

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

Nov. 19, 2012

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, Steve Wildman, Jim Mortensen, Todd Smith and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and fifteen persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Yvonne Balagna – We can address weed control through harvesting and other methods in addition to chemicals. I request that the board adjourn this meeting until March so that the Association may have time to discuss this Special Assessment District and come to terms that both sides would agree upon.

Arnie Messing – The association being formed is a new association. After I left the Tri-Lakes Association things fell apart. We want to re-build our association. Why isn't Round Lake in the association?

Balagna read a proposal to be included in the next notice of public hearing. Skolarus – I would like to review your proposal with the Township Attorney and include applicable parts in that mailing.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to approve minutes: November 5, 2012.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Smith and supported by Wildman to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request for approval to add 3 acres of land to the Genoa-Oceola sewer service district. The parcel of land is proposed for the development of a maximum of 3 one-acre lots to be divided from parcel 4711-11-100-024 which is to be served by a shared residential driveway located east of Pine Trace Court.

Chris Russell – What will this proposal do to the wetlands? I have had numerous conversations with Tom Kohloff of the D.E.Q and there has been no environmental impact assessment prepared. McCririe – Wetland delineation is included in the plan. This action is not an actual split of the land but instead an allowance for three additional parcels to be served by sewer. The Land Use would require D.E.Q. approval. Please write a letter outlining your concerns so that they might be taken into consideration when the land use permit is issued.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Smith to approve the addition of the three acres of land as depicted on the conceptual land division sketch as provided by Desine, Inc. with their client Vanessa Tucker with the following conditions:

1. The Connection Fee associated with adding this property to the district must be paid with the Land Use Permit to install the sanitary sewer;
2. The three parcels must be served by a gravity sewer system;
3. The sewer system must be publically owned;
4. All requirements of the utility system, including construction plan review, approval and permitting shall be met;
5. Lot splits are not a part of this agreement. The petitioner will need to make application for lot splits and follow the normal land use process;
6. Wetland permits will be required.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for approval of Resolution #3 (Approving Project, Cost Estimates, Special Assessment District and Causing the Special Assessment Roll to be Prepared for the East and West Crooked Lakes Aquatic Weed Control Improvement Project).

Ledford advised the board and audience that she would abstain from discussion as agreed at a previous meeting.

McCririe recognized Tom Craine. Craine – I am upset by this whole project. People are dumping chemicals. Marina owners shouldn't be allowed to sign petitions. Jackie Blaire – our riparian rights are being watered down with the additions of the dockominiums. The D.N.R. is having problems with this district. The board should not move forward without approval from the Drain Commission.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Smith to approve Resolution #3 as presented. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Smith, Wildman, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – Hunt and Mortensen. Abstain: Ledford.

5. Request for approval of Resolution #4 (Acknowledging the Filing of the Special Assessment Roll, Scheduling the Second Hearing, and Directing the Issuance of Statutory Notices) for the East and West Crooked Lakes Aquatic Weed Control Improvement Project.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Smith to approve Resolution #4, changing the notice to homeowners after discussion with Township Attorney Mancuso. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Smith, Wildman, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – Hunt and Mortensen. Abstain: Ledford.

6. Presentation of the Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Transfers with a three projection thru 2015 for all Township funds.

The three-year statement was reviewed with no formal action taken by the board.

7. Request for approval of the first amendment to the General Fund for fiscal year ending March 31, 2013.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Smith to approve the amendment to the General Fund as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Request for approval of the first amendment to fund 264 (Road, Lake reimbursement Fund) with a three year projection thru 2015.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Ledford to approve the amendment to Fund 264 as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Request for approval of the following appointments that will expire on 11-20-2013: Jean Ledford to SELCRA, Jean Ledford and Paulette Skolarus to SEMCOG, Gary McCririe and Robin Hunt to Genoa/Oceola Sewer and Water Authority, Todd Smith and Gary McCririe (alternate) to Howell Area Parks and Recreation, Robin Hunt and Gary McCririe to MHOG, Paulette Skolarus to Greenways, Michael Archinal to FOIA Coordinator, Gary McCririe and Jim Mortensen to Brighton Fire Authority, Kelly VanMarter and Paul Edwards (alternate) to Huron River-Watershed Council, Todd Smith and Jean Ledford to Election Commission, and John Kirsch and Linda Rowell to Brownfield Development, Jim Mortensen to the Planning Commission, Jean Ledford to the Zoning Board of Appeals as presented by the Township Supervisor.

Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to approve the appointments as requested by McCririe. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Request for approval of the following appointments that will serve a term from 1-1-13 to 12-31-14: Robert Lupi, Ron Matkin, Patricia Petrat and Barbara Figurski (alternate) for the Genoa Township Board of Review as presented by the Township Supervisor.

Moved by Smith and supported by Hunt to approve the appointments to the Board of Review as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Request for approval of Resolution for Steve Wildman.

Moved by Hunt supported by Skolarus to approve a resolution honoring Steve Wildman for his service to the township for two terms on the Township Board; as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and his work in providing lighting for the Township Athletic Fields. Wildman was applauded by the board and received a standing ovation. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider request to enter into closed session for discussion pending litigation pursuant to Section 8(e) of the 1976 Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Skolarus to move to closed session to discuss pending litigation at 7:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting was brought back to order at 8:35 p.m.

Moved by Smith and supported by Mortensen, to direct the attorneys representing the township to take appropriate action consistent with the discussion of the board during the closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Paulette A, Skolarus
Genoa Charter Township Clerk

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