

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2023**

MINUTES

Supervisor Rogers called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 pm at the Township Hall. The following members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Bill Rogers, Jean Ledford, Terry Croft, Diana Lowe, Robin Hunt, and Paulette Skolarus. Absent was Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Kelly VanMarter, Township Attorney Joe Seward and 16 persons in the audience.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The call to the public was opened at 6:31 pm.

Mr. Erin MacGregor, the Superintendent of Howell Public Schools, thanked the Township Board, Ms. VanMarter and her team for helping make the Senior Survivor Park come to fruition, including providing the space, the resources, and the contribution. It is very appreciated. It will unite the community.

The call to the public was closed at 6:33 pm.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Supervisor Rogers noted there was a small typo in the minutes.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Lowe, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

1. Payment of Bills: February 6, 2023
2. Request to approve January 23, 2023 regular meeting minutes

Regular Agenda

Moved by Lowe, supported by Skolarus, to approve the Regular Agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Public Hearing for the McNamara Subdivision Road Improvement Special Assessment Project.
 - A. Call to the Property Owners
 - B. Call to the Public

The call to property owners was opened at 6:34 pm with no response.

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Mr. Victor Laroue of 1176 Chemung questioned when the construction will occur and will there be people to guide traffic for the homeowners. Supervisor Rogers stated this information will be provided at a future meeting; however, the work is scheduled for 2023.

The call to the public was closed at 6:36 pm

4. Request for approval of Resolution #3 Approving the Project Cost Estimates, Special Assessment District and causing the Special Assessment Roll to be prepared for the McNamara Subdivision Road Improvement Special Assessment Project.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Croft, to approve Resolution #3 Approving the Project Cost Estimates, Special Assessment District and causing the Special Assessment Roll to be prepared for the McNamara Subdivision Road Improvement Special Assessment Project. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Ledford - yes, Croft - yes, Hunt - yes, Lowe - yes, Skolarus - yes, and Rogers - yes)**

5. Request for approval of Resolution #4 Acknowledging the filing of the Special Assessment Roll, Scheduling the Second Hearing, and Directing the Issuance of Statutory Notices for the McNamara Subdivision Road Improvement Special Assessment Project.

Moved by Lowe, supported by Ledford, to approve Resolution #4 Acknowledging the filing of the Special Assessment Roll, Scheduling the Second Hearing, and Directing the Issuance of Statutory Notices for the McNamara Subdivision Road Improvement Special Assessment Project. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Ledford - yes, Croft - yes, Hunt - yes, Lowe - yes, Skolarus - yes, and Rogers - yes)**

6. Request for approval of Resolution #1 to Proceed with the Project and Direct Preparation of the Plans and Cost Estimates for the Baetcke Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Lowe, to approve Resolution #1 to Proceed with the Project and Direct Preparation of the Plans and Cost Estimates for the Baetcke Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Ledford - yes, Croft - yes, Hunt - yes, Lowe - yes, Skolarus - yes, and Rogers - yes)**

7. Request for approval of Resolution #2 to Approve the Project, Schedule the First Hearing, and Direct Issuance of Statutory Notices for the Baetcke Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project.

Moved by Lowe, supported by Skolarus, to approve Resolution #2 to Approve the Project, Schedule the First Hearing, and Direct Issuance of Statutory Notices for the Baetcke Lake

Aquatic Weed Control Project. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Ledford - yes, Croft - yes, Hunt - yes, Lowe - yes, Skolarus - yes, and Rogers - yes)**

8. Request for Township initiated renewal of the Lake Chemung Aquatic Weed Control special assessment district by the Lake Chemung Riparian Association.

Ms. Skolarus stated this special assessment has been occurring for 25 years and it has been petitioned by the Township this year and not by the property owners. The proposal this year would be to continue the program for five years.

Ms. VanMarter stated that if the Township initiates the special assessment, then 20 percent of the property owners would have to state they are against it for it to be stopped. If the property owners initiate it, then 50 percent of the property owners must be in favor of it.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Croft, to direct staff to initiate renewal and prepare required resolutions for the Lake Chemung Aquatic Weed Control special assessment district without citizen petition. **The motion carried unanimously.**

9. Request for introduction of the proposed rezoning Ordinance Number Z-23-01 and to set the meeting date to consider adoption before the Township Board on Monday, February 20, 2023. The request is to rezone approximately one acre from Office Service District to Medium Density Residential. The property consists of Parcel #4711-13-200-012 and is located on the northwest corner of Bendix Road and Grand River Avenue.

Moved by Lowe, supported by Croft, to introduce proposed Ordinance Number Z-23-01 and to set the meeting date to consider adoption before the Township Board on Monday, February 20, 2023 for the purpose of considering the proposed zoning map amendment. **The motion carried unanimously.**

10. Request for introduction of the proposed rezoning ordinance number Z-23-02 and to set the meeting date to consider adoption before the Township Board on Monday, February 20, 2023. The request is to rezone approximately 101 acres to eliminate the Town Center Overlay District with the base zoning remaining unchanged. The property consists of 42 parcels with a combined total of approximately 101 acres located north and south of Grand River Avenue, east and west of Dorr Road in sections 10,11,14, and 15.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Croft, to introduce the proposed Ordinance Number Z-23-02 and to set the meeting date to consider adoption before the Township Board on Monday, February 20, 2023 for the purpose of considering the proposed zoning map Amendment. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Correspondence

Ms. VanMarter received an email from Cathy Dhulster of 5236 Ashton Court expressing her interest in a Genoa Residents Only Dog Park. She also stated the very large additional expense for the Senior Survivor Park is worth it. Ms. VanMarter responded to Ms. Dhulster advising her there is a lot of interest in a dog park; however, there is a lot of maintenance needed for one that would be for residents only and the Township does not have the staff for that. The Board discussed the possibility of installing a fenced in area for dogs to run off leash; however, it would not be for Genoa Township residents only.

Member Discussion

Ms. Lowe stated the Livingston County chapter of the Michigan Township Association met last week and the discussion was regarding solar power.

Adjournment

Moved by Hunt, supported by Lowe, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Paulette Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Bill Rogers, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township