

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2014

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, Jim Mortensen and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Township Assistant Manager Kelly VanMarter, Township Attorney Frank Mancuso and six persons in the audience.

A call to the public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

1. Payment of Bills: Check Registers dated January 6 and January 21.
2. Request to approve minutes: Dec. 16, 2013
3. Request Board approval to remove the MHOG Usage Assessment \$3,283.15, levied on the 2013 Winter tax roll against Parcel #4711-09-102-003 and to add the MHOG Usage, \$3,283.15 to Parcel #4711-09-102-001 as submitted by the Township Treasurer.
4. Request to adjust the legal services rate for the Township Attorney.
5. Request to approve MTA Conference budget.
6. Proposal from Tetra Tech to provide a water and sanitary sewer connection fee study for an amount not to exceed \$4,500.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Ledford and supported by Smith to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda as requested. The motion passed.

7. Resolution to approve a microbrewery and small wine maker application at 4060 E. Grand River; Eternity Brewing Company, LLC.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Hunt to approve Resolution No. 140121 for a microbrewery and small wine maker application as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None.

8. Discussion regarding the FY 2013/2014 through 2018/2019 Capital Improvements Program.

- The Board requested that the Manager work with the Road Commission to see if there are plans for a light at Hampton Ridge Boulevard and if so what is timing and who would own and maintain a signal.
- There was no support for a band shell.
- The Board would prefer to let the County take the lead on providing baseball/softball facilities.
- In regard to acquisition, the Township should include it in the plan but should look to leverage Township funds by getting grants.
- The consensus of the Board was that sidewalks and pathways should be a priority.
- Road effort of \$250,000 is supported towards maintaining the limestone roads we have to the best of our ability. Include adding limestone to Crooked Lake east of Latson Road.
- There is no support for seeking additional cemetery land but utilizing existing land would be supported.
- Keep senior center and a professional survey on the radar as possible future considerations.

9. Consideration of a request from Livingston County for financial support of a MDNR Trust Fund grant application for park development on the Filmore property.

Moved by Hunt, Support by Skolarus to contribute up to \$3,000 because the project is within our jurisdiction and it would be a pledge towards matching funds from a grant. The motion passed.

10. First review of the FY 2014/2015 Budget – consider increasing the annual refuse collection fee from \$110 to \$113.30.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Ledford to leave it at \$110. The motion failed as follows: Ayes (3) –Ledford, Hunt, Rowell. Nays (4) – McCririe, Mortensen, Skolarus, Smith.

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to increase refuse collection by the amount of the federal Consumer Price Index in our disposal contract in the effective year. This will cover the incremental increase in cost to the Township. The motion passed as follows: Ayes (4) – McCririe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Smith. Nays (3) – Ledford, Hunt, Rowell.

Trustee Rowell would like to see no increase in elected official and appointed official pay in the next budget. Trustee Smith makes a point that any comparison study would need to be an apples to apples comparison including services offered, SEV, population, etc. Trustee Mortensen states that the Clerk, Treasurer, and Supervisor are livelihood positions and they should be competitive and adjusted for inflation. Additionally, they should be adjusted every year so that they don't fall behind and create a gap. No further action was taken by the board.

11. Consider approval of February 2014 Township Newsletter articles

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Trustee Smith states that Paul Rogers would like to add something about the Howell Senior Center to the Newsletter. There may not be room in the February newsletter to add it but we will try if Mr. Rogers can get something turned in in the next day or two. Remove the passport reference since it is not a service offered at the Township.

Correspondence –

- Ledford – asked for a copy of the appointments list to ZBA and PC.
- Rowell – Consider vendor list and look at what items can be bid each year. The consensus of the Board was that for some vendors such as the attorney or auditor, the history, consistency, level of service and reputation are invaluable.
- Mortensen – The Board should be provided with the top 20-25 vendors by cost.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Minutes taken by:
Kelly K. VanMarter

Minutes reviewed by:
Paulette Skolarus, Clerk

(press/argus 01/31/2014)