

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
June 19, 2006
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, Steve Wildman and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and approximately ten persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Smith, supported by Mortensen, to approve items listed on the consent agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills

2. Approval of Minutes: June 5, 2006

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Hunt, supported by Smith, to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Presentation and Public Hearing of Township Budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending March 31, 2007. (Note: The General Fund Budget may be viewed in its entirety by clicking on the Genoa Township Home Page.)

A. Call to the public.

A call to the public was made with the following response: Mr. Pike – Questioned the meaning of items on the budget such as trailer fees, truck lease, etc. Mr. Green – I am opposed to the township putting any money aside for the Latson Road interchange. Our property taxes should not go toward a project that should be funded by the state and federal government.

B. Disposition of salaries for elected officials.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Wildman, to approve a \$1,000.00 salary increase for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer; and a \$5.00 increase for trustees, planning commission and ZBA members effective July 1, 2006. The motion carried as follows: Ayes – Mortensen, Wildman, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – Hunt and Smith. Absent – Ledford.

C. Disposition of budgets:

1. General Fund

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Wildman, to approve the General Fund Budget as submitted, allowing the change to salaries as outlined in the previous motion of the board. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous Funds related to the General Fund: Liquor Law 212, Future Dev. Roads 261, Road Imp. Advances 264, Parks and Rec. 270 and Buildings and Grounds 271

Moved by Smith, supported by Mortensen, to approve the miscellaneous budgets as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Debt Service Funds 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 872, 873, 875 and 876

Moved by Smith, supported by Skolarus, to approve the debt service fund budgets as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for approval of an extension of the impact assessment and site plan for approval of a 7,820 sq. ft. office and showroom for KoPro Investments, located on the south side of Grand River Ave. (between Dorr and Kellogg Roads) in section 14, as discussed the [Planning Commission 06/12/06](#) and previously approved by the Township Board.

Moved by Smith, supported by Skolarus, to allow a one-year extension (06/19/07) as requested by KoPro Investments. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for approval of an update to the Master Plan affecting the entire Township of Genoa as discussed by the [Planning Commission May 22, 2006](#).

A call to the public was made with no response. Moved by Skolarus, supported by Hunt, to approve the update to the Master Plan as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request for approval of a sketch plan and impact assessment (5/22/06) for a change to a previously approved site plan for a proposed 26,868 sq. ft. addition to existing Cleary University located at 3750 Cleary Drive, Sec. 5, petitioned by Cleary University, as discussed by the [Planning Commission 06/12/06](#).

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Wildman, to approve the impact assessment corresponding to site plan with the following conditions:

1. All existing tax codes will be combined into one, with the understanding that the petitioner is aware that all existing sewer and water charges will be combined on the new tax identification number.
2. The petitioner will install 14 canopy or evergreen trees and 132 shrubs in the detention pond area. If, however, after grading, Township Staff determines that the majority of the 46 existing trees in the area are surviving or are likely to survive, some or all of the additional requirements may be waived.

3. All requirements in Tetra Tech’s letter of June 19, 2006 will be complied with.
The motion carried unanimously.

7. Request for approval of a proposal from Unum Provident to provide short and long term disability, employee term life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment, continuing coverage with Grace & Porta, Associates.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Smith, to approve the change in insurance with the administrative committee reviewing the 30 hour minimum for “full time” employees.
The motion carried unanimously.

8. Request for approval of re-appointments to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for terms expiring 06/30/09 as follows: Barbara Figurski to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals; Don Pobuda to the Planning Commission; and Kevin Brady to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Mortensen, to approve the appointments as recommended by McCririe. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Request for approval of a staffing compensation adjustment and change in employment status from part time to full time for Amy Ruthig as recommended by the Administrative Committee.

A. Salary Bonus

Moved by Hunt, supported by Skolarus, to approve the compensation of \$300.00 for full-time and a pro-ration for part-time employees as recommended. The motion carried as follows: Ayes – Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Skolarus and McCririe. Nay – Mortensen. Absent – Ledford.

B. Amy Ruthig

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Smith, to approve Ruthig as a full time employee, effective July 1, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Review of newsletter articles scheduled for publication in July 2006 as submitted by Skolarus.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the newsletter articles as submitted.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Wildman, to approve Resolution No. 060619 (Retaining Local Control of Cable Franchising), subject to a review by the Township Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

McCririe advised the board that a meeting with County Planning was held with the Administrative Committee on this date concerning the township’s decision to remove the obligation for county planning review of re-zoning and ordinance changes. The information provided by the county will be reviewed by the committee and their concerns will be addressed at the next regular meeting of the township board.

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The regular meeting and public hearing of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

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