

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2013

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, Linda Rowell, Jim Mortensen and Todd Smith. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal; Township Attorney Frank Mancuso and seven persons in the audience.

Call to the Public was made with Jim Delcamp asking if the board had received his correspondence.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Hunt and supported by Mortensen to approve all items listed under the consent agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to approve minutes: December 3, 2012.

3. Introduction for Rezoning of property located on the south side of Grand River Avenue between Hughes Road and Kellogg Road (11-14-100-014, 11-14-200-011) from Rural Residential/Town Center (RR/TC) to Conditional Office Service District (COSD) and authorization of statutory notice for a public hearing on January 14th, 2013.

4. Receive the annual Planning Commission report for 2012 submitted by the Assistant Township Manager.

5. Request for approval of the 2013 Michigan Township Association Conference budget.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Hunt to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda changing the resolution number on petition 6 to 130107. The amended agenda was approved unanimously.

6. Request for approval of Resolution 130107 establishing guidelines for granting of poverty exemptions from property taxes pursuant to MCL 211.7u and establishing beginning date for the Board of Review for the year 2013.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Mortensen to approve the guidelines as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Request for approval of an agreement with AT&T for an antenna lease on the Oak Pointe Water Tower with 4-G service with \$9,600.00 to be paid annually to the lessor.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Hunt to approve the agreement as reviewed by Attorney Frank Mancuso. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding membership in the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority.

Deb Mikula, Director of Howell Parks and Recreation, addressed the board asking for a renewal of the agreement with the authority and an annual contribution of \$100,000.00. Smith complimented the director on the outstanding job being performed by her office. The board raised the following concerns:

- SELCRA may request that Genoa join their authority which would place additional financial burden on the township.
- Brochures offering programs were not being mailed to all township residents.
- Who would be responsible for the authority debt should they be dissolved.
- Can the township revert to the previous obligation should we join SELCRA at some time in the future.
- A copy of the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation will be provided.
- Considering the small number of persons using the recreation programs, Genoa should not be designated Tier 2.

The board took no formal action. The board will continue discussion at the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2012.

9. Request to consider approval of a wage schedule for the Township Utility Department as requested by Dr. Tatara.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Skolarus to approve the wage scale for all Utility Department staff with the effective date of Jan 7, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence was reviewed.

10. Request to enter into closed session for discussion of pending litigation pursuant to Section 8(e) of the 1976 Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Smith to enter into closed session. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – Ledford.

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The closed session was adjourned and the regular meeting re-opened and then adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Charter Township Clerk

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