GENOA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
July 1, 2002  

MINUTES  

McCirie called the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Genoa Township Board to order at the Genoa Township Hall 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: McCirie, Skolarus, Hunt, Ledford, Smith, Combs and Mortensen. In addition there were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Township Attorney Rick Heikkinen and approximately 50 persons in the audience. 

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

A Call to the Public was made with no response. 


McCirie advised the board and audience that a petition objecting to the district was submitted to the township. This action has halted the establishment of the water project since under Act 188 the establishment of the district is stopped when 20% or more of the persons within the district object. In order for any project to go forward, the township will need a petition from 51% or more of the property owners who wish to go forward with the water project. 

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Ron Keller - I do not want water. James Wilson - I do not want water. Wilson submitted petitions, signed by other property owners objecting to the district. Letters were received from other residents both objecting and supporting the establishment of a special assessment district for water. 

2. Request for approval of a special use permit, environmental impact assessment, and sketch plan for outdoor seating proposed at the Mesquite Junction Restaurant, located in the Country Corners Strip Mall, corner unit, 4184 E. Grand River, Section 4, petitioned by Nick Hermann and reviewed by the Planning Commission 06-10-02. 

A. Disposition of special use permit. 

Moved by Ledford, supported by Hunt, to approve the special use permit for out-door seating with the following conditions: 

- There shall be no more than 5 - 4' x 2' tables seating four customers each for a total of 20 customers. 
- The short end of the tables shall be against the outside wall of the building. 
- A plastic chain will be installed to delineate the outside eating area. 
- The hours of outside dining shall be limited to 11:30 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. 
- There shall be no outside music. 
- There shall be no exterior lighting. 
- This use may be undertaken from May 1st until October 31st with the tables, chairs, and chain to be removed from November through April. 
- All requirements of the Liquor Control Commission shall be complied with.
The outside chairs and tables shall be removed nightly.
The motion carried unanimously.

B. Disposition of impact assessment.
Moved by Mortensen, supported by Skolarus, to approve the impact assessment with the following conditions: Item B "approximately six" will be deleted; Item H will be deleted; Reference to the Traffic Impact - "No new parking will be needed" will be deleted; Adding - 12 new parking spaces will be allotted. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Disposition of sketch plan
Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to approve the sketch plan signed and dated 07-01-02 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request for approval of a resolution related to Code Enforcement as recommended by Heikkinen.
Moved by Skolarus, supported by Smith, to approve the resolution as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for approval of a contract with the Economic Development Council.
Moved by Smith, supported by Combs, to approve the renewal of a contract with the Economic Development Council for this fiscal year, supporting the program with a $6,000.00 commitment from the General Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Business:
Moved by Hunt, supported by Mortensen, to approve for payment vouchers totaling $75,423.05 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Hunt, to approve the Minutes of the June 4, 2002 regular meeting of the board as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Hunt, to approve the Minutes of the Election Commission, correcting "August". The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Ledford, to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2002 regular meeting of the board correcting "Hunt". The motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing and regular meeting of the Genoa Township Board was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

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