

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Election Commission Meeting
September 21, 2009
6:25 p.m.**

MINUTES

Clerk Skolarus called the special meeting of the Election Commission to order at 6:25 p.m. The following persons were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Paulette A. Skolarus and Jean Ledford. Absent – Steve Wildman. In addition the following persons were present: Gary McCririe, Robin Hunt, Jim Mortensen and Todd Smith. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and fifteen persons in the audience.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Skolarus to approve the Agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Review of the ballot format for Brighton Area Schools and Pinckney Community Schools for the Nov. 3, 2009 School Election.

Skolarus advised the commission that the ballots were reviewed by her office and no mistakes appear.

2. Request for approval of the Ballot Proof by the Election Commission.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Skolarus, to approve the ballot proof as submitted by the county. The motion carried unanimously.

The special meeting of the Election Commission was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 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. All members listed above remained for the regular meeting of the board.

Call to the Public was made with the following response: Kim Cybart – We were told that this project would be funded by stimulus money. I believe that there is fraud involved when the petitions were circulated. Randal Soubliere – Will this expense be included on

our next tax bill. Hunt – No, probably not until the summer of 2010 if the district goes forward. Archinal – The first public hearing will be held on Dec. 7, 2009. Burt Knickerbacker – I cannot afford an additional \$1,000.00. I will lose my house. How can we stop this project? McCririe – 67% of the people within the district signed this petition. Your concerns will be addressed at the public hearing. Joyce Matevia – There is a lot of problem with drainage on Wildwood. I hope that all those problems can be addressed. Resident – That petition was signed under false pretense. I reluctantly signed and now I want to know what the appeal process is? McCririe – First come to the December public hearing and voice your objection. Residents may then go to the Board of Review and then to the Tax Tribunal in Lansing.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

1. Payment of Bills

2. Request to approve minutes: 9-8-09

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Smith, to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda with the addition of item 8. Request to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried unanimously

3. Public hearing on an unsafe structure located at 622 Pathway.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Mortensen, to affirm the property unsafe as determined by Hearing Officer Jim Morse. Further, the owner has 60 days to bring the property into compliance or it shall be torn down. A sign to that effect will be posted on the premises and a notice will be sent to the real estate agent with RE/MAX who has listed the property for sale. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentation by Township Auditor Ken Palka concerning the audit of the Township accounting records for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Smith, to accept the audit as presented by Palka. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion regarding report from Township Bond Counsel regarding prepayment of outstanding bonds.

Hunt provided a memorandum from Township Bonding Attorney Jim Kiefer. Their review of all special assessment districts allowed for the prepayment of three funds: 872, 873 and 875. These three funds will be prepaid within the next six months. Timing will not allow prepayment at an earlier date.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Smith, to authorize the prepayment of the aforementioned funds as advised by Kiefer. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to set public hearing for October 5, 2009 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption request from CRW Plastics for property located at 5775 Brighton Pines Court (formerly Dr. Schneider).

Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to set a public hearing for Oct. 5, 2009 to hear public comment concerning the abatement request. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – Wildman.

7. Consideration of articles for the next Township newsletter.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the newsletter articles as submitted.

8. Request to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Skolarus, to adjourn to executive session. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – Wildman.

The regular meeting was again called to order and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

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