

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting/Public Hearing
August 16, 2021

MINUTES

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

A Call to the Public was made with the following response:

- Steve Wildman – I am opposed to killing of the Mute Swans. I have a mated pair on my property and they are not a problem.
- James Beall - Mute Swans are not aggressive. The DNR is not clear on what they do when they remove them. The normal process for your resolution would be to place it on the ballot. How is it that you adopted a resolution with no input from the community?
- Karen Stamper – There was no environmental impact assessment. I will help with any swan incidence. People are the problem. Mute Swans are not invasive. They are a sentinel species.
- John Palmer – I live on Lake Chemung. This Resolution allows any lake association to ask for assistance from the DNR for culling. The Township will not be involved.
- Monique Ballaban (Oakland County) – I have been working for a decade trying to stop the DNR. The DNR intends to eradicate mute swans. Please follow science. There should be a 3rd party study.
- Bonnie Matthews – Rescind the mute swan resolution. Boaters harass the birds. Educate people who live with wild animals. There are humane alternatives.

Consent Agenda:

Moved by Hunt and supported by Lowe to approve the payment of bills and move the Minutes to the Regular Agenda for further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills: August 16, 2021

Regular Agenda:

Moved by Ledford and supported by Croft to approve for action all items under the Regular Agenda adding the Minutes from the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: August 2, 2021

Moved by Hunt and supported by Ledford to correct the Minutes of July 19, 2021 and adding Hunt asked that the board be given any/all updates regarding the Clerk's criminal charges and the court case as it ensues. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request for approval of Resolution #5 [confirming the special assessment roll] for the Black Oaks Trail Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District (Winter 2021).

A. Call to the Property Owners was made with the following response: Dan Catrinar – There is a concern about 5 ½ inches of blacktop versus 6 inches. Does the township have an oversight in making sure that the blacktop will be installed as requested? Archinal – That is up to your association to make sure that the road is done according to your specifications.

B. Call to the Public was made with no response.

C. Request for approval of Resolution #5 [confirming the special assessment roll] for the Black Oaks Trail Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District (Winter 2021).

Moved by Hunt and supported by Mortensen to approve Resolution #5 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None.

4. Request for approval of a resolution to establish a Conflict of Interest Policy to comply with the American Rescue Plan Act.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Croft to approve Resolution No. 210816 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None.

5. Request for approval of a proposal from Vantage Construction for the construction of a pavilion adjacent to the basketball courts in the amount of \$39,800.00.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Lowe to approve the construction of the pavilion as requested in the amount not to exceed \$39,800.00. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to enter into closed session to discuss litigation strategy in the case of Genoa Charter Township vs. Snyder pursuant to MCL 15.268(e), Court Case 06-22178-CH.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Lowe to enter into closed session at 7:10 p.m. as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Lowe call the Regular Meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Mortensen to file a claim of appeal in response to the July 29, 2021 opinion and order in regard Snyder (Yaros) V. Genoa Charter Township (Case No. 06-022178-

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CHT. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen and Rogers. Nay – Skolarus.

Correspondence:

- August 3, 2021 correspondence received from the Livingston County Drain Commissioner with a Notice of Assessment and Apportionment Hearing with respect to the assessment for inspection, maintenance and repair.
- An estimate from Bray Electric for the addition of new power at the ski hill pole for a camera at a cost of \$1,763.06. No action was taken by the Board.

Member Discussion:

Archinal – Our utility Department deserves a medal. We had no backup during the storm.

Skolarus – My pretrial was postponed for the third time.

Croft - I met with Amy O’Leary the Executive Director of SEMCOG on Friday August 6th. We discussed a lot of information regarding SEMCOG and I was put on another committee. It was a good conversation. I shared with her the expansion of our existing park. Later I emailed her a thank you for meeting with me and she replied stating “Please let me know if you have questions on park funding, happy to help”. The four committees I’m on are the General Assembly, Executive Committee, Transportation Coordinating Council and Regional Review Committee. After all this time I’m trying to make use of our membership.

Recently I was at a meeting where there were 4 of our County Commissioners. It was brought up that they are currently working on getting Broadband though Livingston County.

Moved by Croft and supported by Mortensen to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board at 8:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Bill Rogers, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township