Moved by Wildman, supported by Skolarus, to appoint Todd Smith acting Chairman of the Board in lieu of the absence of McCririe. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Smith called the public hearing and 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: Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Todd Smith, Jean Ledford, Steve Wildman and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and three persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Paul Rogers – I am running for the State Senate as a Republican and wanted to introduce my self to the township board as a long time Howell resident.

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

1. Payment of Bills

2. Request to approve minutes: 3-1-10

Approval of Regular Agenda:
Moved by Skolarus, supported by Mortensen, to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.


A call to the public was made with no response. Moved by Skolarus, supported by Mortensen, to approve the budget for the General Fund for fiscal year 04/01/2010 thru 03/31/2011 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for approval of the miscellaneous budgets as follows: Liquor Law #212, Road Improvement Fund #261, Road Lake Reimbursement #264, Future Development Parks and Recreation #270, Building Reserve #271, DPW Fund #503 and DPW Reserve #504.
Moved by Ledford, supported by Hunt, to approve all township budgets as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for approval of an amendment to the General Fund Budget of the Township for fiscal 2009/2010.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Wildman, to approve the amendment to the General Fund Budget for fiscal 2009 thru 2010 as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request for approval of the debt service funds as follows: 854 thru 860, 862, 864 thru 870, 872, 873, 875, 876 provided by Treasurer Hunt.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Ledford, to approve the debt service fund budgets as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Request of approval of implementation of contract with SAFEBuilt, Inc. as recommended by the administrative committee.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Wildman, to approve the implementation of a contract with SAFEBuilt, Inc. The administrative committee will negotiate the contact with SAFEBuilt and bring a final draft of that agreement to the board at the next regular meeting of the board. Further, to establish an appeal procedure with township control and an annual review of competitive fees. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Request for approval of articles to use in the spring newsletter.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Mortensen, to approve the publication of the March newsletter as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Staff update regarding Energy Efficiency Community Development Block Grant.

No formal action was taken by the board.

10. 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 Hunt, to move to closed session of the board at 6:55 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen and Skolarus. Nays – None. Absent – McCririe.

The regular meeting of the board was again called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Wildman, to approve the consent judgment concerning the case of John Beauchamp and John Nagel and Thomas Guastello v. Genoa Township – Claim No. 140970 (Case No. 08-2306 CZ and Case No. 09-24797 CZ). The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen and Skolarus. Nays – None. Absent – McCririe.
Ledford provided the board with an update on the SELCRA program which included the audit, and the winter recreation guide.

Correspondence was received from Michigan municipal Risk Management Authority which states a premium increase of approximately 10% for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The public hearing and regular meeting of the board was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

(Press/argus 03/19/2010)