

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Dec. 6, 2010

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, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Steve Wildman, Jim Mortensen, Todd Smith and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal; Township Attorney Frank Mancuso; and five persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Hunt, supported by Ledford, to approve the Agenda moving petition 7 & 8 to the regular agenda for action. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills

2. Request to approve minutes: 11-01-10

3. Consider reappointment of Board of Review for 2011 as presented by Township Supervisor.

4. Request for approval to add a refuse special assessment to be levied on the 2010 winter tax roll for parcel #4711-17-100-035 and #4711-10-303-037 as requested by Township Treasurer.

5. Request for approval for the 2010 Instructions for poverty exemption, guidelines for poverty exemption, poverty exemption application and poverty exemption worksheet.

6. Consider approval of an extension to the METRO Act agreement between Genoa Charter Township and AT&T Michigan.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

7. Consider extensions of employment contracts for the Manager, Utility Director, Assessor, Deputy Assessor and Billing Specialist.

Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to approve the extension of all contracts for one year, allowing a 2% increase for the manager with no changes for the other contractual employees. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider modifications to the Township's life insurance benefit.

Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman, to increase the life insurance for all persons presently receiving this benefit from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider approval of agreements related to a sewer connection with Brighton Township.

A. Disposition of an agreement between Genoa Charter Township and Brighton Township relative to the DaVita, Inc. (d.b.a. Brighton Dialysis - Kidney Centers of Michigan, L.L.C.

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

B. Disposition of an agreement for professional services with Richard M. Fons, owner and Genoa Charter Township at a cost of \$22,500.00. Moved by Skolarus, supported by Wildman, to approve the agreement for professional services. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Disposition of an agreement to construct sewerage connection by and among Genoa Charter Township, Kidney Centers of Michigan L.L.C. and Livingston Real Properties, Inc. Moved by Hunt, supported by Ledford to approve the construction agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Public hearing for approval of amendments to Zoning Ordinance Articles 11, 14, 16 & 25.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Ledford, to approve the rezoning amendments. Further, with reference to section 11-01.04 (the setback will be zero). The motion carried unanimously.

11. Presentation by Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority.

The authority presented a 20 minute power point presentation to the board honoring 9118 volunteers who donated their time to the recreational programs affiliated with Howell Area Parks and Recreation. The total value of their effort is estimated at \$183,545.00. This is an excellent example of the cooperation of our community in the retention of recreation at an affordable cost to our citizens.

12. Consider a request from F & N Center L.L.C. for relief from water and sewer connection fees.

It was the consensus of the board that a lease agreement would be required and that the township is not opposed to an arrangement with the property owner allowing quarterly billings to cover the cost of water and sewer connections.

13. Consider approval of agreement between Genoa Township and SAFEbuilt Michigan Inc. for building department services.

Mancuso - I am comfortable with the agreement before you this evening. Moved by Smith, supported by Mortensen, to approve "in form" the agreement between Genoa Charter Township and SAFEbuilt Michigan, Inc. for the provision of building department services excluding compensation issues which will be determined at a later meeting of the board. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Request to set a public hearing for January 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption request from CRW Plastics for property located at 5775 Brighton Pines Court.

Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman, to set a public hearing for Tuesday, January 18, 2010 to consider a request by CRW Plastic. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Consider approval of entering into a lease agreement in regards to the Genoa Township Fire Substations with the Brighton Area Fire Department.

Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman, to approve the lease agreements, effective Jan. 1, 2011 as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Consider a resolution dedicating funds for the Latson Interchange.

McCririe advised the board that the Livingston County Road Commission did vote to move forward with the project and will contribute to the cost. The township has spent approximately \$150,000.00 to acquire land and will contribute an additional \$850,000.00 out of the General Fund. In addition, \$500,000.00 will be contributed out of the Recreation Fund for the construction of a bike/walk path adjacent to/or within the bridge project. The Federal government is expected to add approximately \$3,000,000.00 to the project as a result of the township's \$500,000.00 contribution.

Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to express the Township Board's commitment to the project by appropriating \$1,000,000.00 from the General Fund for the acquisition of right-of-way and \$500,000.00 from Parks and Recreation toward the pedestrian walkway. (McCririe will bring a formal resolution to the board at a later date with a commitment not exceed 1.5 million) The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – Mortensen.

An estimate of cost for the restoration of the north soccer field in the amount of \$5,300.00 was reviewed by the board. The north field was leased to SELCRA for \$1.00 and was sublet to a soccer club who damaged the field. Archinal was directed to address the issue with SELCRA and report back at the next meeting of the board.

McCririe advised the board that ITC will donate \$1,000.00 to the Easter Egg Drop and another \$5,000.00 for the installation of trees wherever the township should choose.

Board members wishing to attend the MTA conference should consult with the Manager's office staff.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Charter Township Clerk

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