

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
August 7, 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, and Paulette Skolarus. Absent were Robin Hunt and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Kelly VanMarter, Township Attorney Joseph Seward, and 12 persons in the audience.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Ms. Tracey Pardiac reiterated her objection to the proposal on Latson Road. There are many residents who are joining together to stop this. The Township has zero consideration for the people that they are supposed to be representing.

Mr. Joe Carpenter who lives in Northshore Subdivision expressed his displeasure with the PUD. The traffic study was done with data from 2018 and 2019, referencing Crooked Lake as a dirt road. He would like this updated. There is no sewer system in this area and it appears they are proposing to use the Oak Pointe sewer system. He questioned who will pay for the updates.

Ms. Jeanine Iyer of 2396 Brighton Road is opposed to a big industrial development south of the freeway on Latson Road. She moved here six years ago to get away from the concrete jungle. She lives three miles from this corner. She would like the Board to stay with the Master Plan. This is a community of country living.

The call to the public was closed at 6:34 pm.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Supervisor Rogers noted that there was a typo on the July minutes. It states the "July" minutes were to be approved and it should be "June".

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

**1. Payment of Bills: August 7, 2023**

**2. Request to approve July 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes**, with the change noted above.

### **Regular Agenda**

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

- 3. Consider a request to transfer the November 1, 2021 Agreement to provide Fiber Optic Broadband to unserved and underserved areas of the Township from MiSignal, Inc. to Surf Air Wireless, LLC d/b/a Surf Internet and to approve the August 7, 2023 Revised Agreement.**

Supervisor Rogers stated that Surf Air Wireless, LLC has acquired MiSignal, Inc.

Mr. Adam Bates of Surf Air Wireless stated the rates will remain almost the same. Whoever has already signed up will receive the \$50 per month rate discount for the \$70 per month plan for a limited time; however, new customers will not receive this discount. They will be doing a large kickoff of the change from MiSignal to Surf Air Wireless.

**Moved** by Lowe, supported by Skolarus, to transfer the November 1, 2021 Agreement to provide Fiber Optic Broadband to unserved and underserved areas of the Township from MiSignal, Inc. to Surf Air Wireless, LLC d/b/a Surf Internet and to approve the August 7, 2023 Revised Agreement. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- 4. Request for an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget for Fund #202 – Special Assessment Districts, Line item 202-492-801-075 to increase the McNamara Project Expense from \$185,850 to \$192,685.**

**Moved** by Ledford, supported by Croft, to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget for Fund #202 – Special Assessment Districts, Line item 202-492-801-075 to increase the McNamara Project Expense from \$185,850 to \$192,685. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- 5. Request for approval of Resolution #1 to Proceed with the Project and Direct Preparation of the Plans and Cost Estimates for the Crystal Valley Road Improvement Special Assessment Project (Summer 2024). (Roll Call).**

**Moved** by Lowe, supported by Skolarus, to approve Resolution #1 to Proceed with the Project and Direct Preparation of the Plans and Cost Estimates for the Crystal Valley Road Improvement Special Assessment Project (Summer 2024). **The motion carried unanimously with a roll called vote (Ledford - yes, Croft - yes, Lowe - yes, Skolarus - yes, and Rogers - yes).**

**6. Request for approval of Resolution #2 to Approve the Project, Schedule the First Hearing for August 21, 2023, and Direct Issuance of Statutory Notices for the Crystal Valley Road Improvement Special Assessment Project (Summer 2024). (Roll Call)**

**Moved** by Skolarus, supported by Croft, to approve Resolution #2 to Approve the Project, Schedule the First Hearing for August 21, 2023, and Direct Issuance of Statutory Notices for the Crystal Valley Road Improvement Special Assessment Project (Summer 2024). **The motion carried unanimously with a roll called vote (Ledford - yes, Croft - yes, Lowe - yes, Skolarus - yes, and Rogers - yes).**

**7. Request for introduction of proposed Ordinance number Z-23-03 regarding text amendments to Article 11, Section 11.06 entitled “Solar Energy Systems” and set the meeting date for the purpose of considering the proposed ordinance for adoption before the Township Board on Monday, August 21, 2023.**

Ms. VanMarter has been working with the Planning Commission to develop this very comprehensive ordinance. The Planning Commission recently approved the proposed changes. It will also be sent to the Livingston County Planning Commission for their review and then return to the Board for their approval.

**Moved** by Skolarus, supported by Lowe, to introduce proposed ordinance number Z-23-03 and to set the meeting date to consider adoption before the Township Board on Monday, August 21, 2023 for the purpose of considering the proposed ordinance for adoption. **The motion carried unanimously**

**8. Review of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 First Quarter (April-June) budget to actual report.**

Ms. VanMarter stated that the Township Manager’s Professional Conferences and Dues line items shows that only 47 percent is available, and that is because these are paid near the beginning of the fiscal year. Also, The Board’s Professional Conferences and Dues has spent 75 percent of the budget. This may need to be looked at further as we continue through the fiscal year.

**Member Discussion**

Ms. Skolarus received a letter from a company selling columbariums. She asked the Board if they were interested in purchasing a columbarium for the Chilson Hills Cemetery. She has received requests recently for columbarium interments. The Board agreed to have Ms. Skolarus research this purchase further.

Ms. Skolarus has information regarding the printing of the return envelopes for absentee ballots. This is the same company that the Livingston County Clerk uses. [The State of Michigan will be paying for the return postage.](#)

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**Adjournment**

**Moved** by Ledford, supported by Lowe, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas  
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Paulette Skolarus, Clerk  
Genoa Charter Township

Bill Rogers, Supervisor  
Genoa Charter Township