

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
May 15, 2017

MINUTES

Supervisor Rogers called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Bill Rogers, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Jim Mortensen, Terry Croft, Diana Lowe and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager, Michael Archinal; Township Attorney, Joe Seward; and approximately 30 persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made; new Under Sheriff Jeff Warder introduced himself to the board.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Lowe and supported by Ledford to approve all items under the consent agenda as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: May 1, 2017

3. Request to approve the Assessor's affidavit of the 2017 millage levies for the Township establishing the millage rate at 0.8061.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

4. Public hearing on the Lake Chemung Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment Project Winter 2017.

A call to property owners and the public was made with the following response:

Michael Suciu; 1071 Sunrise Park, Laura Wildman; 658 Pathway Dr, and John Palmer; 560 Black Oaks Dr, expressed their support for the project.

5. Discussion of five-year projection for Fund 264 related to revenue and expenditures for both the aquatic weed control program and road improvement projects.

Skolarus provided the five year projection for Fund 264. Estimates included a \$300,000.00 contribution to the fund annually and tentative projects for Wildwood, Mountain, Holly, Dillon and Magnolia in 2018 and 2019 provided residents are able to obtain enough petition signatures to move forward with any project. No action was taken by the board.

6. Consider approval of a Resolution No. 170515 adopting the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan and request that the County Board of Commissioners implement a comprehensive plan for the County.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Croft to approve Resolution 170515 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

7. Request to approve replacement of the front and rear apparatus drive aprons and install walkways at Brighton Fire Station 34 by Detroit Concrete Co. at a cost not to exceed \$26,928.

Skolarus-would like to see the Brighton Fire Station pay for this fix on their own. It was mentioned that under the current agreement, Genoa Township, is the landlord and must fix the drive. Croft would like more clarification on the build; will it address base problem which is clearly the issue of the crumbling drive apron. Archinal will speak with Detroit Concrete Co. to get a scope of the project with details.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Skolarus to approve the request by the Brighton Fire Authority at a cost of \$26,928.00. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider approval of an agreement with the Livingston County Road Commission to repave Hacker Road between Grand River and Clark Lake Road with a Township contribution of \$100,000.00.

Archinal gave a bit of history on the project and the areas growth over the years which precipitated the repair. Rogers asked if the speed signage could be looked into. A 55mph sign is very close to a 35 mph sign near a curve in the road. Archinal will call the appropriate department to inquire about the signage.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Mortensen to approve the agreement to repave Hacker as requested, noting the Township Budget No. 261 included an allowance for this expenditure. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider a request to amend the Snyder v. Genoa Charter Township Consent Judgement as requested by Joseph Yaros; 5679 Richardson Road.

Joseph Yaros addressed the board and asked that a 10x14 deck off the back of a non-conforming building on his property be allowed to stay. His sons built the deck while Yaros was in the hospital and they did not pull a permit for the deck. Yaros stated that in order for him to live in the building, he needs an escape route that would be easy to use with his oxygen tanks in the event of a fire.

Rogers-the principle residence is what Yaros is using even though the home isn't the one lived in.

Yaros -the intent was for family to reside in the principle residence and Yaros to reside in the non-conforming building.

Seward- the secondary building is non-conforming use and should not be expanded. This means, it has to remain as is.

Yaros' significant other addressed the board and wanted to gain clarification on the word expand. She sited Genoa Township Ordinances. She sited past minutes and ordinances but can't find specific language to define the word expand. She explained that she needs the board to

define the word expand so that the Yaros' can go to court to try and change the consent judgement. She doesn't know how to proceed.

The board reminded Yaros's significant other that the Township Ordinances no longer pertain to 5679 Richardson because a consent judgement is in place and that the consent judgement spells out that the building should not be expanded in any way.

Seward-Yaros should obtain an attorney and go to court to try to renegotiate the consent judgment. Because the consent judgement is in place, there is nothing the board can do. It must be talked about in court.

The board again said that any adding onto the building is expanding.

Yaros-the deck and eventual stairway is necessary to allow for an evacuation and that the board should feel responsible if anything were to happen.

Hunt-if you feel the home is unsafe and not equipped to live in, it is my recommendation that you should definitely not live there.

No action was taken by the board.

Correspondence:

A bid from Landscape Design and Associates to clean up the Chilson Hills Cemetery in the amount of \$5,500.00 was accepted, which is under the estimate that the board had agreed upon. Croft would like to see a budget line item to automatically allot funds to cemetery cleanup. Archinal said that in the past, Sunrise Rotary would clean up the cemetery but since the previous director's retirement, the duties of cemetery cleanup have gone back to the Township. It is a once a year spring cleanup that is required and Cooper's cuts the grass.

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

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Tara Brown, Deputy Clerk
Genoa Charter Township