

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

August 5, 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 for the transaction of business: Gary McCririe, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Todd Smith, Jean Ledford, Jim Mortensen and Linda Rowell. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, and eight persons in the audience.

A call to the public was made with the following response: Frank Castle – With regard to the wastewater treatment facility, you could go north through the new interchange. I have been monitoring my well and water levels have been dropping.

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: July 15, 2013

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Hunt and supported by Mortensen to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda with the tabling of the Oak Wilt resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request for approval of updated Oak Pointe Wastewater Treatment Plant consolidation project schedule, design proposal and summary of bond repayment scenarios.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Mortensen to approve the Oak Pointe WWTP conversion to equalization and Genoa Ocoola solids handling and oxidation ditch improvements proposal for design and permitting phase services as prepared by Tetra Tech, Inc. dated July 29, 2013 as recommended by Dr. Tatara. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for approval of resolution to attempt to control and prevent oak wilt by banning pruning or trimming of oak trees between April 1 and October 15.

Tabled.

5. Request for approval of Board appointments for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Moved by Skolarus and supported by Smith to appoint Eric Rauch and John McManus to the Planning Commission and Jeff Dhaenens to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three-year terms to expire 06/30/2016. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion regarding proposed road millage.

It was the consensus of the board to move forward with a millage request for roads. The ballot proposal, financing term and schedule of projects will be reviewed at the Aug. 19, 2013 regular meeting of the board taking into consideration board comments and concerns made this evening. The board will continue to subsidize these road projects out of the General Fund.

7. Correspondence: Consideration for approval of a July 13, 2013 letter from Pfeiffer, Hanniford & Palka implementing rate changes for Lake Edgewood and Pine Creek.

Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to approve the continuation of the existing water fee rates for Lake Edgewood and Pine Creek with an increase in the water connection fee from \$2,572.00 to \$2,672.00 per REU and an increase in the sewer connection fee from \$6,528.00 to \$6,888.00 per REU. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Discussion: Red Oaks road work is moving forward. SEMCOG will hold a meeting August 16, 2013 to discuss bike walk paths and trails.

Correspondence: Skolarus provided a copy of a letter that was sent from her office to the DEQ asking for a public hearing with regard to Chestnut Development (Steve Gronow). Rowell – I object to the letter dated July 25, 2013 to the Michigan DEQ (*regarding Chestnut Development*) since it was not presented to the Board for review prior to submission and the letter is not indicative of my opinion as trustee. *Note: According to the Township Attorney - correspondence from the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer is not subject to board approval.* Skolarus (in response) - Damage to imperiled wetlands and fen are a major concern to me as well as other board members. The request to the DEQ for **After the Fact** approval of a permit is unacceptable. Smith agreed.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Charter Township Clerk

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