

## **GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

Regular Meeting

Sept. 17, 2012

6:30 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

Supervisor McCririe called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 for the transaction of business: Gary McCririe, Paulette Skolarus, Jim Mortensen, Todd Smith and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and ten persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Jim Rowell – The Livingston County Building Department supplied copies of permits issued. If you should have any questions I am here to respond. I also support publication of the minutes. Terry Croft – There is a conflict of interest regarding action taken six years ago concerning the property at Dorr and Grand River. Mark Jones – Reference is made to the article in the paper. We need your commitment to represent citizens as well as transparency in government. Please explain how this happened. Kelli Woodall – I ask that Mr. Jones question be addressed. Kevin Spicher – Both Smith and McCririe should have excused themselves from voting on the rezoning. Also, Smith and McCririe have six listings within two miles of the I-96 interchange and they stand to benefit.

*Note: The Township made a commitment to the Latson Road interchange more than twenty years ago - long before either McCririe or Smith served on the Township Board.*

In response to these inquiries the board responded at the end of the meeting as follows: McCririe – The law allows farming on any piece of property within the township. Alfalfa was planted on this land and this action allowed for a change in the tax basis and a reduction in the millage. Everyone has that right under the Right to Farm Act. Smith – The rezoning is a benefit to the township and personal accusations of misconduct by this board are unacceptable. Skolarus – The idea for the rezoning was mine from many years ago. I still think that the rezoning is workable. It is just not a good time for development considering the economy. Mortensen – I did agree to that rezoning originally but have changed my mind.

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Moved by Ledford and supported by Smith to approve all items listed under the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **1. Payment of Bills.**

#### **2. Request to approve minutes: September 4, 2012.**

#### **Approval of Regular Agenda:**

Moved by Ledford and supported by Skolarus to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Request for approval of Resolution #1 (Proceed with the Project and Direct Preparation of the Plans and Cost Estimates) for East and West Crooked Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project Special Assessment Project.**

Ledford advised the board that she would abstain from discussion of the aquatic weed control project since she had a home on the lake. Archinal suggested that Frank Mancuso opine on whether or not Jean needs to excuse herself. Mortensen – I will not be in favor of this project considering that 20% of our residents on the lake are opposed.

A motion to approve the resolution was withdrawn and then moved to table by Smith and supported by Skolarus until the question regarding Ledford request to abstain could be determined. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Request for approval of Resolution #2 (Approve to the Project, Scheduling the First Hearing and Directing the Issuance of Statutory Notices) for East and West Crooked Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project Special Assessment Project.**

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to table the resolution until the next regular meeting of the board. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Discussion regarding the publication of minutes.**

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Ledford to continue to provide web information with regard to the meeting minutes. Skolarus cited the cost of publication (estimated at \$7,000.00 annually). That coupled with the fact that 89% of homes own computers versus 10,000 homes in all of Livingston County receiving the Press/Argus publication with a population of 150,000. The money could be better spent on play equipment for the park. The motion failed as follows: Ayes – Skolarus and McCrie. Nays – Smith, Mortensen and Ledford.

Moved by Smith and supported by Mortensen to approve the publication of minutes. The motion carried as follows: Ayes – Smith, Ledford and Mortensen. Nays – Skolarus and McCrie.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus  
Genoa Township Clerk

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