542 | \$2,065,145 | \$1,404,570 |
| TIF Fund | \$1,052,176 | \$476,190 | \$511,369 | \$1,016,997 |
| Cemetery | \$30,110 | \$2,766 | \$1,394 | \$31,482 |
| Police | \$6,678,035 | \$4,078,008 | \$2,994,850 | \$7,761,193 |
| Police Capital Projects | \$320,450 | \$250,000 | \$41,866 | \$528,584 |
| Police Station-Capital Projects | \$6,128,108 | \$40,720 | \$4,743,318 | \$1,425,510 |
| General (bond) (note) Retirement | \$1,387 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,387 |
| Enforcement and Education | \$5,676 | \$565 | | \$6,241 |
| Law Enforcement Trust | \$62,493 | \$0 | \$0 | \$62,493 |
| Bond - Police Station | \$754,803 | \$694,235 | \$151,731 | \$1,297,307 |
| Fire | \$5,750,145 | \$4,743,919 | \$3,752,908 | \$6,741,156 |
| Fire Capital Projects | \$2,346,167 | | \$619,879 | \$1,726,287 |
| Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS | \$553,668 | \$163,379 | \$347,452 | \$369,596 |
| Self-Ins. Fund-Medical Insurance | \$32,437 | \$923,325 | \$946,884 | \$8,877 |
| | \$0 | \$34,370 | \$0 | \$34,370 |
| Total | | \$27,692,684 | \$16,254,694 | \$17,899,391 |

Figures have been rounded to the nearest dollar

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



FIRE/RESCUE/EMS

Chief Joseph Ponzi, 614.568.2040

Carbon monoxide poisoning has disproportionately impacted our community in recent years.

After reading this newsletter, make it the first thing you do to check whether your home has carbon monoxide alarms. There should be one on every level of the house.

If you already have alarms, test to see that they are working every month. If no alarms are in the home, immediately put them on your shopping list. Without these devices, there would be no way to distinguish whether

you are feeling unwell or being poisoned. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless gas, and its symptoms mimic those of a cold or flu including headache, dizziness, and nausea.

While some alarms are easily installed by plugging into a standard outlet, others require more effort. For assistance testing or installing units, call the Fire Department at 614.568.2040. Firefighters are best known for responding to emergencies, however prevention is equally important.

If a carbon monoxide alarm sounds, check for low batteries. If an alarm with new batteries continues to sound, immediately go outside to escape the harmful gas and call 911. Firefighters will measure the level of carbon monoxide in the air before determining if it is safe to re-enter.

Paramedics will check your health. A person can be poisoned by a small amount of carbon monoxide over a long period of time or by a large amount of carbon monoxide over a brief time.



ZONING & DEVELOPMENT

Joe Shafer, 614.899.0725

Since 2017, the Development and Zoning Department has worked with the Zoning Commission, Board of Trustees and legal counsel to revise the Zoning Resolution.

Due to the volume of work, changes have been phased-in over time. In 2018, the sign code was modernized. In 2019, standards pertaining to planned neighborhoods were overhauled. This past October, the largest amendment yet was adopted by the Trustees.

The new iteration of the code, effective October 31, fixes inconsistencies, addresses legal concerns, reduces confusion, improves procedures, and brings the document into the 21st century.

While many of the changes are technical in nature, others will be of interest to residents, including changes pertaining to:

- Side and rear yard setbacks for accessory structures
- Nuisance abatement
- Temporary uses, including garage sales
- Portable storage units
- Accessory dwelling units
- Agriculture, agritourism, and farm markets
- Entrance features and fences

The new Zoning Resolution can be found on the Development and Zoning portion of the Township website. Please direct questions to 614.899.0725 or Zoning@GenoaTwp.com.

MAINTENANCE

Bob Mathews, 614.568.2080

Leaves and snow are both on the chore list in November and December. Residents can help or hinder Township efforts to manage these seasonal materials.



Clear leaves and grass clippings from the storm drain. Drains can clog when these materials are pushed inside causing significant expense to remedy.

Rumpke collects leaves and grass in bags or bins at the curb with the trash.



Remove cars from roadways to allow for curb-to-curb plowing. Shovel snow to the left side of your driveway (when viewed from the street). Otherwise plows will be unable to avoid pushing snow back across the driveway.



NEWS & INFORMATION

November / December 2020

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

Veterans Day | November 11

Township administration office closed.
Rumpke collection will not be effected.

Thanksgiving Day | November 26

Township administration office closed November 26-27.
Rumpke collection delayed until Saturday, November 28.

Christmas Eve & Day | December 24-25

Township administration office closed.
Rumpke collection delayed until Saturday, December 26.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Board of Trustees | November 5 & December 3 | 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission | November 9 & December 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals | November 17 & December 15 | 7:00 p.m.

*Note: Communications, Fire, Finance, Investment, Parks and Police
Advisory Committee meetings not shown.*

View the full calendar at www.GenoaTwp.com.



**THANK YOU,
VETERANS**



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