

## **GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Regular Meeting

March 4, 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 Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal; Township Attorney Frank Mancuso and eight persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Linda Breed – I am disappointed that this board dismissed the pending lawsuit against Mr. Waggoner. Your ordinance is the law and this board needs to defend the ordinance. We did not build a fence because it wasn't allowed and Mr. Waggoner constructed a 6' high fence without a permit and it is still there.

Jim Delcamp – With regard to the wastewater pipeline bond, the township and the utilities department deserve accolades for the water quality of the MHOG system. My recommendation for North Shore and Oak Pointe is to consolidate the water system. For Tri-Lakes use the gentle Hamburg Township style inspection or require homeowners to purchase a no salt water conditioner with iron for \$2,400.00. *(A written copy of Mr. Delcamp's comments and analysis was provided for inclusion in the next board packet.)*

Mr. Milne – This property is not to code. The board needs to enforce the ordinance. Pictures of the Waggoner property and correspondence related to the ordinance violations was provided to each board member. The three page memorandum provided an oversight of the ongoing violations since 1976.

Patricia Hanniford – We worked together for 18 months and were not called regarding your decision. Your decision was made during a closed door meeting. The township has treated us disrespectfully. Get Mr. Waggoner to clean it up.

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

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

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

#### **2. Request to approve minutes: February 18, 2013.**

#### **3. Request for approval of the purchase of 1 ARCVIEW concurrent use License for the Township at a cost of \$3,150.00.**

**4. Request for approval of agreement regarding an additional voting member of the Genoa-Oceola Sewer and Water Authority.**

**5. Request for approval of second amendment to the Utility Services Agreement.**

**Approval of Regular Agenda:**

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

**6. Review and Discussion of the FY 2013/2014 Budgets and schedule Budget Review Public Hearing for March 18, 2013.**

The board reviewed the budget with no formal action taken. Rowell provided an analysis of salaries for elected officials. Residents may send comment to the township clerk or attend the public hearing scheduled for March 18, 2013.

**7. Discussion regarding organizational structure changes.**

The township recently lost two full time employees. An organizational chart of all employees was provided. The administrative committee is asking for the addition of an employee to coordinate zoning enforcement, planning and zoning. Two part time persons will be hired to fill the secretarial vacancy. It was the consensus of the board to hire an additional person for ordinance enforcement position once job clarification and duties are determined by Archinal and VanMarter.

**8. Discussion regarding the concept of a street bond issue.**

Archinal presented an overview of the necessity for road construction. Mapping of possible improvements was provided and discussed. Archinal was asked to obtain from the Livingston County Road Commission an estimate of cost and to consider the State of Michigan's current discussion for an increase in the gas tax.

A call to the public was made with the following response: Jeff Dhaenens – The Zoning Board of Appeals was also hoping that enforcement of the fence violation at Mr. Waggoner's would take place.

**9. Consider request to enter into closed session for discussion pending litigation pursuant to Section 8(e) of the 1976 Open Meetings Act.**

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Mortensen to adjourn to a closed session of the board at 7:55 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – Smith.

The closed session was adjourned and the regular meeting was re-opened at 8:52 p.m.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Hunt to direct counsel to order ASTI environmental to conduct a wetland boundary identification and a desktop hydrogeology investigation at a cost of \$6,000.00. The motion carried unanimously with Skolarus absent.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus  
Genoa Charter Township Clerk

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