

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

August 19, 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, Todd Smith and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and eight persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

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: Aug. 5, 2013.

3. Request for approval the appointment of Jean Ledford and Michael Archinal to the SELCRA Board.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Hunt and supported by Smith to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda with the addition of item 8 regarding LSL Planning. 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.

Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to approve resolution No. 130819 with minor changes. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None.

5. Request for approval of agreement for street lighting with the North Shore Community Association.

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to approve the agreement for street lighting with North Shore Community Association as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Presentation by Hubbell, Roth and Clark of a Road Improvement Master Plan.

Jon Booth of Hubbel, Roth & Clark, Inc. presented the road improvement master plan to the board. The projects outlined for construction include: Crooked Lake Road, Latson Road, Beck Road, Conrad/Challis Roads, Challis/Bauer Intersection, Herbst Road, Cunningham Lake & Bauer Roads, Bauer Road and Hughes Road. No formal action was taken by the board

7. Request for approval of a resolution to approve ballot language for a New Road Improvement Millage.

Jim Kiefer of Dykma Gossett presented the program for bonding and ballot language to the board. A call to the public was made with the following response: James Nowak – These are county roads and the county should be paying for them. Dorothy Coppola provided the board with a letter dated 08/19/2013 objecting to the proposal. I have lived here 35 years and paved roads will increase traffic. Robert Egan – Are the bonds adjustable? Kiefer – No they are fixed. I am opposed to this project. Trees will be destroyed on Cunningham Lake and Conrad. I am also concerned with truck traffic on Bauer that will need to use the round-about. A three way stop for Bauer and Challis would be a better solution.

Mortensen – Road construction is the responsibility of the county. I will vote no on this proposal. Ledford I would rather see the state move forward on this matter. Smith – This millage request should be determined by the residents of this township and the way to do that is to put it on the ballot.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Smith to approve a resolution with ballot language for a new road improvement millage. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – Mortensen and Ledford.

8. Request for approval of a proposal from LSL Planning to create new Interchange Campus and Interchange Commercial PUD Zoning Districts for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Moved by Smith and supported by Hunt to approve the proposal dated 08/15/2013 with LSL Planning services. The motion carried as follows: Ayes – Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – Mortensen and Ledford.

Rowell asked for detail with regard to expenditures for Chestnut Development (Steve Gronow) but did not disagree with the request for a public hearing.

Ledford provided an overview of the 2040 regional transportation plan being overseen by SEMCOG.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Charter Township Clerk

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