

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

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. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. The following board members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Gary McCririe, Robin Hunt, Todd Smith, Jean Ledford, Linda Rowell, and Jim Mortensen. Absent: Paulette Skolarus. Also present were: Township Manager Michael Archinal, and seven persons in the audience.

A call to the public was made with the following response:

Mr. Rich Perlberg introduced himself as the chair of the Yes Brighton Library Committee. There is a request from the library for an operating tax increase on the November ballot which requests .22 mils. A bond of similar amount which was paying off the building has just rolled off. The library is hoping to re-open on Thursdays, proceed with capital building improvements, and restore its collection. The library exists off .88 mils which is very small for a library. Every day, approximately 565 people walk through the door of the library. The library is one of few “cradle to grave” community services and is a great resource. We wanted to let you know that it was on the ballot and why.

No further comment from the public was made.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: August 17, 2015

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA:

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

3. Request for approval of Resolution No. 1 [to proceed and direct the preparation of plans and cost estimates] for the Homestead Drive Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District Winter 2015.

McCririe stated there is not enough time to include the special assessment on this year’s winter tax bill. Therefore public notices have an inaccurate date. This may need to be tabled.

Hunt stated the deadline is Sept. 30 for special assessments for the winter tax bill. The levy can go on the Summer 2016 tax bill or the Winter 2016 tax bill. Typically winter road improvements go on winter tax bills because summer tax bills are higher.

Archinal stated that he would provide verification of signatures to the board. Construction was being anticipated for this year.

Moved by Hunt supported by Rowell to approve Resolution No. 1 [to proceed and direct the preparation of plans and cost estimates] for the Homestead Drive Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District Winter 2015 with the following provisions:

1. Change line two of the resolution, removing “Winter 2015” and replacing it with “Summer 2016.”

The motion carried as follows: Ayes – McCririe, Hunt, Smith, Ledford, Rowell, and Mortensen.
Nay – None. Absent – Skolarus.

4. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2 [to approve the project schedule the first hearing and direct the issuance of statutory notices] for the Homestead Drive Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District Winter 2015.

McCririe stated that agenda item 4 is similar to agenda item 3.

Moved by Mortensen, supported by Smith to approve Resolution No. 2 [to approve the project schedule the first hearing, and direct the issuance of statutory notices] for the Homestead Drive Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District Winter 2015 with the following provisions:

1. Change the resolution to “Summer 2016” in Exhibit B.
2. Subject to confirmation by the township manager that more than 50% of affected residents are in support of the project.

The motion carried as follows: Ayes – McCririe, Hunt, Smith, Ledford, Rowell, and Mortensen.
Nay – None. Absent – Skolarus.

5. Introduction of a proposed rezoning and authorization of statutory notice for a public hearing on September 21st, 2015 concerning 37.97 acres of land (6 parcels) located at 3750 Cleary Drive. The rezoning involves parcels #11-05-400-012, 024, 062; 11-05-301-004; 11-05-302-005, 011. The application is petitioned by Cleary University and the requested rezoning is from Office Service District (OSD) and Industrial (IND) to a Mixed Use Planned Unit Development (MUPUD).

Ms. Kelly VanMarter, the Township’s Assistant Manager and Community Development Director, was present and drew attention to her memorandum which is part of the packet.

Moved by Smith, supported by Ledford to introduce proposed rezoning and authorization of statutory notice for a public hearing on September 21, 2015 concerning 37.97 acres of land (6 parcels) located at 3750 Cleary Drive. The rezoning involves parcels #11-05-400-012, 024, 062; 11-05-301-004; 11-05-302-005, 011. The application is petitioned by Cleary University and the requested rezoning is from Office Service District (OSD) and Industrial (IND) to a Mixed Use Planned Unit Development (MUPUD).

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider approval of a proposal from Construction for 2015 sidewalk improvements in the amount \$119,211.57.

Archinal stated that aprons are a helpful feature that might be installed near the driveway. There was consensus that extenuating circumstances permit compensation.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Mortensen to approve construction of 2015 sidewalk improvements in the amount of \$119,211.57 with the following provisions:

1. The residents agree to the switch over to concrete aprons.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. Request for approval of a lease renewal for Stations #34/35 with the Brighton Area Fire Authority.

McCririe stated this is a five-year renewal and the existing contract is going well.

Moved by Smith, supported by Hunt to approve the lease renewal for Stations #34/35 with the Brighton Area Fire Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider approval of budgets for the Michigan Association of Planning Annual Conference.

McCririe stated that Mr. Brown's name is listed twice. One of these two entries will be changed to include Mr. Mortensen's attendance.

Moved by Rowell, supported by Ledford to approve budgets for the Michigan Association of Planning Annual Conference. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Request to enter into a closed session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268 § 8 (e).

Moved by Ledford, supported by Rowell to enter closed session. The motion carried unanimously. Closed session began at 6:53 p.m.

Moved by Smith, supported by Rowell to end closed session. Motion carried unanimously. The regular meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Member Discussion - none

Moved by Rowell, supported by Mortensen to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

(Press Argus 09/25/15)

Kathryn Poppy, Recording Secretary
Genoa Charter Township

Gary McCririe, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township