

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
October 6th, 2008
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, Todd Smith, Jean Ledford, Steve Wildman and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and approximately fifteen persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Donna Anderson introduced herself to the board and is running for 66th district state legislature. Ms. Anderson provided a personal history of her qualifications for this position and asked the boards support during the election.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman, to approve all items listed under the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills

2. Request to approve minutes: 9-15-08

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Ledford, supported by Smith, to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda with Skolarus abstaining from discussion regarding the Challis Road Improvement Project. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing on the Challis Ct. Road Improvement Project.

A call to property owners and the public was made with the following response: Ton Flasz – I have a copy of a private drive maintenance agreement that was signed by Mr. Bray. Since 2004 he has failed to meet his obligations by not contributing to road maintenance expenses. I am in favor of this project going forward. No verbal or written response was received from other property owners.

4. Request for approval of Resolution No.2 (To proceed with the project, approve the plans and details and direct the preparation of the special assessment roll) for the Challis Road Improvement Project.

Moved by Smith, supported by Mortensen, to approve Resolution No. 2 as provided. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen and McCririe. Nays – None. Abstain – Skolarus.

5. Request for approval of Resolution No.3 (Acknowledging the Filing of the Special Assessment Roll, Scheduling the Second Hearing, and Directing the Issuance of Statutory Notices) for the Challis Court Road Improvement project.

Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to approve Resolution No. 3 as presented. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen and McCririe. Nays – None. Abstain – Skolarus.

6. Request for approval of Resolution No.1 (To Proceed with the project and direct preparation of the plans and cost estimates) for the Round Lake Aquatic Plant Control Program.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Skolarus, to approve Resolution No. 1 as presented. The motion was withdrawn after discussion. A call to the public was made with the following response: Frank Castle – It was my understanding that we would not have to re-petition for this project. McCririe – We could have an informational meeting at the township and have residents sign petitions with the higher cost. We just want to be sure that everyone is aware of the increased cost of this project. Sharon Davies - It was very clear at the last meeting that we were going to use the existing petitions and that the board would initiate this project considering the amount of work that is involved with obtaining petitions. Moved by Skolarus, supported by Ledford, to approve Resolution No. 1 as presented. The motion failed as follows: Ayes – Ledford and Skolarus. Nays – Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen and McCririe. Absent – None.

7. Request for approval for Resolution No. 2 (To approve the project, schedule the first hearing and direct the issuance of statutory notices) for the Round Lake Aquatic Plant Control Program.

Moved by Smith, supported by Mortensen, to table Resolution No. 2. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

8. Request for approval of the 2008/2009 standard agreement for the services between the Economic Development Council of Livingston County and Genoa Charter Township.

Moved by Smith, supported by Mortensen, to renew the agreement with EDC and to adjust the amount of that agreement to \$8,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion of the Athletic Field Lease.

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No action was taken on the draft version of the lease. The administrative committee and the township attorney will work out a second draft for review by the board. No further action was taken.

Skolarus advised the board that the American Red Cross formally thanked the township for hosting the blood drives in 2007 and 2008.

Board members expressed concern with the township web site and asked that a remedy be found allowing access.

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

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