

# Genoa Charter Township News

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Bill Rogers

### Clerk

Paulette Skolarus

### Treasurer

Robin Hunt

### Trustees

Jean Ledford  
Jim Mortensen  
Terry Croft  
Diana Lowe

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## INTRODUCING YOUR NEWLY ELECTED TOWNSHIP BOARD



*Mike Archinal, Diana Lowe, Jim Mortensen, Polly Skolarus, Bill Rogers, Robin Hunt, Terry Croft, and Jean Ledford*

On November 21, 2016 our new Township Board was sworn in for a four year term. The Township Board is elected every four years at the same time as we elect a new President. Treasurer Robin Hunt, Clerk Paulette Skolarus, Trustee Jean Ledford, and Trustee Jim Mortensen retained their seats on the board. We thank you for your confidence in returning us to our positions within the Township. We welcome Supervisor Bill Rogers, Trustee Terry Croft, and Trustee Diana Lowe.

### TRUSTEE TERRY CROFT

brings to the Board his experience with composing budgets, understanding the functions of municipalities, experience with making difficult decisions, handling stressful situations and many years of public service in law enforcement, as a building inspector and as a Certified Fire Inspector.

He was born and raised on the family farm located in the nearby community of Wixom. "Being raised on a farm taught

me respect, dedication, patience, responsibility and sacrifice. I also learned the importance of organization, planning, budgeting and team work. During my 25 years of Fire Service I had the opportunity to utilize and improve these qualities. I retired from the Walled Lake Fire Department in 2000." Rita and I were married in 1983 and moved to Genoa Township in 1993 after selling the farm in Wixom. Together we have 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

### TRUSTEE DIANA LOWE

previously served on the Genoa Township Planning Commission until being elected onto the Township Board. She also serves on the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority. Diana has 25 years of municipal experience and recently retired as Brighton City Clerk. She and her husband, Randy, have owned property in Genoa Township since 1992 and she has lived in Livingston County for her entire life. They have two adult sons.

### SUPERVISOR BILL ROGERS

has been a Township resident since 1995. His prior government experience includes serving in the Michigan State House from 2008-2014 and on the County Board of Commissioners from 1998-2007. He was County Commission Chair from 2006-2008. Bill owns EBI Inc., a business he founded in 1989. He holds building and real estate licenses.

"It is an honor and pleasure to serve as your Township Supervisor," Rogers said. "My goal is to bring my experience as a County Commissioner and State Representative to my new role as Township Supervisor." Rogers is a graduate of Howell High school and Michigan State University. He is married with four children and three grandchildren.

## FROM THE DESK OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER ROBIN HUNT

**THE 2016 SUMMER TAX BILLS** were mailed out to all Genoa Township property owners June 30, 2016. The Summer Taxes were due September 14th. Summer taxes are charged a 1% per month interest fee after September 14th and are payable at the Township until February 28, 2017. Taxes become delinquent March 1st and are payable, with additional 1% interest per month and a onetime 4% administration fee, to the Livingston County Treasurer, 200 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843, 517-546-7010.

**THE 2016 WINTER TAX BILLS** were mailed out to all Genoa Township property owners November 30, 2016. The Winter tax is payable at the Township until February 28, 2017. The 2016 taxes become delinquent March 1st and are payable, with a 1% per month interest fee and a onetime 4% administration fee, to the Livingston County Treasurer, 200 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843, 517-546-7010. If you move or change your mailing address please notify the Genoa Township Assessor's office in writing. Failure to receive your tax bill does not waive penalties and interest.

Tax payments can be made at the Township Office by cash or check, Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00, or by mail to 2911 Dorr Rd., Brighton, MI 48116. If paying by mail please allow extra time for delivery, **postmarks are not accepted.**

Credit card and electronic check payments can ONLY be made online at [www.genoa.org](http://www.genoa.org). Point and Pay is providing this service for the Township. They will charge a 3% convenience fee for credit card payments and a flat fee of \$3.00 for electronic check payments. **Credit card payments cannot be made at the Township.**

With online banking most banks use a

third party to process checks requested through their online bill payment system. This means that your money is deducted from your account and sent to third party processor, not directly to the designated payee. **Bills paid through your banking system may take up to 15 business days to be received.**

If you are unsure if your taxes have been paid, please contact the Township Treasurer's Office at 810-227-5225 or check our website at [www.genoa.org](http://www.genoa.org).

## FROM THE DESK OF TOWNSHIP CLERK PAULETTE SKOLARUS

**AUDIT:** The Township auditing firm of Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka gave Genoa Township a thumbs-up after completing the annual audit for 2016. The bond rating for our community is AA++.

**HARTLAND SCHOOLS ELECTION**  
Hartland Area Schools has scheduled an election for Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The polling location for this special election will be at the Genoa Charter Township Hall located at 2911 Dorr Road. We have made this change in an effort to save the local school district unnecessary expense—as it is less expensive to run the election from the Township Hall.

An absentee voter application will be mailed to Hartland voters in Genoa Township by the end of March. Please know that you are always welcome to vote in person and may do so on Tuesday, May 2nd at the Township Hall. Only 110 registered voters out of 690 participated in the last election for Hartland Schools. Decisions related to local schools are important; please exercise your right to vote.

## BEWARE OF SEASONAL IRS SCAMS

The Internal Revenue Service is warning taxpayers against telephone scammers targeting students and parents during the back-to-school season and demanding

payments for non-existent taxes, such as the "Federal Student Tax." It is important for taxpayers to be particularly aware of this scheme going after students and parents.

**The IRS will never call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method.** Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes. If you get a suspicious phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, make sure you:

- *Do not give out any information. Write down the telephone number, date, time and topic of the call.*
- *Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use their "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page or call 800-366-4484.*
- *Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on [FTC.gov](http://FTC.gov). Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.*

## CHILSON HILLS CEMETERY/ HERBST ROAD CEMETERY

Our Chilson Hill Cemetery is over 165 years old and there are no longer any full burial sites available. The Township has been searching for a possible site for a new cemetery for the last few years. We recently purchased 122 graves sites from the Saint George Lutheran Church in an effort to accommodate Township residents. The new Genoa Cemetery will be called the Herbst Road Cemetery. It is located on Herbst Road between Dorr Road and Grand River. Burial sites are now available for sale through the Township. The cost for a single site is \$400.00 for Township residents and \$600.00 for persons living outside the Township. The graves sites allow for a full burial, a full burial and one cremation, or two cremations. Please call (810) 227-5225 and ask for the Clerk's office if you are interested in purchasing a burial site at our new cemetery.