

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
Special Meeting  
December 29, 2011

MINUTES

Supervisor McCririe called a special meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. The following board members 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 approximately 20 persons in the audience.

McCririe - Almost one year ago, the township began exploring the possibility of a building department in Genoa Township. The primary reason for considering this endeavor in the first place was related to customer service. During this time we have not wavered from that stated goal. However, given the fact a meeting is pending with the Bureau of Construction Codes and costly preparation is necessary on our behalf, we felt that it was necessary to discuss this issue during a special meeting of the board. Tonight I am recommending that we withdraw our application with the State of Michigan Bureau of Construction Codes and that we should accept the offers made by the County.

The discussion was opened to the board for additional comment.

Smith - All verbal complaints received in the future should be documented and forward to the County. The county might want to look at a consolidation with the state concerning construction codes.

Mortensen - I would ask that the county report dates of applications and finalization of project requests.

Hunt - Mike should work closely with the County Building Department to assure a timely processing of applications.

Smith - We need to coordinate the handling of unsafe building structures.

McCririe - Archinal should work with the county and convey a list of expectations. This should be done with VanTassell's input.

A call to the public was made with the following response:

Ron Jones - Thank you for your comments.

Boyd Buchanan - Thank you for your sentiments.

Jim Rowell - Thank you for taking the public comments seriously.

Linda Rowell - Thank you to the board. We appreciate your reconsideration.

Moved by Smith, supported by Skolarus, to withdraw the pending application for a building department before the State of Michigan Bureau of Construction Codes.

The motion carried unanimously.

The special meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus  
Genoa Township Clerk