

**GENOA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**Work Session**

**Oct. 1, 2001**

**MINUTES**

A work session of the Genoa Township Board was called to order by Clerk Polly Skolarus at 6:30 p.m. at the Genoa Township Hall. The following persons were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Todd Smith, Jim Mortensen, and Anthony Combs. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Township Auditor Ken Palka and three persons in the audience.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Smith, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**1. Preliminary presentation by Ken Palka of Financial Statements for all accounts related to financial services of the township by Pfeffer-Hanniford-Palka**

Palka presented the financial statements to the board and answered questions related to his presentation. It was suggested that the board might want to consider an audit of the records of the cable franchise and to discuss late fees in future contracts.

Ledford arrived a few minutes before the work session ended. The work session of the board was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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**Regular Meeting**

**Oct. 1, 2001**

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Skolarus called the regular meeting of the board to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. In addition to regular board members there were approximately 15 persons in the audience. Skolarus recommended that Todd Smith chair the regular meeting of the board. Moved by Mortensen, supported by Ledford, to appoint Smith Chairman in lieu of McCririe's absence. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Combs, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Rick Chrysler introduced himself and advised the board that he would be seeking the 66th House of Representatives seat.

**1. Presentation by Ken Palka of Pfeffer-Hanniford-Palka concerning the financial statements and comments/recommendations for the Township.**

Moved by Ledford, supported by Mortensen, to accept the audit report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Public Hearing on unsafe structures located at 813 Sunrise Park, Mr. John Gibson.**

Mr. Gibson presented a formal letter of response to the board concerning his property. A call to the public was made with the following response: William Franklin - This property has been an eyesore for the eleven years I have lived here. Animals live in that house. At 3:00 a.m. there is burning going on and noxious fumes are a problem. Pat Hooks - I am the president of the Sunrise Park Board. The house is in bad condition. Raccoons crawl in and out and the property is unsafe for neighborhood children. The board should set a deadline for cleanup.

Archinal - The board should affirm an order of reconstruction. Reference is made to Mike Butzke's letter of Sept. 17th in which he states that "...the Township Board should take legal action to demolish the structure before someone is hurt..."

Gibson - "Yes, I will be willing to confer with the architect and come up with a plan that will be completed within one year. I have no reluctance to commit to a short-term renovation. I would ask 90 days."

Mrs. Hook - It appears that there is no electricity or sewer to this property. Smith - We will have the township engineer review the site.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Skolarus, to approve an order applying the Unsafe Structure Ordinance giving the owner 60 days to bring the building up to a safe condition or demolish the building. Should the owner choose to reconstruct, all phases will need approval from the Livingston County Building Department. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Request for approval of preliminary site plan and environmental impact assessment (09-24-2001) for 47-single-family condominium development on 66.91 acres located on the north side of Cunningham Lake Road in Section 34 of Genoa Township, petitioned by The Terra Land Group L.L.C., and discussed by the Planning Commission 09-10-01.**

**A. Disposition of impact assessment.**

Moved by Ledford, supported by Combs, to approve the impact assessment dated 09-24-01 contingent upon a clause being added that will state that all construction to the site will enter from Cunningham Lake Road. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Disposition of preliminary site plan for the condominium development.**

Moved by Hunt, supported by Ledford, to approve the preliminary site plan contingent upon the following:

1. The area known as Ciderberry Park will have a better definition as to its use by the time of final site plan, which may included a potential escrow of at least \$20,000 for construction of the playground.
  2. The 50-foot easement between Lots #38 and #39 will be position in such a manner that both lots will be a minimum of one acre in area.
  3. The delineation of the detention pond for Ciderberry Park will be shown on the final site plan.
  4. Final site plan will show how access to Ciderberry Park will be made between Lots #28 and #29.
  5. The street name will either be Eggert or Copperleaf Drive as determined by negotiations with existing homeowners on Eggert.
- The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Consideration of a recommendation by the administrative committee for a per diem fee of \$250.00 for food, lodging and the ferry transportation to Mackinaw Island for the planning meeting scheduled in October of this year.**

Moved by Ledford, supported by Hunt, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Requests for approval of resolutions related to the Genoa Oceola Sewage Disposal System.**

**A. Approving an agreement to permit construction of improvement and replacements to the system.**

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Ledford, to approve the resolution - inserting the correct Appendix C to be provided by the township attorney and engineer. The correct legal description will be brought back to the next board meeting for review. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Combs, Mortensen and Skolarus. Nay - None. Absent - McCririe.

**B. Approving relinquishment of jurisdiction over the Livingston County Sanitary Drain.**

Moved by Hunt, supported by Ledford, to approve the resolution as submitted. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Combs, Mortensen and Skolarus. Nay - None. Absent - McCririe.

**6. Request for approval of an amendment to the general fund budget for fiscal 2001-2002 as submitted by Skolarus.**

Moved by Ledford, supported by Mortensen, to approve the Amended budget as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. Request for approval of an amendment to the Fire Authority Budget #262 as submitted by Skolarus.**

Moved by Hunt, supported by Ledford, to approve the amendment to the Fire Budget as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Discussion of a letter from Chief Larry Lane of the Brighton Fire Authority to begin the bidding process on a fire truck.**

Moved by Ledford, supported by Combs, to allow the bidding process and to specify that the request should not exceed \$300,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Request for approval of Resolution No. 7 (Bond Authorizing) for the Dorr Road water and sewer improvement project.**

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Mortensen, to approve the Bond Authorizing Resolution as submitted. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Combs, Mortensen and Skolarus. Nay - None. Absent - McCririe.

**Administrative Business:**

It was the consensus of the board that the request from First Apostolic Lutheran Church to purchase township property be denied.

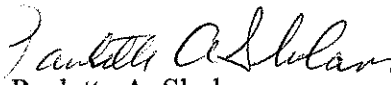
A petition was received from homeowners along Crooked Lakes asking that any request from NorthShore development for expansion to the PUD for development to the wetland area between East and West Crooked Lake be denied. It was the consensus of the board that no amendment to the PUD in relation to this property would be considered.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Ledford, to approve for payment vouchers totaling \$170,192.96. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Hunt, to approve the Minutes of the Sept. 17, 2001 regular meeting of the board as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Skolarus asked for consideration of paperless board packets. The board asked for a presentation. No formal action was taken.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Township Board was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
Paulette A. Skolarus  
Genoa Township Clerk