

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
March 7, 2022

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 five persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: John Palmer – I live on Black Oak Trail. Four times in the past year we have not had our refuse picked up and recycling is missed regularly. John Scharf – I live in Webster Township and am considering running for 48th district State Rep and I wanted to introduce myself to the Township Board.

Consent Agenda:

Moved by Ledford 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: March 7, 2022

Regular Agenda:

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Lowe to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda in addition to the Minutes of February 21, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to approve Minutes: February 21, 2022

Moved by Ledford and supported by Hunt to approve the minutes of the Feb. 21, 2022 meeting with the following changes: Under member discussion changing the word “embarrassed” to “uncomfortable”; under Hunt changing “if” to “is”. The corrected minutes were voted and carried unanimously.

- 3. Request for approval of Resolution #1 (to proceed with the project and direct preparation of the plans and cost estimates) for the Homestead Drive Road Improvement Project.**

Moved by Hunt and supported by Croft to approve Resolution #1 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 Resolution #2 (to approve the project, schedule the first hearing, and direct issuance of statutory notices) for the Homestead Drive Road Improvement Project, correcting the project cost to \$146,132.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Mortensen to approve Resolution #2, 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 budget amendments for FY 2021/2022.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Croft to approve budget amendments for the General Fund #101 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 as requested, correcting Rogers compensation to read \$60,455.00. 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 to approve budget amendments for 2022/2023 the following funds: (264)-202 – SAD’s Roads/Lakes, (270)-208 – Parks and Recreation, 212 Liquor Law, (271)-249 Buildings and Grounds, (261)-401 Capital Projects. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None.

6. Public hearing and review of budgets for funds 101, 202, 208, 212, 249, 401, 464, 532, and 860.

A. A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Greg Wicklund - Waste Management has major issues. For six weeks there was no pickup. Low hanging wires was their excuse. Polly Skolarus – I too have been having trouble with Waste Management. I have called them eight times during the past couple months because they do not pick up either the recycling or refuse. A few months ago, there was a toilet, a mattress and one of my neighbors paid \$40.00 for a special pickup.

B. Board Discussion: The board acknowledged their concern. The matter can be reviewed when the contract expires.

C. Disposition of salaries for elected officials.

1. Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Skolarus to approve a 5% salary increase for the Supervisor and Treasurer, and per diems for the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Review. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Per Diems for Planning Commission, Township Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Review.

Action taken under Item 1.

D. Disposition of \$3.00 increase in refuse collection and disposal to be levied on the December 2022 tax bill.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Lowe to approve a \$3.00 increase in refuse collection to be included on the winter 2022 tax. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Disposition of the FY 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program.

Archinal – I have a couple changes: 1. The Senior Survivor Park contribution for site work has changed \$110,000 to \$139,300. 2. This contribution will leverage a total improvement value of \$776,600. Changes have been made to the CIP. With regard to roads we have contracts with Crooked Lake pave and re-pave, Hacker, and King.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Skolarus to approve the CIP with changes as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Request for approval of a high-speed voting tabulator in the amount of \$92,695, service and maintenance agreement for five years beginning in year 2027-2032 at \$40,550.00 and a high-speed automatic envelope opener at \$2,920.00 with FORMAX using federal and state grant funding under ARPA (464) at the recommendation of County Clerk Elizabeth Hundley and Township Clerk Polly Skolarus.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Lowe to postpone discussion until the next regular meeting of the board until a determination can be made with regard to the six to ten-year maintenance program. The motion carried unanimously

8. Request by Skolarus to appoint Terry Croft to the Election Commission with a term ending November 2023.

Ledford – Could I ask why? Skolarus – In reference to your comment a year ago “I do not want to be involved in this type of scandal. There was no scandal, and there has been no court decision and it won’t be decided until April 22, 2022. I am recommending Terry Croft and Diana Lowe. Ledford – I don’t remember resigning. I am on the Election Commission but not

until such time as the court case is resolved. Rogers – I have not seen a formal resignation letter. If this was to go forward and you are not allowed to do anything with regard to elections, why is this request coming from you? I would say that is illegal. Second, wouldn't we have to remove someone first in a vote? Hunt- I do not believe that you can make this request at this time. Seward – I do not have the letter from the State at this time and that you should stay away from this. I will wait until after the trial on April 22. The Deputy Clerk will chair that meeting. Rogers - A resignation or a vote must be made to remove someone from the committee.

Moved by Skolarus and supported Lowe to remove item 8 from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Request for approval of reconstruction and paving of approximately 2.05 miles of Crooked Lake Road from Latson Road to Dorr Road at a total cost of \$3,424,336.00 with the Township paying a cost not to exceed \$1,712,168.00 and the Livingston County Road Commission paying the balance.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Croft to approve the construction cost not to exceed \$1,712,168.00 for construction of Crooked Lake Road as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Request for approval of milling and repaving approximately 1.95 miles of Hacker Road from Clark Lake Road to Golf Club Road at a cost of \$820,000.00 with the Township paying a cost not to exceed \$365,000 and the Livingston County Road Commission and Brighton Township paying the balance.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Mortensen to approve the contract with the Livingston County Road Commission for construction of Hacker Road not to exceed \$365,000.00 as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- Letters from Charter Communications with regard to changes in the lineup and reductions in cost for unreturned equipment.
- A request for a class C and 8SDM license for Tap-Ins to be located at 4444 E. Grand River, Howell.
- A letter from the Livingston County Drain Office scheduling a meeting March 15, 2022.
- SEMCOG release of a community profile for Genoa Charter Township.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Mortensen to adjourn the regular and public hearing of the board at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Paulette Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Bill Rogers, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township