GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
February 15, 2010
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 twelve persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:
Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to approve all items listed under the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills

2. Request to approve minutes: 02/01/2010

Approval of Regular Agenda:
Moved by Mortensen, supported by Smith, to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda with the addition of a request for the transfer of a liquor license for Outback Steak House. The amended agenda was voted and approved unanimously.

3. Public hearing and request for approval to amend Z2010-01 of Zoning Ordinance Articles 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25 and appendix A.

A call to the public was made with no response.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Wildman, to approve the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance with the following changes:

1.) Section 9.06.01 a requirement shall be added stating that street light intensity shall be determined by the Township Planner at the time of site plan approval.

2.) Section 13.04.02 Community Sanitary Drain Field shall be revised to state that final approval of a common community sanitary drain field shall be granted by the Township Board with concurrence by the County Health Department and/or the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None.

4. Consider award of a demolition contract for 622 Pathway as the result of an unsafe structure determination.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Smith, to approve the demolition and award the bid to Wellman Excavating in the amount of $2,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for approval of rate changes for Oak Pointe Water and Sewer and Lake Edgewood Sewer.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Smith, to approve a 4% increase in the water rate for Oak Pointe Water effective 05/01/2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved Skolarus, supported by Hunt, to approve a 9% increase in the sewer rate for Oak Pointe effective 05/01/2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Wildman, supported by Ledford, to approve an 8% increase for the Lake Edgewood Sewer District effective 04/01/2010. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request for approval of an impact assessment and corresponding site plan for a proposed re-use of an existing 3,321 sq. ft. office building for Michigan Transportation Service, Inc. located at 1800 Dorr Road, Brighton Sec. 14, petitioned by Van Acker Properties, LLC.

A. Disposition of impact assessment dated 01/20/2010.
Moved by Hunt, supported by Smith, to approve the impact assessment as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Disposition of site plan.
Moved by Skolarus, supported by Ledford, to approve the site plan with the following conditions:

1. Cross access agreements/easements with the properties to the north and west shall be provided. These documents shall be approved by the Township Attorney and recorded by the Livingston County Register of Deeds;
2. The Township shall be provided with ten feet (10’) of additional right-of-way (sidewalk easement) adjacent to Dorr Road. This document shall be approved by the Township Attorney and recorded with the Livingston County Register of Deeds.
3. Performance guarantees for the sidewalk and ornamental lighting will be sufficient to cover the cost of installation of both, cost will be determined by the Township Engineer and approved by the Township Attorney.
4. The building address shall be shown as required by the Fire Department in their letter dated January 22, 2010.
The motion carried unanimously.

7. Update and discussion regarding the Township branding process.

Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to adopt the graphic design as submitted by Susan Pommenville of Abovo with the wording Life is Good ad to trademark the logo. (Note: With regard to the Life is Good – a study will be done to make sure that we are not infringing upon the restricted use of an existing trademarked phrase.) The motion carried unanimously.


Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford, to approve the transfer as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None.

9. Request to enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to section 8 (e) of the 1976 Open Meeting Act.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Wildman, to enter into a closed session of the board at 7:35 p.m. as requested. 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 Genoa Charter Township Board was re-opened and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

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