

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
February 3, 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, Jim Mortensen, Linda Rowell, Todd Smith and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Township Assistant Manager Kelly VanMarter and four persons in the audience.

A call to the public was made with the following response:

Larry Horton – Works as associate at Home Depot. Store management would like to have a car show in the parking lot and he was told by staff at the Township that the ordinance does not allow it. After board discussion and recommendation, McCririe suggested that Mr. Horton work with Township staff to get approvals under the temporary event ordinance and that the township would look at amending the ordinance.

Beverly Smith – lives on Lake Chemung and read in the minutes about consideration for a senior center. She is the Director of the Putnam Township Senior Center and as a Township resident wanted to provide some information to the Board about the importance of a senior center. Seniors are looking for opportunities to socialize and many seniors need assistance with housing, medical, and social security issues. Senior centers support the community. They help local schools and community organizations such as Gleaners. Funding can be through a general fund contribution or millage. There are also many donation and fundraising activities. Senior centers provide worthwhile service to the elder population and make the Township a more attractive community. Beverly Smith will provide a copy of the budget related the Putnam Senior Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to approve minutes: Jan. 21, 2013

3. Request for approval to amend the Genoa Township Personnel Policy Section E with regard to inclement weather.

4. Request for approval to enter into agreements to collect 2014 summer property taxes with Hartland Consolidated Schools, Brighton Area Schools and Howell Public Schools as submitted by the Township Treasurer.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

5. Consider a resolution vacating a portion of Highland Avenue in the Crooked Lake Highlands Subdivision.

Township Manager Archinal provided a background on the issue of vacating a portion of Highland Avenue. There are some remaining issues with the utilities and the Road Commission that need to be resolved prior to official action by the Board. Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to table the request for vacation of Highland Avenue to a future meeting. The motion passed.

Correspondence:

Rowell was contacted by two residents concerned with the reduction in road funding. They would like to see the same level of service maintained. Smith stated that he has heard the opposite.

Rowell was contacted by Terry and Rita Croft asking about audio recording of the township meetings. A brief discussion of current practice and potential legalities ensued and there was mixed support for recordings. No action was taken.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by:
Kelly K. VanMarter

Minutes reviewed by:
Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk

(Press/argus 02/07/14)