

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
May 6, 2013

MINUTES

Call to Order: 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, Todd Smith and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Assistant Township Manager Kelly VanMarter and approximately 20 persons in the audience.

Call to the Public*: McCririe indicated that any discussions regarding Timberview would be addressed during the regular agenda.

Edwin Bishop addressed the Board. He resides on Nixon Road. He is concerned about traffic on Nixon Road after the interchange is installed. He believes the proposed 10' wide bike lane is excessive.

Nora Naccarato of the F & N Center addressed the Board. A proposed tenant appeared with her. They are attempting to work out tap fees, but the tap fees of \$63,400.00 are excessive in her opinion. She is asking that the tap fees be reduced by 50%. Supervisor McCririe suggested that she work with staff to review the fees, but that it would be unfair to reduce the fees for her and would result in people requesting refunds of paid tap fees. Hunt suggested that spreading the tap fee is one method of dealing with the issue. Ms. Naccarato indicated she had discussed this with staff, but she is seeking a reduction. Ms. VanMarter indicated she has exhausted the remedies from a staff perspective. McCririe suggested that a proposal be submitted to the Board and that they continue to work with staff.

Carl Hauss of FTAG Investments addressed the Board regarding the citizen survey results. He is familiar with people who have not filled out the survey and he has advised them to approach the Board members with their concerns. He believes that the original Nixon Road build out plan should be considered due to future budget constraints that may arise.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Ledford and support by Mortensen approve items one and two listed under the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to approve minutes: April 15, 2013.

Approval of Regular Agenda

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Hunt to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda with the tabling of item number 6 (Resolution 2 with reference to Timberview). **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Request for approval of an amendment to the Personnel Policy concerning Equal Employment Opportunity and Harassment.

Linda Rowell expressed some concerns regarding this amendment. The Township Attorney was not present. **Motion by** Hunt and supported by Smith to table this request until the township attorney reviews the amendment. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Request for consideration of an application for fireworks as submitted by Calvin Heckman Jr. at 4127 Clifford, Genoa Township on June 29, 2013 with a backup date of July 6, 2013.

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to grant this application request contingent upon the receipt of pertinent documents required from the petitioner for the fireworks display. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Request for approval of Resolution No. 1 [to proceed with the project and direct preparation of the plans and costs estimates] for the Timberview Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District.

Skolarus - Petitions from 65% of residents were received and reviewed. The first estimate was \$75,000 for a topical fix. The second was for \$300,000 which included removing the existing road and resolving the sand/gravel problem beneath the pavement. After boring samples were taken, it was determined that the black top is 5.5” rather than 3.5”, which would result in greater costs. An engineer must review the project again to determine the feasibility of the project moving forward. According to the L.C.R.C. cracking will resurface at one inch per year.

Tammy Dunaski, a resident, addressed the Board. She was expecting that 2-3” of the existing road was going to be re-milled. She proposes that plan continue and that the remaining portion be repaved. The curbs can be filled in and sprayed. Supervisor McCririe indicated that experience shows the cracks would appear in the same places.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Skolarus to approve the resolution. **The motion carried by roll call vote as follows:** Ayes: Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nay – None.

Tabled - 6. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2 [to approve the project, scheduling the first hearing and directing the issuance of statutory notices] for the Timberview Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District.

7. Request to direct staff to pursue actions necessary to achieve full membership in SELCRA.

James Mortensen indicated he has no trouble with getting involved with SELCRA. He is, however, concerned about entanglements with other governmental entities if it relates to any debts. He would ask that any contract be carefully reviewed. There was discussion about any liabilities involved in joining. Todd Smith would also like to know about voting rights. The issue of millage and to whom it would be assessed against was discussed.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Smith to pursue an agreement with SELCRA. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Request for approval of a proposal from Superior Play for equipment and installation of playground equipment at a cost of \$91,568.89.

Skolarus believes this is a good project. The township needs to support Parks & Recreation (bike paths, soccer fields, etc.) as well as roads. We have a diverse community and we need to take care of the children and not spend every general fund dollar on roads. Rowell - I do not feel comfortable adopting this proposal when the Township is asking for a road millage from the residents. She thinks the playground, as it currently exists, is very nice and is sufficient. She indicated the current budget does not cover this. McCririe indicated it would require a budget amendment. Hunt believes that the final phase of the project should be completed. Archinal reminded the Board that this is an economic development tool. A capital improvement project is forthcoming.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Ledford to approve the proposal. Motion carried with Rowell opposed.

9. Request to award a contract for the Red Oaks Subdivision Paving Special Assessment District to Cadillac Asphalt in the amount of \$757,169.

Moved by Smith and supported by Hunt to award the contract to Cadillac Asphalt for the repaving of Red Oaks subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion regarding citizen survey results.

Kelly VanMarter presented the results of the citizens' survey with 472 responses with comments. The community suggested that the rural character of the township be maintained and the campus concept was agreeable. Residents wanted more hard surface roads throughout the community.

11. Request for approval of a Road Improvement Master Plan proposal from Hubbell, Roth and Clark at a cost of \$33,000.

Mortensen feels it's premature to do this until the State of Michigan decides what it is going to do about funding. He also feels this should wait until after the Latson Road interchange is complete when traffic patterns can be reviewed.

Moved by Smith and support by Rowell to approve the Road Improvement Master Plan as requested by the Administrative Committee. **Motion carried with Mortensen opposed.**

Correspondence: A letter will be sent to the Mountain/Mystic subdivision residents concerning the reconstruction of their roads and asking for comment from homeowners with reference to the proposals.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

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