

(Corrected)
**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
JULY 20, 2009
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, Jean Ledford, Steve Wildman and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and six persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: David Best – I live at 728 Pathway Drive in Howell and I am here to complain about property located at 622 Pathway belonging to Matt Miller. Every weekend there are four to twelve kids there ranging in age 17 to 26. There is drinking and no bathroom so the kids are urinating outside. They are accompanied by dogs who bark all evening. Now they are using megaphones to annoy the neighbors. I have talked to the Health Dept., Bldg. Dept. and Sheriff and they all say nothing can be done. Can the township help?

McCririe – Our code enforcement officer is aware of the situation. There is a chemical toilet and the Health Dept. has said that is adequate. The township has no jurisdiction over the Health Dept. We will pursue an avenue to determine if the building is an unsafe structure. That action will take public hearing and some time. In the end it may not be a solution to your problem.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Ledford, 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: 7-6-09

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Hunt, supported by Mortensen, to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing on the Pine Creek Road Improvement Project

A call to the public and property owners was made with the following response: Frank Croskey – How far in will the road project be? McCririe – It will extend from Brighton

Road to Hidden Pines Drive. Anita Knob – Does the township pick the contractor?
McCrie – The contractor is chosen by the homeowners association.

4. Request for approval of Resolution No. 3 (Approving the project, cost estimates, special assessment district and causing the special assessment roll to be prepared) for the Pine Creek Road Improvement Project.

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

5. Request for approval of Resolution No. 4 (Acknowledging the filing of the special assessment roll, scheduling the second hearing and directing the issuance of statutory notices) for the Pine Creek Road Improvement Project.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Ledford, to approve Resolution No. 4 as submitted. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCrie. Nays – None. Absent – Smith.

6. Request from the Livingston County Drain Commissioner to approve a resolution for Lake Chemung Dam Repair at a cost exceeding \$5,000.

Mr. Ken Recker of the Livingston County Drain Commission addressed the board concerning the dam repair. Recker – The Chemung Dam is badly in need of repair. The cost to the township is estimated at \$35,000.00 over two years. The township exposure will not exceed 25% of the total.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Wildman, to approve Resolution 090720 as requested with the understanding that the cost to Genoa Township shall not exceed \$35,000.00 or 25% of the project whichever is less. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCrie. Nays – None. Absent – Smith

7. Consideration of rate changes for Lake Edgewood water, Pine Creek water and Pine Creek sewer for fiscal year 2009-2010 as recommended by the Township Auditor and Utility Director.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Skolarus, to approve and increase the Lake Edgewood Conference Center Quarterly Water Usage Fee to \$3.89/1,000 gallons, the Lake Edgewood Other Quarterly Usage Fee to \$3.73/1,000 gallons, and Pine Creek Water Usage Fee to \$3.41/1,000 gallons. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCrie. Nays – None. Absent – Smith.

8. Request from Michigan Rod Products for consideration of an Industrial Facilities Exemption.

A letter was received from Michigan Rod Products asking for tax abatement. The Township Board policy for the last 22 years has always been to not grant tax abatements. The request by Michigan Rod Products would open the door to many more requests for abatement from other business located within our community which would place a burden on local government. Genoa Township levies less than one mill in taxes and the \$600.00 though small would hardly make a difference to Michigan Rod Products or Genoa Charter Township. Hunt advised the board that in the summer of 2007 the company paid approximately \$92,947.00 in taxes in comparison with the summer of 2008 where they paid \$22,185.00 and this year's tax of near \$20,920.00 as a direct result of the State of Michigan excusing nearly 24 mills from Industrial Properties.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Mortensen, to deny the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

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