

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
May 20, 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, Jean Ledford, Todd Smith, Linda Rowell and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Township Attorney Frank Mancuso and approximately 20 persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the no response.

No one wished to address the Board.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Jean Ledford and supported by Mortensen to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda as requested, with the exception that the budget for parks and recreation was amended to \$425,000.00 for the line item I-96 Interchange Walk. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to approve minutes of May 6, 2013.

3. Consider approval of an Equal Employment Opportunity and Harassment policy change to the Personnel Manual.

4. Consider approval of a budget amendment to the Parks and Recreation Fund #270

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to address items 5-7 on the agenda and move to closed session after the review of correspondence and board discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider approval of an Environmental Impact Assessment and site plan for proposed site improvements and grading at Mt. Brighton.

Gary Markstrom of Tetra Tech addressed the Board regarding this matter. Bill from Vail addressed the Board, as well.

A. Approve Environmental Impact Assessment

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Rowell to approve the impact assessment subject to adding

a statement indicating that future development on the site may require bonding or constructing of a pathway and/or other future improvements. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve Site Plan

Moved by Jean Ledford and supported by Skolarus to approve the site plan with conditions as follows:

1. The outdoor lighting is legal non-conforming and the petitioner will not increase illumination. If changes to the site lighting are proposed, the applicant will work with the Township staff to shield the lighting as required by ordinance.
2. Any approval required by governmental agencies including the Livingston County Drain Commission will be obtained.

The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Consider approval of Resolution #2 for issuance of statutory notice and publication for the Timberview Road Improvement Special Assessment District.

Tammy Danaske addressed the Board. She asked Skolarus for a comparative analysis of the two engineering studies. A copy of the second quote was provided. The board reviewed a letter prepared by Skolarus to be mailed to residents of Timberview asking their opinion.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Ledford to not take any action with reference to Resolution # 2. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider results from a survey of the Mountain/Mystic/Milroy area related to proposed road improvements.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

Bonnie Spicher of Mountain Road addressed the Board. She feels that homeowners prefer the better fix pursuant to the survey. The survey may be broken down by location according to Archinal allowing for the creation of a smaller district. At that time, the results will be reviewed again and that information will be available to the public.

Bill Taylor of Mountain Road addressed the Board. He feels the survey sabotaged the project because of a lack of information.

Tom Kozyra addressed the Board. He doesn't feel the survey was fair in that it wasn't worded well. He felt that it should be fairly assessed.

Mr. McNew addressed the Board. He suggests that the majority were not in favor of the project and that it should not go forward.

Edward Walblay of Sundance Trail addressed the Board. He said those who didn't respond to the survey have spoken by their failure to respond.

Heath Hart addressed the Board regarding the traffic on Mountain Road due to the closure of Cunningham Lake Road. The people using those roads who are not residents should be required to contribute to the roads. Impact fees are not legal per Chairman McCririe. The construction traffic is not supposed to be using Mountain Road. Chairman McCririe will discuss it with the owners of the development. Mike Archinal will follow up on this.

Correspondence:

Membership Discussion held. Jim Mortensen gave a report of items he learned at the Trustee retreat. House Bill 4051 was addressed. He asked if the police power ordinances were on the website. They are. He asked about putting documents on the web to avoid FOIA requests. It was determined that there were very few FOIA requests and that no change was necessary.

Mike Archinal met with the Pine Creek residents and first responders. He believes a traffic study would be useful, particularly in light of the Latson Road Interchange. The residents are already taking traffic counts. A traffic study should be the next step. The Road Commission is assisting them with the data needed.

Skolarus addressed the memo regarding proposed new employees. She needs to adjust the pay scale to hire someone with the necessary knowledge. The Administrative Committee will take care of this and there was no objection at the board for the starting salary under bookkeeping/specialist that was approved in March.

It was the consensus of the board to receive a hard copy of correspondence that did not include the writer's name and not to include that correspondence in the public board packet.

8. Consider a request to enter into a closed session to discuss pending litigation as provided for by M.C.L. 15.268(e).

Moved by Smith and supported by Smith to enter into closed session at 7:41 p.m. as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – Hunt.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was re-opened and then adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Charter Township Clerk

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