

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting
October 20, 2014

MINUTES

Supervisor McCririe called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Genoa Charter Township Hall. 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, Township Attorney Frank Mancuso, H. R. Director Kim Lane and five persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Mr. Swanson corrected his name for the record. He has additional information that he would like to share on the Japanese Knotweed.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Mortensen to approve the payment of bills as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Smith and supported by Rowell to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda with the addition of Items 2 and 3 from the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: October 6, 2014

Moved by Smith and supported by Rowell to approve the Minutes with the following corrections: Petition 6 – adding - “Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to approve the recommendation from the Election Commission for all poll workers scheduled to work Nov. 4, 2014.” Petition 7 – deleting – “Board members were in agreement with this request.” Petition 8-B – deleting - “In addition the development of the road extension to the west with regard to the amended PUD agreement, need not be built.” The corrected minutes were voted and carried unanimously.

3. First reading of proposed Noxious Weeds Ordinance.

The Noxious weed ordinance was reviewed by the board with changes as follows: Section 3-(1) ...weeds shall include, *but may not be limited to...* and adding - *Japanese Knotweed* to the definition. Section 7-(1) line 3 – adding - ...destroy the noxious weeds *or tall grass* ...

Moved by Smith and supported by Hunt to approve the first reading with the previous changes. The motion carried as follows: Ayes – McCririe, Skolarus, Hunt, Rowell, Smith and Ledford. Nay – Mortensen.

4. Request for approval of proposed changes to the employee health care plan.

H. R. Director Kim Lane presented the proposed changes to the employee health care plan, citing unsustainable cost to health increases. Moved by Mortensen and supported by Ledford to approve the proposed changes for employee health care as per the memorandum dated 10/16/2014 from Archinal. The result is an increase of 6.4% to insurance benefits, with the addition of employee contributions of 5% toward their health care and an increase in the death benefit for employees and board members. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Review of a financial investment report as presented by the Treasurer.

Hunt presented a cash collateral worksheet analyzing FDIC Insured Funds, Uninsured but Collateralized Funds and Uninsured Uncollateralized Funds. 68% of all deposits were determined to be FDIC Insured or Collateralized. In addition a copy of the Investment and Depository Designation Resolution was provided. No formal action was taken by the board.

6. Request to enter into a closed session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268 § 8 (e).

Moved by Ledford and supported by Hunt to enter into closed session at 6:57 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

The regular meeting of the board was re-opened at 7:35 p.m.

McCririe - The MTA conference to be held in Grand Rapids should be booked Oct. 21st in order to get rooms at the Amway.

Archinal – This year’s sidewalk project is complete. Design work for the next phase is being considered with your approval. The board voiced no objection.

The regular meeting of the board was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

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