

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
October 16, 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, Robin Hunt, Jean Ledford, Terry Croft, Diana Lowe, Paulette Skolarus and Jeff Dhaenens. Also present were Township Manager Kelly VanMarter, Township Attorney Joseph Seward, and three people in the audience.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The call to the public was opened at 6:31 pm with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Ms. Hunt advised that the Election Commission meeting was not held yet, so Item #3 will be moved from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

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

1. Payment of Bills: October 16, 2023
2. Request to approve October 2, 2023 regular meeting minutes.
3. ~~Request to approve an updated list of poll workers for the Nov. 7, 2023 Howell School Election as recommended by the Election Commission.~~(moved to Regular Agenda).

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Croft, supported by Dhaenens, to approve the Regular Agenda as amended. **The motion carried unanimously**

3. Request to approve an updated list of poll workers for the Nov. 7, 2023 Howell School Election as recommended by the Election Commission.(moved from Consent Agenda)

Ms. Ledford noted that two married poll workers are working at the same precinct. Ms. Lowe stated married couples are able to work at the same precinct. Ms. Skolarus agreed.

Mr. Croft questioned the disproportionate amount of democrats vs. republicans in one precinct. Ms. Skolarus stated she works to make them as equal as possible, but sometimes there is more of one party than another in a precinct.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Lowe, to approve an updated list of poll workers for the November 7, 2023 Howell School Election as recommended by the Election Commission contingent upon the approval by the Election Commission. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Request for approval of the proposed 2024 Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority budget with a 3.8% CPI increase to the Township contribution from \$120,000 to \$124,500 as presented by Tim Church, HAPRA Director.

Mr. Church stated they are requesting a 3.8 percent increase, which is \$4,500, for 2024. All other budget items will be increased based on basic inflation rates. There are no participation increases proposed.

Mr. Dhaenens questioned if the Howell Schools bond is approved, how will that affect the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority. Mr. Church stated approval will not affect them in the short term, but having the new community center could affect them long term and they would like to be part of the process.

He thanked the Township for providing additional recreational opportunities at the township hall site. Ms. VanMarter thanked Kyle for all of his help. He has been a great asset to the township.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Croft, to approve the proposed 2024 Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority budget with a 3.8% CPI increase to the Township contribution from \$120,000 to \$124,500 as presented by Tim Church, HAPRA Director. **The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Request for review and consideration for approval of the Enhanced Access to Public Records Policy and fee schedule.

Ms. VanMarter stated this is a new policy that was developed by the Assessing Department with regard to public records and fees to provide access to those records.

Moved by Lowe, supported by Dhaenens, to approve the Enhanced Access to Public Records Policy and fee schedule. **The motion carried unanimously.**

6. Request for approval of the Solid Waste Services Agreement dated November 1, 2023 between Waste Management of Michigan, Inc. and Genoa Charter Township.

Supervisor Rogers commended Ms. VanMarter and Ms. Hunt for all of their work on this contract. Ms. VanMarter stated that while the increase is more than what was hoped for, she did work hard to negotiate these rates and services and anticipates the continued great service from Waste Management.

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Moved by Ledford, supported by Croft, to approve the Solid Waste Services Agreement with Waste Management of Michigan, Inc., dated November 1, 2023 subject to final review and approval of the Township Attorney. **The motion carried unanimously.**

7. Request for approval of the purchase of real property (parcel 4711-23-100-002) consisting of 23.05 acres located at 6132 Crooked Lake Road in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 plus closing costs.

Ms. VanMarter provided a review of this proposed purchase, including the history of the property and its owner, the purchase timeline, ideas for revenues to help offset the cost, and some proposed uses for the property.

Moved by Dhaenens, supported by Skolarus, to approve the purchase of real property (parcel 4711-23-100-002) consisting of 23.05 acres located at 6132 Crooked Lake Road in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 plus closing costs. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Ledford - yes, Croft - yes, Hunt - yes, Lowe - yes, Dhaenens - yes, Skolarus - yes, and Rogers - yes).**

Member Discussion

Ms. Skolarus stated she received correspondence from Patricia and Gary Okerson and Wendy Sit who are opposed to the development on Latson Road.

Adjournment

Moved by Lowe, supported by Hunt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Paulette Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Bill Rogers, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township