

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

February 1, 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 and approximately 40 persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Rowell and supported by Mortensen to approve all items listed under the consent agenda with a typographical correction for the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: Jan. 4, 2016

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

3. Public hearing for the Sundance Trail Road Improvement Project.

A. Call to the public and property owners

A call to the property owners and the public was made with the following response: Diane Morgan - Public Act 51 and roads are under the Road Commission. The Road Commission should be taking care of our roads. Large trucks come down the road and are breaking it up. Mike Ackley – Stonegate subdivision uses our roads for access. They should pay part of this cost. McCririe – There is no mechanism that allows us to levy against the properties in Stonegate. Ackley – Please include it in the record that the road in front of my driveway was broken up the next morning after I asked the petitioner to get off my property. Chuck Koehn – I would thank the Clerk for all her hard work with regard to this project.

B. 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 Sundance Trail Road Improvement Project.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Skolarus to approve Resolution No. 3 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

C. 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 Sundance Trail Road Improvement Project.

Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to approve Resolution No. 4 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

4. Public hearing for the Sunrise Park Newberry-Wise Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District.

A. Call to the public and property owners

Call to the property owners and the public was made with the following response: Gary Letkemann – I am in support of the project. There is an area near the pumping station that becomes a lake. The triangle should be paved. Michael Suciu – I am in support of the project. Patty Jacobs – I am in favor of the project. Thank you for your support. Dan Wagar I am on a fixed income and opposed to the costly project. Ryan McGinn – I have three young children. People are already traveling at excessive speeds. I am not happy with the road project. Letters of objection were received from William C. Lindholm and Michael Deaner.

B. Request for approval of Resolution #5 [confirming the special assessment roll] for the Sunrise Park Newberry-Wise Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District.

Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to approve Resolution No. 5 as requested. . 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 amendments to Funds 212 and 270.

A. Liquor Law Fund for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2016.

Moved by Smith and supported by Rowell to approve the amendment as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Future Parks and Recreation Fund for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2016.

Moved by Smith and supported by Mortensen to approve the amendment as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Second review for draft of all General Fund Budgets related to the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 [please refer to your hard copies provided at the last meeting].

A call to the public was made with one person responding that all available money should be spent on roads. A second resident stated that bike paths and parks and recreation were also important for the community. The board reviewed the budgets for the next fiscal year taking no formal action.

7. Consideration of articles for the February 2016 newsletter.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the publication.

Correspondence was received from the Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club advising the board that they would no longer take part in the cleanup of the Township Cemetery. McCririe will write a letter to the association thanking them for the many years of support. Correspondence was received from Victor Watson asking that the board change their policy with regard to family members working elections. The board did not respond.

Smith asked that an update on the Brighton Fire Authority be included in the spring newsletter.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township Board

Gary McCririe, Supervisor
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