

**GENEVA TOWNSHIP  
2202 GARY LANE  
GENEVA, ILLINOIS**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES  
APRIL 9, 2002**

**Clerk Barbara Olson convened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00p.m. Clerk Olson led the assembled in the Pledge to the Flag. Township elected officials were introduced to those in attendance.**

**MODERATOR:** Clerk Olson asked for nominations for Moderator. Motion by Dick Sharp/second by Mary Sharp to nominate James Kintz as Moderator. Motion by David Schonback/Fabyan Parkway/second by Bob Rock to nominate Rob McConnaughay as Moderator. Motion by Dave Schonback/second by Pat Jaeger to close the nominations. Motion carried. Vote by show of hands elected James Kintz to the position of Moderator. Clerk Olson administered the Oath of Office to James Kintz.

**MODERATOR'S SALARY:** Moderator James Kintz asked for a motion to set the Moderator's salary. Motion by Bob Rock/second by Bill Braun to give no honorarium to the Moderator as the position should be one of community service. Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2001 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:** Motion by Merritt King/second by Paul Descoteaux to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. (Copies were given to those in attendance.) Motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR'S ANNUAL REPORT:** Clerk Olson highlighted the report dated March 31, 2002. (Copies were given to those in attendance.) Questions were asked regarding Road & Bridge rent paid to the Township and DuPage Airport refund monies. Motion by Pat Winter/second by Paul Descoteaux to accept the Supervisor's Annual Report. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS BY ELECTORS:**

Moderator James Kintz recognized Larry Laughlin/Glengarry Drive. Mr. Laughlin introduced Resolution #02-01ATM. Motion by Larry Laughlin/second by Mary Sharp to approve Resolution #02-01ATM 'Electors of Geneva Township direct the Board of Trustees to cease and desist the condemnation action of the Geneva History Center.' James Mayer/Long Meadow Drive thought it was a misuse of power by Geneva Township to condemn the property. Mary Lu O'Halloran/Heather Drive was interested in the motivation of the Geneva Township Board to move to this location and questioned the

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need for another senior center. Walter Hoffman/State Street, thought the History Center building would be a good senior center.

Pat Jaeger, Township Supervisor/Hawthorne Lane, noted that the highway commissioner wanted to outsource maintenance of town roads and will not need a garage. Mr. Jaeger indicated that two appraisers had told him that the current township building is worth approximately \$750,000.

James Mayer/Long Meadow Drive, again questioned the need for condemnation and asked why the History Center Board did not sell the building to the Township. Mr. Jaeger indicated that Tri Com's offer to purchase came in June, 2001, earlier than he thought. He stated that Geneva Township wanted to fulfill its goal of providing senior services. Dick Sharp/Allen Drive, suggested that it would cost approximately \$800,000 to purchase and remodel the History Center building for use by the Township. He indicated that there had been no voter input into this decision. Terry Flanagan/Brookfield, thought taxpayers would pay either way. Several other comments were voiced regarding this issue.

**A Call for the Vote: Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION #02-01ATM was approved. (Copy attached with Exhibit A)**

**RESOLUTION #02-02ATM 'ELECTORS OF GENEVA TOWNSHIP find that the acquisition of the Geneva History Center property is not Conducive to the interest of the inhabitants of Geneva Township, The Board of Trustees are not authorized to obtain by purchase or condemnation and they are directed to cease and desist the condemnation action' was introduced by Bruce Pittman/Considine Road. Motion by Bruce Pittman/second by Mary Sharp/Allen Drive to approve Resolution #02-02ATM.**

Leslie Juby/North Street, asked about the use of the building at 2202 Gary Lane. Pat Jaeger, Supervisor, said that it is zoned for light industry. Pat Winter/Anderson Blvd., asked about the use of the facility at Wheeler Park with regard to the long walk and the hill. James Mayer/Long Meadow Drive, encouraged the Township to downsize, but not condemn. Pat Jaeger, Supervisor, stated that both the Wheeler Park site and the Gary Lane property are not on the tax rolls. The sale of the Gary Lane property would place one building on the tax rolls. Dick Sharp/Allen Drive noted that the Wheeler Park site is not good for seniors. Leslie Juby/North Street, suggested that the Township has too much money and does not need to provide senior services. Pat Jaeger, Supervisor, said that township government is the only one that can, by state statute, provide senior services. Leslie Juby/North Street asked if Geneva Township could purchase the History Center building without condemnation. Clay Totz called for a vote. Motion carried.

**Resolution #02-02ATM was approved. (Copy attached with Exhibit A.)**

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**MOTION #02-03ATM: Kurt Wehrmeister/Millbrook Ct., introduced a verbal motion. 'Should the Town Board purchase the Geneva History Center, two conditions should be a part of the purchase: 1) Same agreed price as the Tri-Com price with the money upfront and 2) the History Center should be allowed to remain rent free until such time as it is negotiated for the History Center to move out.' Second by Robert Goodfellow/Washington Avenue, Batavia. Mr. Wehrmeister indicated that his objection was to the abuse of power by condemnation and his primary concern was the protection of the History Center.**

**Pat Jaeger, Supervisor/Hawthorne Lane, moved to amend the motion to state that the price would equal Tri-Com's offer/second by Pat Harrington/Fairway Circle. Motion to amend the motion to amend the motion by Leslie Juby/North Street/second by Pat Winter/Anderson Blvd., to not exceed two years for the rent free provision. The consensus of those in attendance was not to lock in the Township, but allow for better terms for the History Center. A Call for the Vote: The motion to amend the motion to amend failed. The vote to amend the original motion passed. The vote taken on the original motion as amended carried.**

**James Mayer/Long Meadow Drive, move to rescind Resolution #02-01ATM/second by Bob Terry/Galway Ct. Mr. Mayer said that he misunderstood the first resolution of the meeting and wanted to have it voted on again. After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion to revisit Resolution#02-01ATM failed.**

**Ron Singer/Colonial Circle, asked the Township Board to consider funding the cost of prescriptions for those with incomes of more than \$21,000, to help them with large medical expenses.**

**Mr. Singer asked the Township Board to appoint John Anderson/Euclid Avenue, to the Senior Services Committee.**

**Mr. Singer presented verbal Resolution #02-04ATM asking the Town Board to pay for the purchase of American Flags to decorate the graves of veterans in Geneva Township. Motion by Ron Singer/Colonial Circle/second by Ron Hudgens/Monterey Drive. Motion carried.**

**Ron Singer/Colonial Circle, asked the Township Board to consider contributing \$5,000 to the HAVE program to assist the elderly with repairs to their homes.**

**Motion by Pat Jaeger/Hawthorne Lane/second by Sharon Brazill/Averill Circle, to set the date and time for the 2003 Annual Town Meeting as Tuesday, April 8, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.  
Motion carried.**

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**Motion by Ron Winter/Anderson Blvd./second by Len Becker/Hill Avenue to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.**



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**James Kintz**  
**Moderator**



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**Barbara E. Olson**  
**Town Clerk**