

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
April 1, 2013

MINUTES

Call to Order: Supervisor McCririe called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. Present constituting a quorum were: Gary McCririe, Jean Ledford, Todd Smith, Linda Rowell, Paulette Skolarus, James Mortensen, Also present were Assistant Township Manager Kelly VanMarter; Township Attorney Frank Mancuso and approximately 40 persons in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call to the Public: A call to the public was made with the following response: Jim Delcamp - I believe the 6 million dollar bond is enough to provide soft water as requested. He asks that the bond be re-purposed.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Smith and support by Skolarus to approve all items listed under the consent agenda with the athletic agreement being moved to the regular agenda for discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to approve minutes: March 18, 2013.

3. Request to approve a proposal from Telecom Wiring Services and Network Services Group for Township Hall re-cabling at a net cost of \$5,564.

4. Request to approve a proposal from American Video Transfer for upgrades to the Board room audio system at a cost of \$6,325.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Smith and support by Ledford to approve the regular agenda with the addition of the lease agreement as amended above. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for approval of a three year extension to the athletic field lease agreement with Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Skolarus to approve the athletic field agreement as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Hearing for the Lake Chemung Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District.

Skolarus – Three additional letters were received from property owners. Copies were provided to the board. This is a renewal of a special assessment district that has been in place for ten years. The annual cost will be less than \$95.00 annually. Approximately 25% to 30% are back lot owners with pedestrian or boat access to the lake. Mortensen – I will be voting no on this project because I do not believe the back parcels should have to pay the same fee as lakefront.

A. Call to the property owners

The following people addressed the Board:

1. Diana Rencszak who is a property owner and also manages two parcels of property in the district. She advises prospective purchasers to assume a tax assessment for weed control. She would like to see the weed assessment continued.
2. David Pickett addressed the Board. He agrees with the existing weed control program. He was told the Lake Chemung Riparian Association contracts with the biologist; not the Township.
3. Mark Jones addressed the Board. He supports the weed control program.
4. Kevin Cote addressed the Board. He supports the weed control program.
5. Jim Rider addressed the Board. He supports the weed control program.
6. Rob Belowitz addressed the Board in support of the weed control program.
7. John Palmer addressed the Board in support of the weed control program.
8. Michael Sucia addressed the Board in support of the weed control program.
9. Steve Wildman addressed the Board in support of the weed control program.
10. Eric Martin addressed the Board in support of the weed control program.
11. Jim Green addressed the Board in support of the weed control program.
12. Dave Knievilla addressed the Board in support of the weed control program.
13. A shareholder from the International Society spoke in support of the weed control program, but did ask for more information. She was directed to the LCRA.
14. Karen Arsel spoke in support of the weed control program.
15. Barbara Figurski spoke in support of the weed control program.
16. Linda Gellarannie spoke in support of the weed control program, individually and on behalf of Outdoor Resorts.
17. Roger Wickstrom addressed the Board. He indicated that the accesses are poorly marked. He would like to see that better defined. He does support the weed control program.
18. Dan Donald addressed the Board. The access near Edward Drive is not clearly marked.
19. Larry Trainor addressed the Board. He supports weed control.
20. Ron Wilson supports the weed control program.

B. Call to the public

Jeff Dhaenens addressed the Board in support of the weed control program. He also supports the people who are seeking clarifications of lake access points. Smith agreed to provide clarification to the audience members who need lake access clarifications.

C. Request for approval of Resolution #5 confirming the Special Assessment Roll

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Ledford to approve resolution number five, subject to a change to exhibit B, adding \$267,000.00 as item #2. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Ledford, Smith, Rowell, Skolarus and McCririe. Nay – Mortensen. Absent – Hunt.

7. Request to approve a proposal from LSL Planning to authorize \$4,000 in additional expenses for the Master Plan Update.

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to authorize the expenditure as requested by VanMarter. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider approval of a proposal from the Livingston County Road Commission for the crushed limestone improvements to Brighton Road between King and Treasure Lake and Beck Road between Fisk and the railroad tracks at a total cost of \$215,000.00.

Moved Skolarus and supported by Ledford to approve the expenditure as requested by Archinal. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Discussion: Skolarus indicated there is a sufficient amount of petitions from Timberview and that soil borings would be done. Mortensen introduced his grandson, Tripp, who is visiting from Ann Arbor for his Boy Scout group. Smith indicated the marshmallow drop was successful. The 242 Church had a successful Easter. Mortensen will be unable to attend the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Charter Township Clerk

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