

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

April 7, 2008

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, Robin Hunt, Todd Smith, Steve Wildman and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and three people in the audience.

Call to the Public

A call to the public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Ledford, supported by Smith to move item #3 Newsletter Articles to the regular agenda as item #7 for discussion and to approve the balance of the consent agenda including items 1, 2, 4(a) and 4(b). The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.
2. Approval of Minutes of 3/17/08
4. (a) Approval of a contract with Tetra Tech in the amount of \$32,500 for 2008 Road Improvement Design and Construction Phase Services.
4. (b) Consider approval of a contract with the Livingston County Road Commission for Pardee Lake Road Drainage Improvement.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Smith, to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda and adding item #7 consideration of newsletter articles for the April publishing. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of annual budget for the 2008 Tax Allocation Board.

Moved by Smith, supported by Mortensen, to approve the Tax Allocation Board annual budget subject to review by the Township Auditor. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider request for a sewer extension for a 20 ± acre parcel in Section 11 (Tax I.D. 11-11-100-016).

Dale Cooper made a presentation on the owner's behalf. The Health Department has performed a percolation test and the soils are not appropriate for on-site septic. At one

time the property was contemplated as a future phase of the adjacent Woodland Springs subdivision and included 63 units. They are no longer pursuing this number and are only interested in splitting the property into 7 parcels in accordance with the land division act. Mr. Cooper feels that this property is unique and will not set a precedent for future sewer extensions.

Supervisor McCririe stated that the consideration of adding this phase to the adjacent subdivision would only be given if it was under the ownership and control of the developer of Woodland Springs.

Mr. Cooper stated he was not familiar with that condition and asked if it was written anywhere.

Supervisor McCririe stated that staff has met with the property owner and that the message has consistently been no. It is not incumbent upon the Township to make all lots buildable by providing sewer.

Mr. Cooper asked if 7 units of capacity were available in the sewer system.

Supervisor McCririe stated that the system is not at capacity but all units are assigned to assessed properties.

Treasurer Hunt asked if the Engineers had analyzed this request.

Mr. Cooper stated that they thought it would be premature to spend money on engineering until they had a sense of what direction the Township Board would take.

Trustee Smith asked if all alternatives have been exhausted and if they would be able to place building footings because of the high water table.

Mr. Cooper stated that because of the high water table other alternatives are prohibitive.

Mr. Smith stated that if there are no other alternatives he could support the extension of sewer to accommodate one home on the property. Treasurer Hunt concurred with this statement.

Mr. Cooper stated that he would like time to consult with his client and engineer and will communicate with the Township at a future date.

Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman, to table this matter at the petitioner's request. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consideration of newsletter articles for the April publishing.

Mr. Mortensen reviewed the article regarding the status of Wireless Livingston. The first paragraph is missing the word, "tower" after water. Also the last line of this paragraph

should be deleted. The word, “nearly” should be included before 36 square miles. Generally Mr. Mortensen believes the article has an unnecessary apologetic tone and should be rewritten as a brief status report and a reference to the Wireless Livingston website.

Mr. Smith suggested that we add an article about large item sticker purchase and that the siren article include a testing schedule so that residents will know when to expect the noise.

The Board concurred with these general directions.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Member Discussion:

There was no member discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael C. Archinal
Township Manager

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