Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce

Board Meeting, January 5, 2023

Attendees: Gail McWatters, Jenny Caughorn, Austin Dean, Samantha Gargas, Leeann Dufendock, Tim Davies, Jessica Grzechowick, Heather Swander, Bill Kegerize, Sam Sutter, Dan Skees, Brian Huston, Kortney Lorenzen, Mayor Thomas Bergman, Mike Ferguson, Fred Garcia and Marsha Lee.

The meeting was brought to order by President, Gail McWatters. The November minutes were read and approved by a motion by Jenny Caughorn, seconded by Austin Dean. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report presented by Samantha Gargas. Motion by Dan Skees, seconded by Jen Caughorn to approve. Motion carried.

Recap of Annual Dinner: suggested that the dinner date be kept in November. Should also have to go containers for leftovers.

Executive Board Focuses:

 The Future: we are not just an event based Chamber but a value added Chamber to all members

 Rules and Responsibilities of the EX Board and Media Specialist (Gina, Phone #567-694-8204)

 Developing a Board Budget and an Events budget

 Discuss possibility of an Executive Board Director to take some of the responsibility off Jenny

 Membership Update/Totals to be compiled by Jenny, Austin and Gail

 Business/Organization Membership Initiative

Mayor’s Update: Kevin is retiring the end of March. Drug Mart project is a bust. Applied for a grant to resurface the skating rink. Tennis courts need resurfaced. Ballpark will be getting a bathroom.

The old Lathams Store is next on the list for demolished.

School update: new resource officer is Mark Nye

Ottawa County Update: OCIC March 16 Business Highlights will focus on STNA. Job programs are going well

Community Updates: GRV is starting their memory unit. Advisory luncheon, 1/25/23 ARC will have their Chocolate Lovers Fest 2/112023

 Event Committees & Chairs

 Farmers Market-Gail McWatters

 Car Shows-Larry Sander

 Homecoming-Brian Huston

 Harvest-Leeann Dufendock

 Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting first weekend in December Chair

 Update on Shelving for Chamber Room

 Town Speaker System: Bill is contacting the speaker company

 Chamber Spotlights

 January-Village of Genoa

 February-ARC

 March-Luther Home of Mercy

 April-Amplex

 May

 June

 July

 August

 September

 October

 November

 December

Next Executive Chamber Meeting-2-21 7:30am Town Hall

Regular Board Meeting March 2, 7:30@ Town Hall

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Megan O’Brien, seconded by Sam Sutter. Meeting adjourned.