

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
September 5, 2017

MINUTES

Supervisor Rogers called the public hearing and 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 35 persons in the audience.

Call to the Public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Hunt 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: August 21, 2017

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Lowe and supported by Croft to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda with item number nine tabled for further review by the township accountant. The motion carried unanimously.

3. 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 Round Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project Winter 2017.

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

Al Hurt, not a resident but longtime fishing enthusiast and former Aquatic Biologist with the DEQ, urged the board to consider other options. He recommends:

- Algae may increase
- Keep some weeds and native plants
- Treat less of the shoreline with weed control products
- Leave vegetation along the North Shore development

Cameron McKenzie is against weed control and has asked that options other than pesticides and poisons be explored. He also questioned the township role in managing the township own lakes.

Tim Robinson read from a lengthy prepared statement where he recommended that the board ask PhDs and scholars about the effects of treating the lake with chemicals. He cited Tyrone Lake as a good example of aeration and asks that the board considers utilizing this method to manage the lake weeds.

Jim Walsh opposes the treatment of the lake and said that he should be able to opt-out from getting chemicals in his water.

Hunt explained that the township is a financing mechanism only and that any concerns with treatment should be directed to the resident who initiated the petitions.

Skolarus stated that once a district for weed control is set, renewing the treatment is standard. The residents see the benefit of the lake treatment and it is uncommon to receive complaints during the renewal process after five-years of application.

Mortensen indicated that the place to make objections is with the homeowners association and in the absence of an association, speak with the resident who initiated the petitions.

Rogers strongly recommends residents come together to talk about the concerns.

NOTE: Letters were received from Florence Pingston and Karen and Walter Joslin asking that their names be removed from the petitions.

B. Moved by Mortensen and supported by Skolarus to approve Resolution No. 3 [to approve the project, cost estimates, special assessment district, and causing the special assessment roll to be prepared] as requested for the Round Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

4. 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 Round Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project Winter 2017.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Croft to approve of Resolution No. 4 [acknowledging the filing of the special assessment roll, scheduling the second hearing (September 18, 2017), and directing the issuance of statutory notices]. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

5. 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 Timberview Road Improvement Project Winter 2017.

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

Tara Brown thanked the board for continuing to support projects of this nature in neighborhoods and especially the townships contribution to projects when they gain a super majority.

B. Moved by Skolarus and supported by Lowe to approve Resolution No. 3 [to approve the project, cost estimates, special assessment district, and causing the special assessment roll to be prepared] as requested. 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. 4 [acknowledging the filing of the special assessment roll, scheduling the second hearing, and directing the issuance of statutory notices] for the Timberview Road Improvement Project Winter 2017.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Croft to approve Resolution No. 4 [acknowledging the filing of the special assessment roll, scheduling the second hearing (September 18, 2017), and

directing the issuance of statutory notices]. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

7. Request for approval of Resolution 5A [amending the special assessment roll] for Sundance Trail Road Improvement Project. Amendment for project cost reduction of \$64,558.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Skolarus to approve Resolution 5A [amending the special assessment roll]. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

8. Request for approval of Resolution 5A [amending the special assessment roll] for Sunrise Park and Newberry-Wise Road Improvement Project. Amendment for project cost reduction of \$101,974.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Croft to approve Resolution 5A [amending the special assessment roll] for Sunrise Park and Newberry-Wise Road Improvement Project. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

9. Request for approval of Resolution 5A [amending the special assessment roll] for Grand Oaks Road Improvement. Amendment for project cost reduction of \$228,249. Tabled for further review by the township accountant.

10. Request for approval of Resolution No. 1 [to proceed with the project and direct preparations of the plans and costs estimates] for the East and West Crooked Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project Special Assessment [Summer 2018].

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Lowe to approve Resolution No. 1 [to proceed with the project and direct preparations of the plans and costs estimates]. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

11. Request for approval of Resolution No. 1 [to proceed with the project and direct preparation of the plans and cost estimates] for the Hillandale Road Improvement Project.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Croft to approve of Resolution No. 1 [to proceed with the project and direct preparation of the plans and cost estimates]. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

12. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2 [to approve the project, schedule the first hearing, and direct issuance of statutory notices] for the Hillandale Road Improvement Project.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Mortensen to approve the revised Resolution No. 2 as submitted by Skolarus [to approve the project, schedule the first hearing (September 18, 2017), and direct issuance of statutory notices]. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

13. Request for a 2nd amendment to a consent judgement between Dewey Thomas and Genoa Charter Township for property located at 5033 Chilson.

Jackie Dunaski asked the board to explain NSD.

Archinal explained that a NSD or neighborhood service district is a zoning label which would allow businesses such as a doctor's office or chiropractor's office to occupy the property.

Mortensen asked about the required setbacks since the normal setbacks are not going to apply on such a small property.

Archinal indicated that there was a team effort by himself, VanMarter, Rogers, and the township attorney to determine reasonable setbacks to allow construction. The property is self-limiting because there are three front yards.

Jennifer D'Amico asked why the Osbornes still have her parents address listed on the documents. In response, Rogers stated that the Thomas's must produce corrected and current documents with all current owners so that Attorney Seward may update the new consent agreement related specifically to uses in Neighborhood Service District see section 7.02 of Genoa Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Mortensen to approve the 2nd amendment to the consent judgement between Dewey Thomas and Genoa Charter Township as requested with final revisions by the township attorney consistent with 8/2/2017 memo from Archinal. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

Member Discussion

Due to additional concrete work to be completed around the play area, Archinal requested to increase the agreed amount to \$8,725.00 instead of \$8,500.00. Moved by Mortensen and supported by Lowe to approve the revised amount for work done to the play area.

Lowe informed the board that Paul Rogers of Howell Parks and Rec will be stepping down and efforts are underway to fill the vacancy.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Tara Brown, Deputy Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township