

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
December 16, 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, Todd Smith and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Township Assistant Manager Kelly VanMarter, Township Attorney Frank Mancuso and twelve persons in the audience.

A call to the public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Ledford and supported by Hunt to approve all items listed under the consent agenda as requested. The motion passed.

1. Payment of Bills.
2. Request to approve minutes: Dec. 2, 2013

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Hunt and supported by Rowell to approve for action all items requested under the regular agenda. The motion passed.

4. Request for approval to change the status of a part-time Bookkeeper/Specialist to a full-time position for the Clerk's office.

Moved by Rowell and supported by Smith to approve the change as requested and recommended by the Administrative Committee. The motion passed.

5. Request for approval to increase the budget for the Nixon Road non-motorized pathway project at an amount not to exceed \$32,646.99.

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to increase the budget as requested. The motion passed.

6. Request for approval of revisions to the Township REU Table.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Ledford to approve the new table effective 12/17/2013. The motion passed.

7. Request for approval of a permit for a fireworks display at Mt. Brighton on New Year's Eve.

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to approve the permit as requested. The motion passed.

8. Request for approval of the Resolution to Approve Updates to the Master Plan and Future Land Use Map.

A call for board comment was made: Rowell - Some resident voiced concern that a sewer and water study plan surrounding the new interchange only extended to the campus interchange area in the Master Plan.

VanMarter - The ad hoc study was conceptual in nature and not intended to ignore the future transition area but to provide insight into the current development area.

Rowell - What about timing and expansion in the future transition area.

Brad Strader (LSL Planning) - The flexibility built into the plan would allow for standard processes and may not necessitate a Master Plan amendment thus allowing for a timelier project.

Smith – There are many areas locally that contain future land use plans just as presented here this evening. The master plans and future land use map are appropriate.

A call to the public was made with the following response: Mike Boss – I am extremely disappointed with what I have seen in this plan. It does not go all the way to Crooked Lake Road. The Planning Commission did not comply with the township request. The future transition area has nothing defined or specified. The growth boundary has not changed. This plan ignores citizen comment.

Bruce Baker – The transition area should not be an ancillary use. Include the transition area into the campus designation. This area should not be residential. Smith cited many developments within 30 miles of Genoa Township that included future land use just as proposed. Strader defended the argument as follows: The Plan is a guide. The Zoning defines the law. McCririe – The market place will dictate development in this area.

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to approve Resolution 131216 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – Mortensen.

9. Discussion regarding code enforcement strategies.

It was the consensus of the board to provide dumpsters for Suburban Mobile Homes in an effort to clean up the area and allow residents to discard unused items. A letter to residents in the area will be sent by the Ordinance Enforcement Officer encouraging participation.

Industrial Resin Recycling is no longer in compliance with their special use permit. The township will aggressively pursue compliance.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

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