

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 2, 2011**

**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 six persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Carey Weihmiller of Waste Management addressed the board. We have worked together with Genoa Township for many years. We have provided a lower bid to the township than originally submitted and we will eliminate the fuel surcharge from our contract. Two of our employees live in Genoa Township and this action would eliminate their jobs. We would like to continue to service Genoa Township and are asking a 30 day tabling of your recommendation to change refuse carriers.

Don Grostic – I live in the township and have worked for Waste Management for 27 years. Why would you change when you have always been happy with our service to the township? Paul Mudri – I am a Genoa Township resident for 15 years and work for Waste Management. Half of our customers place more refuse at the curb side than is allowed and we pick it up. I would gladly pay a small tax increase to continue with Waste Management

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Moved by Ledford, supported by Mortensen, to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**1. Payment of Bills**

**2. Request to approve minutes: 05-2-11**

**Approval of Regular Agenda:**

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

**3. Request for approval of refuse collection contract with Duncan Disposal.**

McCririe gave an overview of the action the Administrative Committee had taken over the last three months in an effort to renew the contract for refuse collection and disposal.

Mancuso - The original contract with Waste Management was signed in 1998 with three addendums executed thereafter. I have reviewed section 2-B as referenced by Patrick Greve in his correspondence dated May 1, 2011 and the township may engage in an extension of that contract with Waste Management or they may choose to retain the services of Duncan. Note: A copy of that e-mail is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Skolarus – Waste Management has serviced the township since 1974 when they bought out Mister Rubbish. We have had an excellent relationship with your company during all of that time. The new contract with Duncan will provide curb side recycling which is important as we move forward.

Wildman – I agree that service has been excellent.

Mortensen – This contract with Duncan allows termination after six months if we are not satisfied. That tells me that they will do everything possible to retain our business.

Archinal – Curbside service has never been a problem. The difficulty is with the service center. We called a couple weeks ago and were on hold for 19 minutes before we spoke with someone at Waste Management.

Weihmiller – I can guarantee that curbside service will not be as good as it is today with Waste Management. I hate to see these gentlemen lose their jobs. I apologize on behalf of Waste Management for the correspondence that was sent to this board by e-mail.

The contract was reviewed for errors. Moved by Skolarus, supported by Ledford, to approve the contract with Duncan with the following changes: the tax statement date is July 2011; recycle bins stay with the house; the contractor shall sell stickers to the township. The Clerk and Supervisor shall execute the contract after corrections are made. Duncan will begin service on Monday August 1, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Request for approval of a proposal from Superior Play for the installation of playground equipment at the Township hall property.**

Moved by Ledford, supported by Wildman, to approve the purchase of play equipment from Superior Play, L.L.C. with authorization to execute the agreement as depicted on the site plan. This will include the purchase of benches and other miscellaneous items as needed during construction. The cost will not exceed \$130,000.00 and a D & B will be sought prior to any distribution of funds. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus  
Genoa Township Clerk

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