

# Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
Kane County,  
Town of Geneva

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THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the

office of the Town Clerk at 400 Wheeler Drive on December 26, 2005,  
PRESENT: Patrick Jaeger Supervisor  
Barbara E. Olson Town Clerk  
Richard Sharp Town Trustee  
Sharon R. Brazill Town Trustee  
Denise D. LaCure Town Trustee  
Mark Wissing Town Trustee

Mr. Patrick Jaeger acting as chairperson and Barbara E. Olson as clerk. The following official business was transacted:

Supervisor Patrick Jaeger called the Special Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Clerk Barbara Olson called the roll.

### TOWNSHIP BUSINESS:

**GENEVA TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT TAX LEVY ORDINANCE #05-06** was presented for passage. The total levy amount was \$254,078.00.

Trustee LaCure asked about a line item for salaries and what it included.

Supervisor Jaeger said that 5,000.00 was for the Highway Commissioner (1/2 of salary), 25,000.00 for a full time laborer and 10,000.00 for Administrative Assistant Sheri McMurray.

Trustee Sharp indicated his concern with the 7% increase in the levy from \$228,000.00 to \$254,078.00. He expressed his reservation for hiring a full time laborer when John Carlson has contracted his work load. Trustee Brazill said that there are now about 12 miles of road with the increase of four miles in the Mill Creek area. It was noted that the price of contracts for road projects will probably be higher in 2006 because of the increase in oil prices.

After further discussion, the vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: none. Nays: Sharp/Brazill/LaCure/Wissing. Motion failed.

Supervisor Jaeger announced that with the failure of the motion, Highway Commissioner John Carlson would not receive tax monies in 2006 to operate Geneva Township roads.

Motion by Trustee Brazill/second by Trustee LaCure to reconsider the vote.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Sharp/Brazill/LaCure/Wissing. Motion carried to pass Road District Levy Ordinance #05-06 for the year 2005.

Trustee Brazill expressed her displeasure in not having John Carlson present to explain and clarify his levy.

**GENEVA TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY ORDINANCE #05-05** was presented for passage. The total levy request was for \$558,352.00.

Motion by Trustee Brazill/second by Trustee LaCure to pass Levy Ordinance #05-05.

Supervisor Jaeger noted that there was a levy increase of approximately 36,000.00 reflecting general increases in operating costs. Health insurance premiums and the cost of funding a senior services director will be more than the levy increase.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Sharp/Brazill/LaCure/Wissing. Motion carried unanimously to pass Township Tax Levy Ordinance #05-05 for the year 2005.

### SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR:

After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to hire a full time director. It was the opinion of Supervisor Jaeger that the director should interface regularly with the committee and the senior services consultant.

Debra Quackenbush, senior services consultant, described the position as a collaborative one and the person to be hired would be a highly qualified and highly

motivated person. Jo-Ann O'Neil, prospective senior services committee member, suggested that some seniors might like to help with clerical tasks and projects. It was the consensus of all present that the senior services committee would provide a job description and a salary range for the position of senior services director.

**NAME OF BUILDING:**

A few names were suggested, including: Geneva Township Senior Center, Geneva Township Senior Activities Center, and Geneva Senior Center. After discussion a motion was made by Trustee Wissing/second by Trustee Brazill to name the building Geneva Township Senior Center. Motion carried unanimously.

**SENIOR CENTER MISSION STATEMENT:**

Debra Quackenbush distributed a draft copy of a proposed mission statement. It read as follows:

"The mission of the Geneva Township Senior Center is to promote healthy aging of its valued citizens by-

advocating for vital services

providing opportunities for meaningful fellowship

supporting independence and the pursuit of personal interests

being an accessible and trusted community resource for aging issues"

She also included a copy of 2006 senior center goals for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters.

Supervisor Jaeger distributed a copy of the Illinois State Statute stating the purpose of senior citizen services. There were six items on the list, with Supervisor Jaeger suggesting that parts 1 thru 3 be used as the mission statement. It read as follows:

(1) To decrease the sense of isolation and dependence that often accompanies old age.

(2) To enrich the social and intellectual life of older adults.

(3) To help older adults meet practical problems attendant on aging.

No decision was made as to adopting a mission statement.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Sharp asked that each trustee be given a financial report each month.

He asked to be on the agenda at the January board meeting to discuss procedures for placing items on the agenda. He would like to see a system for placing items on the agenda. Supervisor Jaeger stated that it is his prerogative to decide what goes on agenda.

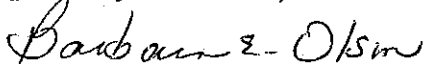
No other business was brought before the Board of Trustees.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Brazill/second by Trustee LaCure.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara E. Olson  
Township Clerk