

(Corrected)
THE GENOA TOWNSHIP BOARD

SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor McCririe called the meeting to order at 7:00 and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Board members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Anthony Combs, Robin Hunt, Jean Ledford, Gary McCririe, H. James Mortensen and Todd Smith. Also present were Township Manager, Michael Archinal and Township Attorney, Richard Heikkinen. There were two persons in the audience.

Moved by Smith, supported by Hunt to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item #1 Payment of Bills that will be moved to the Action Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2004; August 16, 2004; August 18, 2004.
 3. Request for approval of an amendment to the General Fund Budget for fiscal 2004/05 – adding \$65,000.00 to attorney fees and reducing the end balance.
 4. Request for approval of an amendment to the Parks & Recreation Budget as submitted.
 5. Request to approve a bid of \$64,500.00 with Ultimate Construction for construction of 400 lineal feet of bridge along Bauer Road, south of Brighton Road in relation to the bike/walk path.
 6. Request for approval of a resolution for the Township Hall Park Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant Application.
 7. Request for approval of a Michigan Society of Planning Conference Budget for 2004.

 8. Discussion of a Genoa Township Fire Prevention Code
- The Board discussed the applicability of the ordinance across the entire Township with service by both Howell Area and Brighton Are Fire Departments. The ordinance has been reviewed by the attorneys and is ready for adoption.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Combs, to approve the Fire Prevention Code Ordinance with the Township Attorney making the necessary changes to incorporate applicability to both the Howell and Brighton Area Fire Departments. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Request for approval of the impact assessment corresponding to a request to rezone from LDR (Low Density Residential) to SR (Suburban Residential) approximately 7.7 acres located in Section 33, on the south side of Brighton Road and east of Chilson Road (4466 Brighton Road), petitioned by Pheasant Development LLC, and discussed by the Planning Commission July 12, 2004.

Jim Barnwell of Desine Engineering represented Pheasant Development. The proposal is to rezone the 7.7 acres from one acre zoning to one-half acre zoning. The property is to be served by the expanded Oak Pointe water and sewer service delivery area.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Hunt to approve the Environmental Impact Assessment with the condition that the extinguishment of the easement described in item I (2) will be recorded. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Approval of the Capital Improvement Program.

Deleted at the request of Manager Archinal.

11. Ratify Supervisor's request to apply for a rezoning of Tax Code numbers 11-17-400-015 and 11-17-200-006 from AG (Agricultural) to CE (Country Estate).

The long-term goals for this part of the Township were discussed. The consensus was that an area larger than the two parcels should be considered.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Combs, to direct staff to prepare statutory notice to rezone all remaining agricultural property in sections 8 and 17 from Agricultural to Country Estate. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Authorize Mr. Joseph Galvin to represent the Township before the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Faulkwood Shores application.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Mortensen, to authorize Mr. Joseph Galvin to represent the Township before the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Faulkwood Shores application. The motion carried: Ayes – Combs, Hunt, McCririe, Mortensen and Smith. Abstain Ledford due to her position on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

13. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Smith, to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$167,407.77. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Discussion

Township Attorney Heikkinen discussed the need to vacate a portion of Noble Drive. Action taken in 1980 was incomplete and needs to be ratified.

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Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford to authorize the Township Attorney to take necessary action to vacate a portion of Noble Drive while preserving a utility easement. Such action may include filing suit. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Smith, supported by Hunt, to approve costs associated with Level 4 training for the Assessor and Level 3 training for the Deputy Assessor in Grand Rapids. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Archinal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Archinal
Township Manager