

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting and Public Hearing**  
**September 18, 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 40 persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Jackie Dunaski – The Thomas property is actually owned by three different persons. Will that allow the construction of 3 different businesses? Rogers – There is only one buildable site on the parcel.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Moved by Hunt and supported by Ledford to approve all items listed under the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**1. Payment of Bills.**

**2. Request to Approve Minutes: September 5, 2017**

**Approval of Regular Agenda:**

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

**3. Public hearing on the Timberview Road Improvement Project**

**A. Call to property owners and the public.**

A call to property owners and the public was made with the following response: Jackie Dunaski – Will the work begin this fall? Skolarus – Yes.

**B. Request for approval of Resolution No. 5 [confirming the special assessment roll] for the Timberview Road Improvement Project Winter 2017.**

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Skolarus to confirm the special assessment roll for Timberview as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

**4. Public hearing on the Round Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project**

Jason Broekstra, vice president of Operations and biologist of the Great lakes Region, addressed the board and audience with an overview of the project related to Round Lake. Broekstra – Permits for aquatic Weed Control are first registered with the Environmental Protection Agency, then the Michigan Department of Agriculture and finally an application and permit is received from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Aeration reduces muck but does not control invasive weeds. Eurasian Watermilfoil is invasive and ultimately destroys the natural

habitat of our lakes and is treated with a systemic. Copper sulphate that is used is found naturally in the environment. We do not use 2, 4-D within 250 feet of the shoreline.

**A. Call to property owners and the public.**

A call to property owners and the public was made with the following response: Doreen Walsh – I am 100% against this project. There are other options such as aeration. Our lake level is extremely low. Weeds are just a normal cycle. Lawn fertilizer contributes to the problem. Chemicals could contaminate our drinking water. Craig and Beth Hagen – We didn't know that there were other options. Aeration sounds like a good system. The residents of Tyrone Lake are pleased with this process that carries oxygen and diminishes the muck. Mark Woodward - We are now cleaning up chemical spills all over the country. I don't want my well damaged. Please allow more time for us to consider all the options. Walter Joslin – Round Lake was treated 15 years ago. I found 5 dead fish on my beach as a result. Please look at alternatives. Tim Robertson - Tyrone Lake started aeration treatment for less than \$1.00 a day and it is better than using chemicals. We don't want to devalue our homes. Copper sulphate damages our drinking water.

Larry Bacon – I am the circulator of the petitions. I obtained two bids and contacted all 89 homes on the lake, leaving a letter at their homes and asked for input. I received zero responses. I am in the process of creating a homeowners association that would be in accord with the township requirement. Jason Broekstra – Aeration reduces the muck but it does not control invasive weeds. This can only be done with chemicals. There are no fishing restrictions with this application. I have brought additional information for the residents and would provide it to the township for distribution. (Note: The information will be placed on the township website for residents review.)

Joe Seward (Township Attorney) – Under a Supreme court decision from 1959, a person may not rescind after their signature is added to a petition.

**B. Request for approval of Resolution No. 5 [confirming the special assessment roll] for the Round Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project Winter 2017.**

Attorney Seward was asked if this resolution could be confirmed at a later date. He responded in the affirmative. Moved by Lowe and supported by Hunt to table Resolution No. 5 until a resolution can be achieved. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Public hearing on the Hillandale Road Improvement Project**

**A. Call to property owners and the public.**

A call to the public was made with the following response: Allen Pruens – I do not know what “top of the hill south to where the road narrows to 16” means. There is inadequate drainage on this street and culverts need to be placed near several properties to alleviate the water erosion. For 30 years we took care of our roads without a special assessment district. Sue Ringuette – Culverts and ditches need to be put in on the south side of the road. Our neighbors have been ripping up the road for the last three years with truckloads of gravel being added to their property. Adam Kelsey – I signed the petition. This is not a permanent fix. Four or five years ago a lot of people took care of the road. This should relieve their burden. This is not a perfect fix but will be an improvement. Nicole Waligora – The roads need more gravel. The majority of our residents want something done. I had two proposals in place when I circulated petitions but

the other request did not get support because of the cost. Allen Pruens – I try to be a good neighbor. This district only covers the middle section of the street. Only the middle should be assessed.

**B. Request for approval for Resolution No. 3 [to approve the project, cost estimates, special assessment district, and causing the special assessment roll to be prepared] for the Hillandale Road Improvement Project (summer 2018).**

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Skolarus to approve Resolution No. 3 for the Hillandale Road Improvement Project as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

**C. Request for approval of Resolution No. 4 [acknowledging the filing of the special assessment roll, scheduling the second hearing, and directing the issuance of statutory notices] for the Hillandale Road Improvement Project, (summer 2018).**

Moved by Lowe and supported by Mortensen to approve Resolution No. 4 for the Hillandale Road Improvement Project. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

**6. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2 [to approve the project, schedule the first hearing, and direct issuance of statutory notices] East and West Crooked Lakes Aquatic Weed Control Project Special Assessment (summer 2018).**

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Croft to approve Resolution No. 2 for the East and West Aquatic Weed Control Project as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

**7. Review and discussion regarding a draft sewer assistance scope of work and cost estimate for Howell Township as recommended by the utility director.**

Reference is made to Dr. Tatara of August 30, 2017. No objections were raised by the board as long as there is no liability for the township. No further action was taken by the board.

**Member discussion**

Ledford asked to join a committee with SEMCOG related to regional transportation. Board members raised concerns with further involvement since any proposal would involve a millage.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk  
Genoa Charter Township