

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
October 5, 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, Todd Smith, Jean Ledford, Steve Wildman and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and approximately six persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Robert Kopicko – Please update me concerning your meeting with the Caldean Church. McCririe – The church agreed to perform the necessary sound testing concerning the noise and they will comply with our ordinance. Kopicko – Will your enforcement officer be there? McCririe - That depends on who the church hires. I understand they will hire a neutral party to enforce the ordinance. The volume from the music will be turned down. We will be meeting with the church for some future plans that they have for the property. Any plans will be submitted to the Planning Commission that meets the second Monday of each month. The agenda is on-line about one week before the meeting.

Sheila Canine – I have a neighbor who is a problem. He leaves junk cars in his yard and there is always noise. Does the nuisance problem vary from area to area? McCririe – Our ordinance with regard to nuisance would be universal within the township. Canine – Adam was out about a year ago and my neighbor was ticketed. He continues to have items such as a car seat, toilet and tires in his front yard. The noise is better but the yard is not good. The man never mows his yard and raccoons live in the roof of the house. His address is 1602 Skyview off Hacker in the Suburban Mobile Homes Estates. McCririe – We will talk to Adam again.

Patricia Kopicko – Please clarify your comments concerning the next festival that will be self monitored. McCririe – The situation at the camp got better in general. There were a lot less complaints this year than in the past. They actually made great progress. They will have people at the site to bring them into compliance. Kopicko – If they are not in compliance, the police will not deal with them. Where do we go? Smith – Adam should be at the concert next year. McCririe – The camp will send letters out to the neighbors next year concerning the festival. Kopicko – Green Oak Township is revising their ordinance with regard to the gun range; maybe the township should look at a revision to our ordinance. Mortensen – That is not a bad idea. We ought to revisit that ordinance.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

1. Payment of Bills

2. Request to approve minutes: 9-21-09

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Ledford to approve for action items listed under the regular agenda with the addition of item 5. Request for approval of a franchise agreement with the City of Brighton, Brighton Township and Genoa Charter Township that would extend water to Brighton Township. 6. Request to adjourn to a closed session of the board to discuss the purchase of property for which there is no purchase agreement. The regular agenda was approved as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption request from CRW Plastics for property located at 5775 Brighton Pines Court (formerly Dr. Schneider).

A call to the public was made with no response. Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman, to table the request to the Oct. 19, 2009 meeting to allow time for notification of the taxing units of the request for exemption. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Update from the Township Treasurer regarding township finances.

Hunt provided data concerning an updated list of banks and township fund balances as of 09/30/2009 with \$12,621,501.95 being covered under federal insurance programs or local pledge.

5. Request for approval of a franchise agreement with the City of Brighton, Brighton Township and Genoa Charter Township that would extend water to Brighton Township.

Archinal provided an overview of the meetings with the City of Brighton, Brighton Township and Genoa. Reciprocal agreements have been reached in the past with both the City of Brighton and Brighton Township. The pipeline is already in the ground and it is just a matter of agreement on our part. Our township attorney has reviewed the draft and has suggested minor changes. Moved by Mortensen, supported by Wildman, to approve the franchise agreement as requested subject to a final review by the township attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to adjourn to a closed session of the board to discuss the purchase of property for which there is no purchase agreement.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Hunt, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the purchase of property at 6:55 p.m. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None.

The Regular meeting of the board was re-adjourned and the regular business of the board was concluded as follows:

Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman to authorize the supervisor to execute a purchase agreement as discussed in the closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

McCirie advised the board that the State of Michigan granted the purchase of land off Oak Haven that will be divided (with deed restrictions) between the homeowners along the 33' roadway. A check will be mailed to the Department of Natural Resources with regard to Land Transaction Case #30080019 for \$2,300.00 to complete the purchase.

McCirie asked that the 11/16/09 regular meeting of the board be cancelled. Moved by Skolarus, supported by Smith, to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Ledford advised the board that the recreation director for SELCRA had submitted his resignation and that SELCRA is looking for a new director.

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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