Geneva Township History

Geneva, originally a part of Lafayette township, in the division in 1837 was made a part of South Haven Township. Again in 1845 it was set off from that township as part of Columbia Township.

Organization
Geneva Township can trace it's origins to January 5, 1854, when by resolution of the board of supervisors of the county, it was detached from Columbia Township and organized as a township by itself under the name of Geneva Township. The first town meeting thereafter was held on the first Monday of April 1854, at the residence of Nathan Tubbs, at which twenty-two votes were polled and the first officers were chosen.

Supervisor;   Nathan Tubbs
Clerk;   Charles N. Hoag
Treasurer;   Philip M. Brooks
Justices of the Peace;   Eri Bennett

In the years that have followed since they first came together, Geneva Township has adapted to changes in society and expectation. This ability to grow and change has shown the belief that residents have maintained in their mission of service and the spirit of the community.

With ceremonies to celebrate its history, the residents of Geneva Township will remember the vision of many people and the hours and years of commitment that have brought the Township to this point. Fittingly, as they look to the past, they will also be casting an eye to the future and to the many ways in which Geneva Township will continue to reach out in our state.

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