

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2009**

MINUTES

Clerk Skolarus called the special meeting of the Election Commission to order at 6:25 p.m. at the Township Hall. The following commission members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Paulette Skolarus, Jean Ledford and Steve Wildman. Also present were Gary McCririe, Robin Hunt, Todd Smith and Jim Mortensen. In addition were Township Manager Michael Archinal and approximately 45 persons in the audience.

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

1. Consideration of a request for approval to combine the Hartland and Pinckney precincts into a single precinct for the February 23, 2010 special school election, with that election to be held at the Genoa Charter Township Hall instead of the regular polling places.

Skolarus advised the Commission that both the Hartland and Pinckney School Districts were seeking a special election on Feb. 23, 2010. The total number of voters registered in the two precincts is less than 800 registered voters. All voters will be mailed a letter advising them of the polling place change and offer an application to vote absent voter. This action will save the local school districts unnecessary expense for this election. This action is requested for this single election.

A. Recommendation to the Township Board.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Wildman, to recommend to the Township Board approval of the request to consolidate precincts and hold the election at the Township Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

The special meeting of the Election Commission was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 7, 2009**

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. All those listed above remained for the regular meeting of the board.

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman, to approve all items listed under the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills

2. Request to approve minutes: 11-2-09

3. Request for approval to combine precincts and to establish Genoa Charter Township Hall as a temporary polling place for the February 23, 2010 special school election as recommended by the Election Commission.

4. Request for approval of reappointments to SELCRA, SEMCOG, GO SWATH, HOWELL PARKS AND REC, MHOG, GREENWAYS, FOIA, BRIGHTON FIRE AUTHORITY, HURON RIVER WATER SHED, BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT and ELECTION COMMISSION.

5. Request for approval of Township Manager’s contract as with no salary increase as recommended by the Administrative Committee.

6. Request for approval of Township Engineer’s contract with a \$1,000.00 salary increase and an allowance to attend an educational seminar with the American Society of Civil Engineers, as recommended by the Administrative Committee.

7. Request for approval to amend section (H) of the Genoa Charter Township Personal Handbook allowing longevity bonuses for all employees.

8. Request for approval of MTA Budget.

9. Consider approval of a graphic design contract with Abovo Visual Communications at a cost of \$1,200.00

10. Request for approval to remove special assessments levied on the 2009 winter tax roll for parcel #4711-04-302-040 (X2514 - \$903.18 plus Admin fee) and parcel #4711-05-201-124 (X2514 - \$531.97 plus Admin fee) as requested by the Township Treasurer.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Ledford, supported by Hunt, to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda with the addition of a request to modify the 425 agreement with the City of Howell as recommended by Heikkinen. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Consideration of approval to transfer ownership of 2009 Class C Licensed Business with Dance Entertainment Permit, located in escrow at 5311 Brighton

Road, Brighton, MI 48116, Genoa Charter Township, Livingston County, from Frank Sample Enterprises, LLC to Agius, Inc.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Smith, to approve the transfer of the Class C liquor license as requested by Joe Agius. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

12. Public Hearing on the Wildwood Road Improvement project.

Call to the property owners and the public was made with the following response: Melissa Price – This project includes a correction to the drainage issue as well as the road paving. I brought the petition to my neighbors as it would only increase their tax by \$60.00 a month. David Allen – There is a drainage problem that should be corrected more economically. Kurt Price – The road is so over built that grading is only a temporary fix. Dawn Ohanian – I am for the project. I would like to have the ability to sell my house. It is now appraised at \$30,000.00 less the purchase price. We are also in a flood zone. I would ask your support with the Livingston County Road Commission to correct the drainage issue. Bert Knickerbocker - There are pot holes and drainage issues. 90% of the problem could be addressed if the Road Commission was doing their job. Robert Bennett – I thought this petition was just for an investigation. If we wanted water in the future would that tear up the road? McCririe – We would run water down the sides.

13. Consideration of request for a road improvement project for Wildwood.

Moved by Smith, supported by Mortensen, to *not* proceed with the Wildwood Road Improvement Project since 45 of the 57 property owners have either opposed the project or asked to have their name removed from the petition. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Review of the six-month analysis related to Township funds for the fiscal year ending 3-31-2010 as prepared by Ken Palka.

The board took no formal action.

15. Request for approval of amendments (as highlighted) to the general fund, fund 264 (Road Lake Reimbursement), fund 270 (Future Development Parks and Rec.) as recommended by Ken Palka.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Wildman, to approve the amendments as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Consider approval of a conceptual design for the construction of a park pavilion building.

Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to approve the conceptual plan and allow the builder to move ahead with the purchase of beams. Note: All phases of the project will

include three competitive bids. The township engineer will look at traffic patterns and signage related to the soccer fields. The board will review a complete site plan and design during upcoming meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

17. Request to modify the 425 agreement with the City of Howell as recommended by Heikkinen.

Moved by Smith, supported by Skolarus, to approve the modification as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Wildman, to approve the Schedule of Meeting dates for the next fiscal year as presented. The motion carried with Mortensen voting no.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

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