

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
October 21, 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 six people in the audience.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Ms. Mary Post of 4923 New Haven Drive was involved in the asphalt plant issue. When the Latson PUD plan began, she read all of the information that was on the township website. She addressed the three gentlemen who are running as write-ins. She voted in the August primary. They are incumbents and just place their signs out and do not attend the coalition meetings. The mailing said the opponents were inaccurate and the voters were duped. She is insulted. Those on the ballot are not against all development. The constituents want more transparency. These were lies and scare tactics.

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

- 1. Payment of Bills: October 21, 2024**
- 2. Request to approve the October 7, 2024 regular meeting minutes.**

**Approval of Regular Agenda:**

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

- 3. Request for the introduction of proposed ordinance number Z-24-04 regarding zoning map amendments involving rezoning of parcel 4711-23-100-005 and a portion of parcel 4711-14-300-030 (14 acres out of 50 acres) from Agricultural (AG) to Public Recreational Facilities (PRF) and to set the meeting date for considering the proposed ordinance for adoption before the township board on Monday, November 18, 2024.**

**Moved** by Skolarus, supported by Ledford, to introduce proposed ordinance number Z-24-04 and to set the meeting date to consider adoption before the Township Board on Monday, November 18th, 2024 for the purpose of considering the proposed zoning map Amendment. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Consideration of a proposal from Cooper's Turf Management to disconnect the Survivor Playscape water pump play features from the irrigation water and reconnect them to the treated water source at the pavilion at a cost not to exceed \$4,775 from Park Maintenance Fund 208-751-934-060.**

Ms. VanMarter reviewed the photos and information regarding the pump and play features at the senior survivors playground. She is proposing to disconnect the pumps from the irrigation system and reconnect them to the treated water source at the pavilion.

**Moved** by Lowe, supported by Dhaenens, to approve the proposal from Cooper's Turf Management to disconnect the Survivor Playscape water pump play features from the irrigation water and reconnect them to the treated water source at the pavilion at a cost not to exceed \$4,775 from Park Maintenance Fund 208-751-934-060. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Consideration of a proposal from Cooper's Turf Management for drainage system improvements in accordance with the Tetra Tech engineering specifications to eliminate runoff sedimentation involving the sidewalk and retaining wall located on the south side of Grand River, east of the Lake Edgewood Townhomes at a cost not to exceed \$18,200 from Path Maintenance Fund 208-751-934-060.**

Supervisor Rogers noted that the engineer's opinion of probable cost is \$18,700, so that is what is being requested to be approved.

Ms. VanMarter reviewed the proposed project, the engineer's schematic drawing, and the quote from Cooper's Turf Management.

Supervisor Rogers noted that there is a large pipe draining from one of the homes at the top of the hill and that is causing most of the sediment.

Ms. Hunt stated this is a safety issue.

Commissioner Dhaenens knows this has to be done, but he is disappointed that the original project was done by the Livingston County Road Commission without considering these drains.

**Moved** by Lowe, supported by Skolarus, to approve the proposal from Cooper's Turf Management for drainage system improvements in accordance with the Tetra Tech engineering specifications to eliminate runoff sedimentation involving the sidewalk and retaining wall located

on the south side of Grand River, east of the Lake Edgewood Townhomes at a cost not to exceed \$18,900 from Path Maintenance Fund 208-751-934-060. **The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Correspondence**

Ms. VanMarter stated there is a public hearing of the Howell Parks and Recreation regarding their Recreation Plan on November 19, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Oceola Community Center.

A local resident has prepared a schematic plan of the township hall and park. Since it has been outdated, he prepared an updated plan. This is done by him completely voluntarily and with no compensation from the township. She will include it on the website and in the township's next bulletin.

### **Member Discussion**

Ms. Skolarus stated she has received 7,000 absentee ballots, which is 40 percent turnout. in 2020, there were 9,000 absentee ballots submitted, so she anticipates another 2,000 to be submitted in the next two weeks.

Mr. Dhaenens stated there is a sidewalk that ends in the middle of the new roundabout at Challis. A resident at the previous Planning Commission meeting suggested continuing this path from there down Challis, down Dorr and to the Township Hall property.

Mr. Dhaenens suggested that the township revisit the possibility of allowing food trucks. There is a lot of activity at the township hall playground and there is no food or refreshments. Ms. VanMarter stated zoning ordinance changes begin at the Planning Commission. Mr. Dhaenens asked for this item to be added to their next meeting agenda.

Ms. VanMarter stated there is no first meeting in November. The next township board meeting is November 18.

### **Adjournment**

**Moved** by Ledford, supported by Lowe, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas  
Recording Secretary

Approved: Paulette Skolarus, Clerk  
Genoa Charter Township

Bill Rogers, Supervisor  
Genoa Charter Township