GENOA TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting Dec. 17, 2001

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Genoa Township Board was called to order by Supervisor McCririe at 7:00 p.m. at the Genoa Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. The following board members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: McCririe, Skolarus, Hunt, Ledford, Smith, Combs and Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Township Attorney Rick Heikkinen and six persons in the audience.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Hunt, to approve the Agenda with the addition of a change order for the Lake Edgewood Sewer and Water expansion. The amended agenda was voted and approved unanimously.

1. Request for approval of a change order for the Lake Edgewood contract for both water and sewer.

A. Disposition of change order no. 2 for water main.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Smith, to approve the change as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Disposition of change order no. 3 for sanitary sewer.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Skolarus, to approve the change order as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request for an extension of a 60-day deadline for an unsafe structure located at 813 Sunrise Park, Mr. John Gibson.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Elaine Grote - There has been no progress for three months. The appearance has not changed. Alfred Rupp - Just how many extensions are we going to grant. McCririe advised the petitioner that no significant improvement had been made to the property in nearly three months (since the board action of Oct. 1, 2001). In fact the property had not been taken care of since it was purchased in December of 1987. The petitioner had not applied for a building permit. He had not committed to a contract with Kevin Giles (his chosen contractor) for improvements. McCririe recommended denial of the request. Heikkinen agreed.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Smith, to direct the township attorney to seek action in circuit court to have the property razed. The motion carried as follows: Ayes - Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Combs, Skolarus and McCririe. Nay - Mortensen.

John Gibson - I will try to make significant progress before this goes to circuit court.

3. Request for approval of an amendment to the contract with Rothenberger to cover the Euler Road drainage problem.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Hunt, to approve the change order with Rothenberger at a cost not to exceed \$160,000.00 (for the township) for work to the Euler Road drainage problem. Archinal advised the board that the L.C.R.C. would provide approximately \$35,000.00 additional dollars for blacktop and inspection. The motion carried as follows: Ayes - Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Combs, Mortensen and McCririe. Nay - Skolarus.

4. Request for approval of appointments to Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Michigan Townships Association, SELCRA, Genoa Oceola Sewer and Water Authority, SEMCOG, Howell Parks and Recreation, MHOG, Cemetery Committee, Gypsy Moth Program, Greenways and the FOIA Coordinator.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Smith, to reappoint the following persons to Township boards for terms to expire 11/20/2002:

- Jim Mortensen Planning Commission
- Jean Ledford Zoning Board of Appeals
- Paulette Skolarus Zoning Board of Appeals (alternate)
- Paulette Skolarus Michigan Townships Association
- Anthony Combs SELCRA
- Jean Ledford SEMCOG
- Robin Hunt Genoa Oceola Sewer and Water Authority
- Gary McCririe Genoa Oceola Sewer and Water Authority
- Todd Smith Howell Parks and Recreation
- Gary McCririe MHOG
- Robin Hunt MHOG
- Robin Hunt Cemetery Committee
- Paulette Skolarus Cemetery Committee
- Barbara Figurski Cemetery Committee
- Anthony Combs Gypsy Moth Program
- Paulette Skolarus Greenways
- Paulette Skolarus FOIA Coordinator

The appointments were voted and approved unanimously.

5. Request for approval of a contract with LSL Planners to provide a Parks, Recreation and Pathways Plan for Genoa Township.

Moved by Smith, supported by Hunt, to approve \$10,143.00 for a contract that is to be revised and include a reference to sidewalks, an update of the master plan, and construction cost estimates. It was recommended that the chairman of the Planning Commission be appointed to the subcommittee. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request for approval of a 3-year contract with Deborah Rojewski for the position of head assessor.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Mortensen, to approve the contract with minor changes. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Request for approval of an amendment to the Personnel Manual regarding an approved change from October of 2000 concerning longevity bonuses.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Combs, to table until the next regular meeting of the board. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Business:

Moved by Hunt, supported by Skolarus, to pledge \$3,500.00 to Lawnet as requested by Livingston County Sheriff Don Homan. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Mortensen, to approve for payment vouchers totaling \$209,923.97. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Combs, supported by Hunt, to approve the Minutes of the Dec. 3, 2001 regular meeting of the board as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Mortensen, to adjust the winter tax roll reducing 11-04-300-010 by \$102.72 plus the admin. fee and increase 11-05-400-032 by 102.72 plus the admin. Fee as recommended by Hunt. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Heikkinen asked for a closed session of the board to discuss pending litigation. Moved by Ledford, supported by Smith, to move to closed session. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Combs, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nay - None.

The regular meeting was again called to order at 8:15 p.m.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Combs, to approve a settlement with Brighton Electric for damages to their property related to the Lake Edgewood Water and Sewer Expansion Project as recommended by Heikkinen. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting of the board was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus Genoa Township Clerk

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