

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

Jan. 20, 2015

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 board members 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; and two 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 the first two items on the Consent Agenda, correcting the Minutes of the Dec. 15, 2014 meeting by adding “If the Board adopts the Planning Commission recommendation” to Item 5 related to the 3rd amendment to Timber Green Planned Unit development, and move all other request to the regular agenda for action. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: Dec. 15, 2014

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Hunt and supported by Mortensen to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request for approval to purchase bleachers and benches for the Township athletic fields at a cost not to exceed \$10,324.

Moved by Rowell and supported by Smith to table to the next regular meeting so that pictures of the purchase may be viewed. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for approval of budget for 2015 MTA Conference in Grand Rapids Jan. 28-30.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Rowell to approve the conference fees as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for approval to enter into agreements to collect 2015 summer property taxes with Brighton Area Schools, Hartland Consolidate Schools, Howell Public Schools and Livingston Educational Service Agency as submitted by the Township Treasurer.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Ledford to approve the execution of the agreements for the collection of taxes as requested by Hunt. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request for approval of a resolution to establish a new polling place, correct the County GIS mapping, move Precinct 11 to the 2/42 Church and other redistribution of residents to more convenient locations for voting as requested by the State of Michigan.

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

7. Request for approval of amendments to budgets concluding on March 31, 2015, General Fund 101, Road Improvement Fund 261, Road Lake Lighting Reimbursement Fund 264, Future Development Parks and Recreation Fund 270, and Cemetery Building Reserve Fund 271.

Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to approve the amendments to the budgets for the year ending March 31, 2015 as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

8. First review of budgets for the General Fund 101, Road Improvement Fund 261, Road Lake Lighting Reimbursement Fund 264, Future Development Parks and Recreation Fund 270, and Cemetery Building Reserve Fund 271 for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2016.

Comments were made concerning and expansion of duties for the Zoning Administrator. A Market analysis will be provided by VanMarter. 3% salary increases for staff would be at the top of the chart. Minor changes were made to the proposed budget. The proposed budget will be again discussed at the second meeting in February. A public hearing on the final budget will be held the second meeting in March. Residents may view the proposed budget on the Township website at www.genoa.org

Mr. Smith left the meeting at 7:00 p.m. to attend the regularly scheduled Howell Parks and Recreation meeting.

9. Discussion on the cost of publications and announcements in local papers as requested by Todd Smith.

Discussion was tabled until the next regular meeting of the board.

10. Request for approval of a proposal with LSL Planning, Inc. to prepare a Zoning Ordinance Update and Interactive Zoning Ordinance at an amount not to exceed \$48,900.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Ledford to approve the proposal with the understanding that work will begin relative to the 2015/16 General Fund Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion regarding paving of the NorthShore Subdivision west entrance.

It was the consensus of the Board that an informational meeting will be held at the Township Hall to determine support for this project from the residents of North Shore. Should the project move forward it will be through a special assessment district initiated by the Township. The low bidder, D & H Asphalt, will be invited to respond to questions or concerns raised by residents.

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

Moved by Rowell and supported by Ledford to enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation at 7:45 p.m. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – Smith.

The regular meeting of the Township Board was reopened at 8:10 p.m. and adjourned.

Mortensen asked that regular scheduled meetings of the Township Board be cancelled only for lack of quorum, disaster or inclement weather. No further action was taken by the Board.

The regular meeting of the board was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township Board

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