

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
January 4, 2016

MINUTES

Supervisor McCririe called the regular meeting of the board to order at 6:30 p.m. 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 approximately 25 persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Jim Noeker – I received notice from the City of Brighton that the Lindbom Elementary School is in the process of being rezoned to PUD – Senior Housing Development. This is a 3-story building, 480’ long and is against the City Master Plan. This project will negatively impact township residents. Please look into the matter with the City Officials. McCririe – We will keep in touch with your neighbors.

Mr. Anderson – I agree with Mr. Noeker. I feel that the City Planning commission ran through the rezoning affecting a lot of people and their property values will go down as a result of this development. Mortensen - The access through Holly does not meet county standards.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Ledford to approve all items on the consent agenda correcting the name Beck to Buck on the Minutes of Dec. 7, 2015. Further, adding the 2016 MTA Budget for the January 2016 Conference as requested by McCririe. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: Dec. 7, 2015

3. Request for approval of the MTA Budget related to the January Conference as requested by McCririe.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

4. Request for approval of Resolution #3 [approving the project cost estimates, special assessment district and causing the special assessment roll to be prepared] for the Sunrise Park and Newberry-Wise Subdivisions Road Improvement Project.

A call to the public and property owners was made with the following response: Karen Arsenault – This project should include speed bumps. The road conveys water down to my property and it becomes a river. I want to see plans that include solving the drain problem.

Archinal – The Livingston County Drain Commission will be reviewing this project. We will ask them to contact you.

Michael Suciu – I am in favor of the project but against speed bumps. I fixed my own drainage problems. The roads will be safer

Patty Jacobs – I have been here since 1998 and it is time for the road to be upgraded. I appreciate your assistance.

Chris Swartzmiller – I wish to express my gratitude to the township for moving forward with this project. It comes down to safety and the road is dangerous as it is.

In addition, letters of objection were received from James and Linda Sroka and from Nancy Beaudet-Gokee objecting to the project.

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to approve Resolution No. 3 for Sunrise Park and Newberry Wise Subdivisions as requested, deleting the duplicate parcel number 11-09-201-048. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

5. Request for approval of Resolution #4 [acknowledging the filing of the special assessment roll, scheduling the second hearing and directing the issuance of statutory notices] for the Sunrise Park and Newberry-Wise Subdivisions Road Improvement Project.

Moved by Smith and supported by Hunt to approve Resolution No. 4 for Sunrise Park and Newberry Wise Subdivisions as requested, deleting the duplicate parcel number 11-09-201-048. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

6. Request for approval of Resolution #1 [to proceed with the project and proceed with plans and cost estimates] for the Sundance Trail Improvement Project Special Assessment District.

A call to the public was made with Dan Wholihan questioning the project.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Mortensen to approve Resolution No. 1 for Sundance Trail 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 Resolution #2 [to approve the project, scheduling the first hearing and directing the issuance of statutory notices] for the Sundance Trail Improvement Project Special Assessment District.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Hunt to approve resolution No. 2 for Sundance Trail and to include the parcel numbers with the notice. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

8. First draft review of all General Fund Budgets related to the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

The first Draft of the General Fund Budgets was reviewed by the board. No objections were raised. Rowell will review compensation numbers with township staff before the next meeting. The budgets will be posted on the Township Website asking for comment from residents.

Smith raised a concern for a traffic light to be located on Latson Road for homeowners living across from Meijer's.

The regular meeting and public hearing of the board was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township Board