GENOA TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
August 4, 2003

MINUTES

Supervisor McCirie called the regular meeting of the Genoa Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. The following board members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Gary McCirie, Paulette Skolarus, Todd Smith, Anthony Combs, Jim Mortensen and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Township Attorney Rick Heikkinen and five persons in the audience.

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

A call to the public was made with the following response: Eric Holm (Arbor Bay Ct./Pine Creek) – The Pine Creek Ridge Homeowner’s Association and Genoa Township has brought suit against me for having a gas powered engine on my boat. If I removed the engine then that would not allow me to use this boat on other lakes. The engine is used to charge the battery of the electric motor for use on Lake Brighton. Other homeowners had gas-powered boats and jet skis on the lake and the association did nothing. I am also concerned with the use of electricity near the water. I am afraid for my children and family. I feel that this method of charging the electric motor is safer.

McCirie – The PUD agreement should stand as written. Richard Linorine (attorney for Holm) – Mr. Holm will remove the prop from his boat, but the gas engine should be allowed.

Mr. Hickey (President of the Homeowners Association) – Law suits were being filed against the other residents, including the owners of jet skis. Linorine – The deed restrictions only refer to “docking” of boats. The PUD language states, “…not powered by gasoline or diesel.”

It was the consensus of the board that the settlement of this problem could only be made in a court of law and the suit should go forward.

1. Public Hearing for the Del Sher road improvement project on the special assessment district roll.

A Call to property owners and the public was made with no response. A letter of objection was received from Sharon Howard.

2. Public Hearing for the Mountain View road improvement project on the special assessment district roll.

A call to the public was made with no response.

3. Request for approval of a resolution for the Del Sher road improvement project approving the special assessment roll.
Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to approve Resolution No. 4 for Del Sher, modifying the resolution to include the response form Sharon Howard. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Combs, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCirie. Nay – None. Absent - Hunt.

4. Request for approval of a resolution for the Mountain View road improvement project approving the special assessment roll.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Combs, to approve resolution No. 4 for Mountain View as submitted. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Combs, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCirie. Nay – None. Absent – Hunt.

5. Consideration of a request to contract with Insight Environmental Services, Inc. for a wetland delineation project at a cost of $695.00, related to the requirement of a Community Foundation grant in the amount of $34,300.00.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Ledford, to approve the project at a cost of $695.00. Further, to authorize an additional $360.00 for a summary letter if requested and $170.00 for a review of the MDEQ Permit Application if necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Business:

Moved by Ledford, supported by Mortensen, to approve for payment vouchers totaling $212,025.45. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Ledford, to approve the Minutes of the 07/21/03 regular meeting of the board as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

McCirie advised the board that he was using two cell phones (one for personal business and one for township business). He asked that the township financially support this use by paying $35.00 to Nextel on a monthly basis for the single use of one phone, with him paying the balance himself. The board raised no objection.

McCirie presented a cost estimate of $1,789.00 per person for the Washington D.C. trip for NaTAT. McCirie asked that the board consider charge cards for township elected officials attending the seminar. The board took no formal action.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Township Board was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

(PA 08/13/03)