

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
August 06, 2007

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, Robin Hunt, Jean Ledford, Steve Wildman, and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and approximately four persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: John Johnson of 7909 Magnolia addressed the Board. He is part of the Dillon water district from the City of Brighton. He presents copies of 6 water bills to the Board. The contract with the City is up for renewal in 2012. He is here to keep the Board informed as to the status as to what is going on with the water billing. The 20-year contract generates over \$200,000 revenue for the City from the 91 residents in the area. They charge \$5.39 per 1000 gallons which is over double what residents in the City of Brighton are paying. The City received a significant benefit from providing this service to the Genoa residents and the water is coming from former Genoa Township property. He hopes that the Board keeps them in mind and not renew the contract with the City when staff negotiates in 2012.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Supervisor McCririe requests to move consent agenda item number 6 to the regular agenda.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Mortensen, to move item number 6 to the regular agenda and approve items 1-5 listed under the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills

2. Approval of Minutes: July 16, 2007

3. Request for approval for adjustment to the Oak Pointe and Lake Edgewood sewer and water rates.

4. Request for approval of the NATaT convention budget for Township Board members as submitted by Township Supervisor.

5. Request for approval of impact assessment and site plan for a proposed 7,500 sq. ft. industrial building, located on the south side of Brighton Pines Court and west of Dorr Road, Sec. 15, petitioned by Brivar Construction Co. (07-14)

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

6. Request for approval of a grant of easement to Mrs. Grassi for vacant land located on Hughes Road.

Supervisor McCririe provides a background and explains that Mrs. Grassi has title work showing rights to the easement that the Township was unaware of when the original easement was granted. Mr. Heikkinen states that Cathy Riesterer has contacted him and she has indicated that there is a quitclaim deed showing that the original owner of Mrs. Grassi's property transferred the easements to the O'Keefe's. Mr. McCririe requests that Mr. Heikkinen perform additional research to determine whether or not this quitclaim deed exists. Mrs. Grassi agrees to submit a copy of her title work to the Township attorney for his review.

7. Consideration of request from Livingston County Economic Development Council for renewal of contract between EDC and Genoa Charter Township.

Mr. Dillingham apologizes for not being able to attend the last meeting. He presents that economic development is an investment and he explains that projects have regional impact. The greatest strength offered to Genoa Charter Township is retention of business and their work with commercial and retail businesses. Jean Ledford asked for a list of projects that were done within Genoa Township. Mr. Dillingham references the report that was provided and states that he is currently working with someone looking at the old Kaleidoscope and Kraft Automotive Buildings. They are currently working with the Old Brighton Athletic Club property to attract tenants to that development. Mr. Dillingham states that property values and access are negatives that hurt the ability to attract major manufacturing uses to Genoa Township. The EDC tries to use the communities existing assets to attract and retain business. Jean Ledford asks if tax abatement is involved. Mr. Dillingham indicates that the EDC does work with businesses looking for tax abatements however, they are aware that Genoa Township does not offer tax abatements. Robin Hunt states that she wanted to see a report showing the benefit that Genoa Township receives from the EDC before she approved another contract renewal. In the report that was provided, Robin Hunt states that she recognizes a number of names of businesses that are struggling and she is glad to see retention of existing businesses on the list of services.

Moved by Mortensen, Supported by Hunt to approve renewal of the contract between EDC and Genoa Charter Township. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consideration of approval for new and transferring on premises Class C license to be located at 4313 Grand River per request by the Bluefin Japanese Steakhouse.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Wildman, to approve for new and transferring on premises Class C license to be located at 4313 Grand River per request by Bluefin Japanese Steakhouse. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – Skolarus, Smith.

9. Public hearing for approval of amendments to Zoning Ordinance Articles 9, 11, 16, 18, & 22. (07-16)

A call to the public was opened at 7:22 p.m. with no response. The call to the public was closed at 7:23 p.m.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Hunt, to approve the ordinance amendments as submitted. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – Skolarus, Smith.

10. Discussion regarding possible placement of artwork on the Township Hall property.

After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that there is not interest in artwork on the Township Hall property.

Correspondence:

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has issued an Inland Lakes and Streams Permit to Mark Goldi of the Mt. Brighton Civic Association.

Comcast advised the board of three channel additions and one position change that will occur on August 22, 2007.

There is a copy of correspondence with James Piggush regarding Lake Chemung Outdoor Resorts. The Board discusses the Attorney General's comments that the Township enforce its ordinances against the Resorts. Mr. Archinal states that the nexus of this is the Township helping the State enforce their laws rather than the Township trying to enforce its ordinance. Mr. Archinal suggests that Mr. Heikkinen contact Mr. Piggush to discuss what is meant by his comments. Mr. Heikkinen agrees.

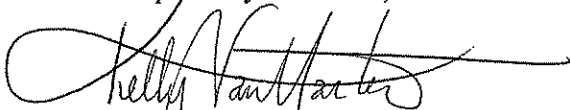
On July 17, 2007, Mr. Archinal mailed a letter to the Livingston County Administrator requesting a waiver from building and related fees for the construction of the Nielsen Fire Substation.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has received an application from RC & JD, LLC to transfer ownership of 2007 SDD and SDM licensed business located at 4986 Chilson from Beckers, Inc.

Adjournment:

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Ledford to adjourn the regular meeting and public hearing of the Genoa Charter Township Board at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Kelly VanMarter

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