**GENOA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Board Meeting February 04, 2021 8:00AM per Zoom

The meeting was brought to order by President, Dan Skees. **Those in attendance were: Dan Skees, Luke Sutter, Megan O’Brien, Erick Scharer, Bill Kegerize, Matt Mackenzie, Jenny Caughorn, Brian Huston, Ben Sutter, Mark Stahl, Mike Ferguson, Thomas Bergman and Marsha Lee. Guest, Chrissy Lewis.**

**Minutes no action.**

**Treasurer’s Report was emailed to Board by Erick. Motion by Luke Sutter, seconded by Megan O’Brien to approve. Motion carried.**

**President Dan Skees welcomed Mike Ferguson from Genoa Area Schools. Mr. Ferguson extended an offer of space to hold our monthly meeting if and when needed. He indicated that the school levy will be back on the ballot in May. The reality of COVID-19 has as you know, caused the school schedule to be altered.**

Old Business: A discussion concerning the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Former Mayor Bob Skilliter will be receiving this award. The original plan was to present this award during the tree lighting on November 29th. Since this event had to be cancelled, the Chamber discussed presenting this award before the Holiday drive thru event. Since the Drive Thru event was cancelled, it was decided that Dan Skees will talk to Bill Skilliter as to when and how we can present this award to Mr. Skilliter. Dan is trying to get in contact with Bill Skilliter to see how we can proceed with presenting this award to Mr. Skilliter. Dan is concerned about the election of officers. All the Board members have agreed to run again but we should send an e-mail to the members for feedback on the nominations to elect officers at the March meeting. Response needs to be returned in two weeks.

Mayor Bergman gave an update concerning Starr & Lil’s property. The Land Bank has acquired the property. Hopefully the property will be torn down by late summer. A question was raised concerning the property across from Starr & Lil’s. At this time nothing can be done because the property taxes are up to date. The annex of the property on SR 51 is in the works. With the 50+acres being acquired, Mayor Bergman indicated that more industry and more housing is needed for the community. A grant was applied for the Inland Trail. If we receive this grant, the Inland Trail could be completed by fall. The Mayor will be sending letters to his Mural Committee with hopes to have the Mural by summer. The Village has a new Chief of Police, Matt Herrick. When possible, he will be introduced to the Chamber.

Mark Stahl reported that some businesses have been relocated to Genoa’ Industrial Park. He indicated that the infrastructure needs to be developed.

Homecoming Update: Homecoming status will be tabled until March meeting. When decisions are made, we need to coordinate with the schools to set dates for any future events. Matt MacKenzie interjected that MacDonald’s dine in probably will not happen until mid-September.

Car Shows: Bill asked what the status is for Car Shows. We will have to play it by ear as to when we would be able to start them up again. All depends on the Health Department regulations. Like Bill said, it takes less time to organize a Car Show than to plan a Homecoming or Fall Festival.

Upcoming Events in Genoa: ARC Chocolate Lovers Fest Saturday 2/13, 1:00 – 5:00, Carryout Only

Genoa Christian Church Beef n Noodle Dinner, 3/13, 4:00-7:00 Carryout only Need to pre-purchase tickets

With no further business a motion by Luke Sutter to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Thursday morning March 04, 2021@ 8:00am, per Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Lee, Secretary