

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
March 5, 2007
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Supervisor McCririe called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. The following persons were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Gary McCririe, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Todd Smith, Jean Ledford, Steve Wildman and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Township Attorney Rick Heikkinen and ten persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Marilyn Darnell introduced herself as the president of the Baetcke Lake Homeowners Association. She then introduced Bob Brandt who advised the board 83% of the Baetcke residents asked the township to support an augmentation well by means of a special assessment district in 2004. The board rejected their petition at that time. Residents then worked with Insite Environmental to put a test well in place. The system retained a 3” variation level during all of 2006. It costs the association \$2,594.00 annually to run the pump. This would amount to 12 annual bills for electricity. We are asking for the board’s help in establishing such a district. McCririe – Rick, does act 188 allow us to assess for electric bills? Heikkinen – Probably not. Skolarus – We do assess electricity for other districts. Heikkinen – It is probably under a different act. McCririe – We will need a letter from the association asking for our consideration. Our attorney will then review your request to determine if there is some mechanism to assist your association.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Ledford, supported by Smith, to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda with the exception of the petition for a liquor license, which will be moved to the regular agenda for discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills

2. Approval of Minutes: February 19, 2007

3. Request approval for a special use, impact assessment and sketch plan for leasing and rental of truck and trailers, including outdoor storage and display of vehicles, located at 5670 E. Grand River , Sec.10, petitioned by Cedar Investments, L.L.C.

4. Request approval to adopt changes to the Genoa Charter Township Personnel Manual regarding medical insurance eligibility and personal time as recommended by the Administrative Committee.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Wildman, to approve the Regular Agenda with the following changes: Addition of the request for a Class C Liquor license from the consent agenda; addition of resolution No. 2 for Lake Chemung; addition of an amendment to the general fund budget for 2006/07; and deletion of the resolution related to the consent judgment. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for approval of an amendment to the General Fund Budget for FY 2006/07 and discussion of the FY 2007/08 General Fund Budget as presented by Township Auditor Ken Palka.

A. Disposition of the amendment to the General Fund Budget for FY 2006/07.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Ledford, to approve the amendment as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion of the proposed budget for FY 2007/08.

Budget items were discussed with no formal action taken by the board.

6. Resolution for approval for a Class C Licensed business to be located at the Shops of Westbury in Genoa Township for an Asian Fusion Style restaurant petitioned by Hong Hao and Pamela Meng.

The granting of the liquor license was discussed by the board and petitioner. The petitioner understands that this agreement does not allow outdoor seating. Should outdoor seating be necessary an application would be made to the planning commission for a Special Use Permit. A fully executed agreement with the Singh development must be in place before approval is finalized. Section 19.19 will be deleted from the Singh Lease Agreement. Note: The lease as provided shall meet all conditions of the Liquor Control Commission and any subsequent transfer of this license from Hong Hao and Pamela Meng (Asian Fusion/HongHoa LLC) will need to be approved by this board.

Moved by Smith, supported by Mortensen, to approve a resolution recommending (above all others) a new Class C Liquor License for Asian Fusion/Hong Hoa LLC to be located at 4313 Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843, in Genoa Township, Livingston County. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

7. Request approval for an impact assessment and site plan for an architectural change to a previously approved site plan located at 7000 W. Grand River , Sec. 14, petitioned by Paul Esposito.

A. Moved by Mortensen, supported by Ledford, to approve the impact assessment with all references to variances being eliminated from that statement. Further, that either brick or integrated split face block consistent with the color scheme and elevation submitted will be reviewed and approved by township staff. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Moved by Wildman, supported by Mortensen, to approve the site plan changes, subject to the following: The material will not be painted, but will be a product with a natural integrated color in lieu of the brick. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Request for approval of a fireworks display permit requested by John Fletcher.

This display (to blow up the statue of liberty) is to raise money for a project called *cell phones to soldiers*. The display is scheduled for this Saturday at 5:00 p.m. at the Country Corners Shopping Center. Liberty Tax is sponsoring the event. We did not know that a permit was needed until late last week. The fire works are not aerial. A 25' circle will be roped off to protect any spectator. 1 ¼" fire crackers will be used.

Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to approve the permit with the following conditions: A local fireworks display company, licensed with the State of Michigan will provide oversight and supervision of the display scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at 4072 E. Grand River, Howell, MI. Said fire works display company will provide a minimum of one million dollars of liability insurance, naming Genoa Charter Township as an additional insured. The petitioner will provide a drawing of the site to the township manager prior to the event. Said plans will also include a provision for emergency procedures in the event of any injury to the applicant or to any spectators. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Request for approval of Resolution related to the Lake Chemung Aquatic Plant Control Project.

A. Disposition of Resolution No. 1 (to proceed with the project and directing the preparation of the plans and cost estimates).

Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman, to approve the resolution with changes to the date of the special assessment project from 2007 to the summer of 2008. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

B. Disposition of Resolution No. 2 (to approve the project, scheduling the first hearing and directing the issuance of statutory notices).

Moved by Ledford, supported by Mortensen, to approve the resolution with minor

changes as discussed. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

10. Tabled – A request for approval of Resolution for Genoa Charter Township to consent to the terms of the proposed Consent Judgment to vacate a portion of North Avenue in Crooked Lake Highlands Subdivision recommended by the Township Attorney.

Administrative Business:

Archinal advised the board that the Oak Pointe Country Club would like to continue doing business as the new facility is being rebuilt. Their plan includes the placement of a large tent, temporary parking and a portable kitchen on the existing site. Any new building will need to go through full site plan approval. The new club house will take 12 to 18 months to complete. It was the consensus of the board to allow the township manager to make any day-to-day decisions related to this temporary arrangement.

Smith asked that the new fire hall as well as the township site and a Latson Road site be equipped with an early warning system in the case of severe weather. It was the consensus of the board to include that application in any new site plan.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

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