

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2024

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, Paulette Skolarus, Jean Ledford, Terry Croft, Robin Hunt, Diana Lowe and Jeff Dhaenens. Also present was Township Manager Kelly VanMarter and 13 people in the audience.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Ms. Melanie Johnson of 3990 Chilson Road stated the microphones should be moved to ensure that the applicants are able to be heard. Also, two minutes for the call to the public is not long enough. She would like it to be increased.

Ms. Susan Nichols of 4935 Fairways Drive was happy to see all of the kids and families at the playground today. Tonight's agenda has an item to reappoint members of the Planning Commission. Due to the public's disappointment on how the Commission and Board have allowed such a large development, she recommends the Supervisor choose people from the public. Matt Hurley submitted a letter of interest. He would be a valuable edition and a fresh perspective. She wants to have this tabled and have the public review the letters of interest that have been submitted.

Ms. Tracey Pardiac 4312 Rurik Drive stated that when the PUD was unanimously approved in a virtual meeting, Glynis, Jeff and Maryanne voted in favor of it. One member has told her that they feel bad for voting for the PUD as they didn't understand it. The public did not understand it either. If this has been planned for 10 years, how does a Planning Commissioner not know. All of the Commissioners did not have a problem with the expansion, but Mr. Rauch did. Why did the Supervisor not appoint Mr. Hurley? She would like the Supervisor to appoint others who have expressed interest and would make excellent commissioners.

The call to the public was closed at 6:35 pm.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Hunt, to move item #2 to the Regular Agenda. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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

1. Payment of Bills: April 15, 2024

~~2. Request to approve April 1, 2024 regular meeting minutes.~~

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

2. Request to approve April 1, 2024 regular meeting minutes. (moved from Consent Agenda)

Mr. Dhaenens noted there is a typo.

Ms. Skolarus would like to add "In 39 years no one was ever denied correcting the minutes. The action of the Board is unprecedented". Ms. Lowe asked if that was actually stated at the meeting. Ms. Skolarus said she wanted something added to the minutes from the previous meeting, but Ms. VanMarter denied that request. Ms. Van Marter stated she had issue with being asked to add something to the minutes that was not said in the meeting.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Hunt, to approve the April 1, 2024 regular meeting minutes as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Request to approve a project agreement with the Livingston County Road Commission for the Challis Road and Bauer Road Roundabout Construction and Road Relocation project together with the necessary related work with the Township's cost not to exceed \$500,000 from Road Improvement Fund #401-446-812-006.

Ms. Skolarus stated that the township's cost of \$500,000 is well spent.

Ms. Hunt asked if there was an approximate start date. Ms. Van Marter does not have an exact date, but she will ask the County and advise the board. Supervisor Rogers stated they have started with the land clearing. They want to have it completed before the I-96 project begins.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Lowe, to approve a project agreement with the Livingston County Road Commission for the Challis Road and Bauer Road Roundabout Construction and Road Relocation together with the necessary related work with the Township's cost not to exceed \$500,000 from Road Improvement Fund #401-446-812-006. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Consideration of a request to ratify the 2014 METRO Act Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit with Advanced Communications & Data (ACD.net) and to extend the current permit from August 11, 2024 to August 11, 2029.

Ms. VanMarter stated there was an original permit approved by the Clerk in 2014, and then extended by the Board in 2019. She is unable to find a copy of Board approval for the permit that was the original from 2014. She would like to ratify the 2014 agreement for record-keeping purposes and extend the permit until 2029.

Moved by Dhaenens, supported by Lowe, to ratify the 2014 METRO Act Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit with Advanced Communications & Data (ACD.net) and to extend the current permit from August 11, 2024 to August 11, 2029. **The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Request for approval to reappoint Glynis McBain to the Planning Commission, Bill Rockwell to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Marianne McCreary to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending June 30, 2027 as recommended by the Township Supervisor.

Mr. Dhaenens responded to Ms. Pardiac's comment regarding having Matt Hurley appointed to the Planning Commission. He is a board member who "came up through the ranks". He started as an alternate at the ZBA, then became a permanent member, then moved to the Planning Commission, and then to the board. It is important to learn the processes and move up from one board to the other. Mr. Rockwell, Ms. McBain, and Ms. McCreary are all great to work with and do a great job in their positions each bringing value from their experience. Supervisor Rogers agreed with Mr. Dhaenens comments.

Ms. Hunt stated these residents were willing and able to serve on the boards many years ago. They have experience and do a good job.

Ms. Skolarus stated that there is an alternate member position available on the ZBA so perhaps Mr. Hurley would be interested in that.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Dhaenens, to reappoint Glynis McBain to the Planning Commission, Bill Rockwell to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Marianne McCreary to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending on June 30, 2027 as recommended by the Township Supervisor. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Correspondence

A letter was received from Sheila Czornij of 6457 Grand Circle Drive expressing her opposition to the proposed Latson PUD development. This development is not compatible with the

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surrounding area and would allow for a surge of industrial and commercial developments. She lives here for a tranquil bedroom community away from urban sprawl

A letter was received from Zenon Czornij of 6457 Grand Circle Drive expressing her opposition to the proposed Latson PUD development. Genoa Township is already overdeveloped. She is concerned about the destruction and pollution of the wetlands and the threatened or endangered species.

Member Discussion

Mr. Dhaenens appreciates Ms. VanMarter's follow up and finding the answers to his questions regarding the W.O.W. work that is being done in the township.

Ms. Hunt asked if the responses required by the ACLU have been completed as they were due today. Ms. Skolarus stated they are not complete. She is currently working with the ACLU.

Adjournment

Moved by Lowe, supported by Dhaenens, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas
Recording Secretary

Approved: Paulette Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Bill Rogers, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township