

GENOA TOWNSHIP ELECTION COMMISSION

October 6, 2014

MINUTES

Clerk Skolarus called the regular meeting of the Election Commission to order at 6:25 p.m. The following commission members were present for the transaction of business: Paulette Skolarus, Jean Ledford and Todd Smith. In addition were township board members: Gary McCririe, Robin Hunt, Linda Rowell and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Township Attorney Frank Mancuso and 12 persons in the audience.

1. Consideration of a recommendation to the Township Board for approval of a list of persons to work as precinct chairmen and poll workers for the General Election scheduled for Nov. 4, 2014.

Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to recommend to the township board approval of persons scheduled to work the Nov. 4, 2014 General Election. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to accept the ballot language and candidates proposed for the General Election scheduled for Nov. 4, 2014.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Smith to accept the ballot language and candidates proposed for the General Election. The motion carried unanimously.

The Election Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

October 6, 2014

MINUTES

Supervisor McCririe called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Genoa Township Hall. All persons listed above remained for the regular meeting of the board. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said.

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to approve the payment of bills, delete item 3 and move approval of the Minutes to the Regular for discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Deleted – A request for approval of a policy regarding personal loans for individuals accessing their retirement savings accounts as submitted by Skolarus.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Smith to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda with the addition of the Minutes of Sept. 15, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to Approve Minutes: September 15, 2014

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Smith to approve the Minutes of the Sept. 15, 2014 regular meeting of the board as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for approval of Resolution 141006 honoring Dean Tengel for his years of service on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission.

McCrie thanked Mr. Tengel for his years of service to Genoa Township and read a resolution honoring him for that service. The formal resolution expresses its sincere appreciation and thanks to Dean Tengel for his contributions to the Genoa Township community and highly commends him for the manner in which he carried out his responsibilities. A plaque was presented to Mr. Tengel with applause from the Township board.

5. Request for approval of permit for a partial road closure on Snowden Lane from Sugarbush to Natanna avenues for a neighborhood block party from 5 p.m. on Oct. 31, 2014 to 2 a.m. on Nov. 1, 2014.

Tim Condon addressed the board with regard to this request. A call to the public was made with no response. Moved by Smith and supported by Mortensen to approve the permit as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request for approval of a recommendation of a list of persons to work as precinct chairmen and poll workers for the General Election scheduled for Nov. 4, 2014.

Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to approve the list of persons scheduled to work the Nov. 4th General Election as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion regarding proposed noxious weed ordinance as submitted by Zoning Official Ron Akers.

A call to the public was made with the following response: Richard H. Swanson of 699 Sunrise Park, Howell – There is an invasive species called Japanese knotweed that is grown on my neighbor's property. This species has now taking over my property. Japanese knotweed is legally prohibited in Michigan. I would like this species to be included in any noxious weed ordinance that the township passes. No formal action was taken by the board.

8. Review of a proposed amendment to the Timber Green planned unit development (PUD) agreement and plan for property located at 3800 Chilson Road, Howell, Michigan 48843. The request is petitioned by Chestnut Development.

A. Disposition of Second Amendment to the PUD Agreement.

Panhandle Pipeline recently advised the board of the following: “Because a portion of the proposed driveway is parallel to the pipeline and within the limits of the pipeline R/W their engineering department would need to review and comment. This is something that they would normally not approve. In addition utilities would need to be considered. We have restrictions about utility installations and utilities be parallel to the pipeline within pipeline R/W.” The board would neither encourage nor discourage approval by Panhandle.

Moved by Smith and supported by Rowell to approve the 2nd amendment to the PUD agreement contingent upon approval from the Brighton Area Fire Authority and Panhandle Pipeline prior to the issuance of a land use permit for the pole barn. In addition the development of the road extension to the west, with regard to the amended PUD agreement, need not be built. The motion carried as follows: Ayes - Smith, Rowell, Mortensen, Ledford and Hunt. Nays – McCririe and Skolarus.

B. Disposition of revised PUD Site Plan.

Moved by Smith and supported by Rowell to approve the revised PUD site plan contingent upon approval from the Brighton Area Fire Authority and Panhandle Pipeline prior to the issuance of a land use permit for the pole barn. The motion carried as follows: Ayes - Smith, Rowell, Mortensen, Ledford and Hunt. Nays – McCririe and Skolarus.

9. Request to enter into a closed session to discuss the purchase of real property for which a purchase agreement does not exist pursuant to MCL 15.268 § 8 (e).

Moved by Smith and supported by Ledford to move into closed session at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hun, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None.

The regular meeting of the board was re-opened at 7:48 p.m. Correspondence was reviewed. Hunt advised the board that financial would be available at the next regular meeting of the board. The part-time code enforcement officer would replace the recently vacated position and enforce the sign ordinance and other complaints being received by the township.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

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