

# Genoa Charter Township Board

Regular Meeting  
December 18, 2006  
6:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

Supervisor McCririe called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. The following persons were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Gary McCririe, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Jean Ledford and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and three persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

### Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Ledford, supported by Skolarus, to approve all items listed under the consent agenda with the addition of a Jan. 4, 2007 public hearing date for the two rezoning applications. The motion carried unanimously.

### **1. Payment of Bills**

### **2. Approval of Minutes: December 4, 2006**

**3. Set hearing date (01/04/07) for request of approval of rezoning application and impact assessment to rezone 60.16 acres located north of Crooked Lake Road between Springhill Drive and Fishbeck Road. The rezoning consists of the following 20 parcels: 11-16-400-006, 008, 010, 014, 015, 018, 019, 020, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 030, 031, 032, 033, 034, 038 and 039. The request is to rezone from Country Estates (CE) to Rural Residential (RR) and is petitioned by David and Elizabeth Bonten, Cheryl Reed and Genoa Charter Township, as discussed by the [Planning Commission on 11-13-06](#)**

**4. Set hearing date (01/04/07) for request of approval of rezoning application and impact assessment to rezone 126.92 acres centered on Westgate Drive, south of Beck Road and extending west along Chilson Road. The rezoning consists of the following 29 parcels: 11-07-400-001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 010, 011, 024, 025, 026; 11-08-300-001, 006, 009, 023, 025, 026, 027, 028, 029, 030, 031, 032, 033, 037, 038, 039, 040, 041 and 042. The request is to rezone from Country Estates (CE) to Rural Residential (RR) and is petitioned by Leonard Wilks and Genoa Charter Township, as discussed by the [Planning Commission on 11-13-06](#).**

**5. Request approval to remove the refuse charge of \$90.00 and administration fee of .90 from the 2006 Winter Tax Bill, Parcel ID #4711-21-401-017, vacant property as submitted by Treasurer Hunt.**

**6. Request for approval of Poverty Guidelines for the 2007 Board of Review as submitted by Township Assessor Debra Rojewski.**

**7. Request for approval of a Pilot Ordinance for the property located at 23/25 Maplecrest as submitted by Supervisor McCririe and Township Attorney.**

**Approval of Regular Agenda:**

Moved by Ledford, supported by Mortensen, to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Request for approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Text affecting the entire Township of Genoa for December 18, 2006 as discussed by the [Planning Commission 10-30-06](#).**

Kelly VanMarter addressed the board with an overview of the changes to the township zoning ordinance. Copies of the Minutes of the Planning Commission dated 10/30/06 were provided this evening. Discussion ensued concerning private community wastewater systems and special uses. VanMarter asked that the board approve the ordinance with the exception of sections 13.0402, 13.0403 and 7.0202w.

A call to the public was made with the following response: Steve Morgan (Member of the Genoa Township Planning Commission) – I know that the township had a bad experience with an on-site sewage disposal system. There are in excess of 40 systems presently operating in Livingston County and only two or three have failed. Problems with those that had a poor design have been corrected. In some cases the wrong material were used in the filtration. Your prohibition will only beg a lawsuit and I, as a land developer, would think it unwise to go down that road. McCririe – I believe those systems are an “end run” around the township requirements and our residents will come to this board when their systems ultimately fail. We don’t want to force our residents into financial difficulty if it becomes necessary to replace the system. Mr. Morgan will provide data on the current function of existing treatment facilities.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Hunt, to approve the amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance with the exception of sections 13.0402, 13.0403 and 7.0202w. The motion carried as follows: Ayes – McCririe, Skolarus, Hunt, Ledford and Mortensen. Nays – None. Absent – Wildman and Smith.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Township Board was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus  
Genoa Township Clerk

(Press/argus 12/27/06)