

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
November 7, 2016
Regular Meeting

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 Joe Seward, and approximately 15 persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Bob Hutchison addressed the board with gratitude. He remarked how great the pavement of Grand Oaks turned out; he loves it and especially the company who was hired to do the work. He also expressed his thanks to Gary McCririe for his service to the township, adding that Gary was both a gracious and humble person and that the new supervisor has big shoes to fill.

Doug Brown addressed the board to express his thanks to Linda Rowell, Todd Smith, and Gary McCririe for their service. He added that everything they have done is great and that they have worked well and constructively together for the benefit of the Township.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Smith and supported by Mortensen to approve all items under the Consent Agenda as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: October 17, 2016

3. Request to clarify a discrepancy between the rules and regulations and the application related to the sale of cemetery parcels in Chilson Hills by amending the rules and regulations to state that cremains parcels be sold at \$300 in accordance with recent sales.

4. Request to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority (HAPRA) budget.

5. Request to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed Budget Amendment to DPW Fund 501 as recommended by the Utility Director.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

6. Request from April Gago, M.D. of the Gago Center for Fertility/Gago IVF to consider an ordinance to prohibit open burning near medical practices.

Dr. Gago addressed the board with concerns over the burning of yard debris near and around her office as it adversely affects sensitive tissues and reproductive methods. McCririe expressed his sympathy over the matter and said he will have conversations with those persons responsible. He asked that the Township Manager address the concerns with those involved. No formal action was taken by the board

7. Request from Dewey E. and Pamela H. Thomas to amend a consent agreement to allow use of 5033 Chilson Road, Parcel ID 4711-33-200-019, as a floral design and art studio.

Moved by Smith and supported by Hunt to approve the amendment to the consent agreement with attorney review to allow a floral and design studio within the footprint of the existing building. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Request from the Ordinance Officer to consider removal of a dangerous building at 692 Red Oaks.

The owner of the property, Marilyn McKiddie, addressed the board. She stated that she was very unhappy and angry that she was required to be present this evening at the meeting. She stated that her family has been living in the home off and on for years and that she is currently paying utilities at the home. She said that she never received any notices and that she will get an attorney to fight this issue.

A call to the public was made with the following response: Wendy Robertson – I have lived near this property for more than 14 years and there has never been anyone living in that home. I have neighbors who will testify to that same thing.

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to accept the recommendation by Township Ordinance Officer Sharon Stone to move ahead with the demolition with the owner to reimburse the Township for all expenses related to the removal of the structure. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Presentation from Kim Lane, Human Resources Director, regarding 2017 employee benefits.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Rowell to approve the recommendation by Kim Lane to change insurers for short and long term disability from Reliance to Guardian – decreasing short term disability to 13 weeks and increasing long term disability to immediately follow, to implement a Township Wellness plan with incentives, and to increase the employee insurance contribution to 10%. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Request for review and approval of MHOG salary range adjustments as requested by Dr. Greg Tatara.

Moved by Smith and supported by Rowell to approve the pay-scale increase as requested by Dr. Tatara. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Request to approve resolutions honoring the service of Township Board members Gary McCririe, Linda Rowell and Todd Smith.

Township Manager Archinal presented plaques to Gary McCririe, Linda Rowell, and Todd Smith honoring them for their many years of service to the township on behalf of the Genoa Township Board. He thanked them for their dedication and professionalism. Board member expressed their sincere appreciation to the three departing members and sorrow at their leaving.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Township Board was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Tara Brown, Deputy Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Gary McCririe, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township