

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 15, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

A work session of the Genoa Charter Township Board was called to discuss an increase to the Lake Edgewood and Oak Pointe water and sewer districts. Greg Tatara, Tesha Humphriss and Ken Palka presented a financial analysis of the two districts and the necessity of increasing rates. Township auditors Pfeffer, Haniford and Palka recommended a 10% rate increase and a \$60.00 minimum sewer bill for the Lake Edgewood fund in order for them to be self sufficient within three years. With regard to Oak Pointe a 6% increase to the metered and flat rate for sewer and a 5% increase for water as recommended - along with a \$60.00 minimum bill and a \$10.00 per quarter capital charge for water. Discussion by the board noted that it is very difficult to increase rates with current economic conditions. New development is not subsidizing the system as it has in the past. Costs, due to aging facilities and rising chemical and energy rates, are increasing while revenues are declining or staying flat.

The work session of the board was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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, Jean Ledford, Steve Wildman and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and approximately one person in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Smith, supported by Hunt, to approve all items listed under the consent agenda with the exception of the payment of bills which will be discussed under the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills

2. Request to approve minutes: 12-1-08

3. Request for approval of appointments to the Board of Review as submitted by the Township Supervisor. Carol Tangel, Barbara Figurski and Patricia Petrat were appointed for two year terms expiring 12/31/10.

4. Request for appointment of Gary McCririe as alternate on the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Ledford, supported by Smith, to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda with the addition of item *1. Payment of Bills*. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Payment of Bills

Mortensen asked that a copy of the township's bid policy be provided to the board at a future meeting. Moved by Smith, supported by Skolarus, to approve the payment of bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Presentation by Deborah Mikula, Director of Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority concerning a request to approve proposed language for the Howell Area Parks and Recreation master plan.

A. Moved by Ledford, supported by Hunt, to approve the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation as requested by the Department of Natural Resources in their correspondence of Nov. 26, 2008 adding reference to the Land and Water Conservation Fund and future grant programs that may be offered by the DNR. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Moved by Mortensen, supported by Wildman, to endorse the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority Master Plan and ask the Planning Commission to consider inclusion of this plan in the next Genoa Charter Township Master Plan update. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Request for approval of rate changes to the Oak Pointe and Lake Edgewood water and sewer districts.

A. Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman, to approve a 5% increase along with a \$10.00 per quarter capital charge for Oak Pointe water beginning 02/01/09. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Moved by Ledford, supported by Smith, to approve a 6% rate increase for Oak Pointe sewer for metered and flat rate customers with a minimum charge of \$60.00 per quarter beginning 02/01/09. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Moved by Mortensen, supported by Ledford, to approve a 9.8% rate increase for Lake Edgewood sewer for metered and flat rate customers with a minimum charge of \$60.00 per quarter beginning 02/01/09. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Request for approval of a resolution of Public Necessity for property located in Sec. 9. (Tax Parcel 4711-09-300-008).

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

Skolarus presented Certificates of Election to all members of the Genoa Charter Township Board and congratulated them on their re-election.

Community branding came up during discussion. Board members and staff were asked to create a list of township strengths and weaknesses with regard to recruiting new businesses. Archinal will draft an e-mail asking for this input.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

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