

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
April 4, 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, two persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: A campaign staffer, to State Representative Candidate Conley, who introduced himself to the board shortly after a call to the public. Adding a comment from Rogers that the Mary Post request was being handled. Striking the last two paragraphs before the adjournment. The motion carried unanimously.

as the campaign staffer for State Rep Candidate Conley.

Consent Agenda:

Moved by Hunt and supported by Lowe to approve items 1, 4, and 5 on the Consent Agenda, moving items 2 and 3 to the regular agenda for discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills: April 4, 2022

4. Request for approval of a proposal from Concrete Construction Inc. for sidewalk replacement, additional parking and curb at the Township Hall at a cost not to exceed \$45,486.70.

5. Request for approval of a proposal from Spruce Homes and Hardscapes for replacement of the pedestrian bridge on Bauer Road south of Brighton Road at a cost not to exceed \$106,320.

Regular Agenda:

Moved by Hunt and supported by Lowe to approve for action items 2, 3, and 6. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to approve Minutes: March 21, 2022

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Mortensen to approve the Minutes with the following corrections: Changing "agenda" to "Minutes", adding Joe Seward as present, and adding

two separate lines for item five with regard to the call to the public and call to property owners. The motion carried unanimously.

3. 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 at the recommendation of County Clerk Elizabeth Hundley and Township Clerk Polly Skolarus.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Ledford to table the request relative to the Hart purchase until the next meeting of the board and answers to the following concerns are received:

- Preventative maintenance sold separately and what is the cost
- Additional days of service must be purchased separately and what is the cost
- To the county clerk - Can the annual service be paid up front with ARPA funds?

The motion carried unanimously

6. Request for approval of Resolution #5 [confirming the special assessment roll] for the Homestead Drive Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District (Summer 2022).

- A. A Call to the Property Owners was made with no response.
- B. A Call to the Public was made with no response.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Croft to approve Resolution #5 as requested for Homestead Drive Road Improvement project. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Absent – None.

Correspondence:

- A request from Mary Post asking for the cleanup of the scrap metal site. Rogers replied that the cleanup was being taken care of.
- An update from Charter on pricing beginning March 29, 2022.

Skolarus – I received one more piece of correspondence that I will share. I received a letter from the Secretary of State. It states “I was recently informed of Genoa Township Board agenda items relating to election issues in Genoa Township. I do not believe your presentation of these issues to the Township Board violates the Bureau of Elections’ directive of March 29, 2021.”

~~I asked Mr. Brater who advised you of this matter. His response was Michael Archinal. Six or eight months ago I had a court date with the county. At that time, I was told that Michael Archinal and Robin Hunt had come to my office under the guise of friendship to ask me to resign or retire. They also asked questions about an egg McMuffin and a half of a sandwich that I purchased for my husband in 2018. I told them this was true and that I had paid the township for the purchase.~~

~~What I didn't know was that they were recording our conversation and then took it to the Livingston County Prosecuting Attorney as proof that I was embezzling and they wanted it included in the prosecution. I asked Mike the next day "Who told you to spy on me?" His response was "We are not having this conversation. Julie and I are getting divorced." He left my office. I would again ask him that question tonight. "Who told you to spy on me?" He responded that the clerk is going to bring a lawsuit against the township and he would not respond unless the board asked. The board made no response.~~

Moved by Croft and supported by Mortensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Bill Rogers, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township