

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

March 3, 2014

MINUTES

Supervisor McCririe called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. The following board members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Gary McCririe, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Jean Ledford, Todd Smith, Jim Mortensen and Linda Rowell. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and four persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Jeff Dhaenens – I just read the awesome letter to state rep. I hope that the township continues to share communication with the Livingston County Road Commission. Crooked Lake Road is so bad; the L.C.R.C. needs to step up. Also, salaries have been frozen for multiple years and the board needs to catch up. We have good management. There are no complaints and we are well served. All boards should be compensated well.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Rowell and supported by Smith to approve all items listed under the consent agenda amending the Minutes of Feb. 17, 2014 to correct item 11 and change the reference to Section 8 (h). The motion passed.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to approve minutes: Feb. 17, 2014

3. Request Board approval to add - X2504-Brighton City Usage of \$790.67 to Parcel #4711-25-400-049 on the 2013 winter tax roll as submitted by the Township Treasurer.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Hunt and supported by Ledford to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda amending item 7 to add approval for an amendment to the FY budget ending 03/31/2014 and approving the budget for the FY ending 03/31/2015. The motion passed.

4. Request for approval of Resolution 140303 regarding assistance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the removal of nuisance geese.

Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to approve Resolution 140303 correcting the dates and adding “at the request of the Department of Natural Resource” to the resolution. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nay – None.

5. Discussion regarding draft ordinance amendment regarding temporary sales and events.

It was the consensus of the board that the draft ordinance amendment is reasonable and to refer it to the Planning Commission for review and a recommendation along with the timeline referenced by Kelly VanMarter in her correspondence dated Feb. 27, 2014.

6. Discussion and possible determination of Township participation in a proposed Grand Oaks Road Improvement Special Assessment District.

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to approve General Fund participation in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Grand Oaks Road Improvement Project in an effort to be supportive of the Latson Road Interchange and the change in vehicular traffic as a result of that development. Further, that the project is acceptable to the owners of property within the district and that a petition from those properties identified will be received by the Township Board in excess of the 51% required by law under Act 188. The motion passed.

7. Request for approval of the Lake Edgewood Sewer, Oak Pointe Sewer, and Oak Pointe Water Rate Analysis and to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014 and to approve the recommendation for the budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.

(Note: This request was reviewed immediately after approval of the regular agenda in the meeting.)

Dr. Greg Tatara addressed the board and answered questions related to his request.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Mortensen to amend the FY 2014 and approve the FY 2015 Operating Budgets for the Lake Edgewood Sewer System, the Oak Pointe Sewer System and the Oak Pointe Water System. The motion passed.

Move by Mortensen and supported by Ledford to increase the Lake Edgewood Sewer System metered sewer rate from \$6.43 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.62 per quarter and the flat rate sewer from \$110.87 per quarter to \$120 per quarter, effective June 1st, 2014. The motion passed.

Move by Skolarus and supported by Mortensen to increase the Oak Pointe Water System metered water rate from \$3.08 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.12 per 1,000 gallons and the debt rate from \$10 per quarter to \$15 per quarter, effective May 1st, 2014. The motion passed.

8. Review of the January 21, 2014 minutes of the Board with regard to an increase in refuse collection related to the Federal Consumer Price Index and the relationship to the contract rate and adjustments with Duncan that expires July 31, 2016.

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to rescind the previous motion of January 21, 2014 related to an increase in refuse fees based upon the C.P.I. and to increase the refuse fee by \$2.00 annually beginning on the winter 2014 tax billing for all units receiving this benefit. Further,

Hunt suggested that township participation should continue from the General Fund and that it would be better to review our contribution on an annual basis. The motion passed.

9. Discussion regarding an analysis of the Township's cemetery needs.

It was the consensus of the board that existing property will provide for a future cemetery and that perhaps with site plan development one or two acres may be used for a *natural preserve cemetery*. As of this date there remain eight full cemetery sites and seventeen Cremain sites in the Chilson Hill Cemetery.

Discussion:

Archinal met with the Raethers concerning excavation of the existing ponds on the Township Hall property. This action would require a permit from the Department of Natural Resources. Excavating may alleviate the water over Dorr road that occasionally occurs. The board neither endorsed nor approved any action. Rowell presented MTA data from the internet site.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

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