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GENOA TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Feb. 6, 2006

MINUTES

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

A call to the public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Ledford, supported by Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda with the moving of items 4 and 5 to the regular agenda for discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Approval of Minutes: Jan 17, 2006.

3. Request for approval to remove from the Oak Pointe water special assessment district \$14,080.00 for Parcel ID # 11-27-300-011 for land to be used as a conservation easement, as recommended by the Administrative Committee, with proper conveyance to the township.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Smith, to approve for action all items listed on the Regular Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for approval of *Poverty Guidelines* for the 2006 Board of Review as submitted by Township Assessor Debra Rojewski.

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

5. Request for approval of a three-year contract with Township Planning Director Kelly VanMarter.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Hunt, to approve the three-year contract for the Planning Director with the following salaries: \$55,500.00 for 2006, \$58,500.00 for 2007 and \$61,500.00 for 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Presentation of the semi-annual budget related to the Township General Fund as submitted by Ken Palka.

Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to approve a change in the budgeting process from cash to accrual, with a revenue reduction in the amount of \$123,885.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Wildman, to approve a change in the budgeting process from cash to accrual, with an expenditure reduction in the amount of \$123,885.00. The motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the board to ask that Palka perform a quarterly audit of the Township General Fund budget amendments at a cost of approximately \$2,000.00 per quarter.

7. Consideration in the awarding of a contract for operations in the Lake Edgewood Sewer Plant, Oak Pointe Sewer Plant and Oak Pointe Water System as recommended by McCririe.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Skolarus, to award a labor only contract to Severn Trent Services in the amount of \$1,240,366.00 (Township portion \$420,282.00), per their proposal dated 02/06/06 with the following conditions:

1. The hiring of a Utility Director by Genoa Township with that service shared by the Genoa Ocoola facility and the Marion, Howell, Ocoola, Genoa facility.
2. Acceptance of the proposal bid for operation, maintenance and management of the water and wastewater systems by G.O. and M.H.O.G.
3. The satisfactory review of the proposal by the township accountant and township attorney.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Request for approval of a contract for a Utility Director to oversee the operation of the Sewer and Water Systems, contingent upon actions by the Genoa-Ocoola Sewer Authority and the Marion, Howell, Ocoola and Genoa Water Authority (M.H.O.G.).

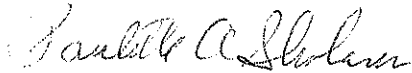
Moved by Skolarus, supported by Smith, to extend a contract to Doctor Gregory M. Tatara as Utility Director with a salary of \$65,000.00 for 2006 and \$67,500.00 for 2007, with a \$400.00 monthly car allowance. This action is contingent upon approval from G.O. and M.H.O.G. The motion carried unanimously.

Member discussion:

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Wildman, to direct staff not to accept any petition for rezoning of the parcel located on Brighton and Chilson roads from Mr. Dewey Thomas because we have a consent judgment in place that governs that parcel. The motion carried unanimously.

Skolarus advised the board that the township must be prepared with an alternate polling place in the case of an emergency on election dates. Skolarus asked the board to consider

construction of the future parking area for the soccer fields. As an intermediate solution, Mr. Todd Smith offered the use of the property known as the Savannah Development as an alternate location. The Savannah location included approximately 150 parking spaces for the use of voters on election days. Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to approve the Savannah Development as an alternate polling location for Genoa Township in the case of emergency. The motion carried unanimously.



Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

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