

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
October 5, 2015

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 members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Gary McCririe, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Linda Rowell, Jim Mortensen, Todd Smith and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and 14 persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Dan Wholihan – Expressed concern for the cost of attorney fees related to the Church of the Nazarene that were listed at approximately \$16,000.00.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Rowell and supported by Ledford to approve all items under the Consent Agenda as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: Sept. 21, 2015

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Ledford and supported by Rowell to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda with the tabling of items 6 & 7, the deletion of item 9, the addition of a discussion related to SELCRA and the addition of a closed session of the board to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request for approval of Resolution No. 5 [confirming the special assessment roll] for the Homestead Drive Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District Summer 2016.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Mortensen to approve Resolution No. 5 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None.

4. Request for approval of Resolution No. 3 [approving the project, cost estimates, special assessment district, and causing the special assessment roll to be prepared] for the Grand Oaks Drive Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District Summer 2016.

A call to the public was made with the following response: Ed Schrock – Will I have two assessments since I own two parcels? Hunt – There is just one assessment for your property. Moved by Ledford and supported by Mortensen to approve Resolution No. 3 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None.

5. Request for approval of Resolution No. 4 [acknowledging the filing of the special assessment roll, scheduling the second hearing and directing the issuance of statutory notices] for the Grand Oaks Drive Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District Summer 2016.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Rowell to approve Resolution No. 4 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None.

6. Presentation by Ken Palka of Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka with reference to the annual audit for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2015.

Tabled to the next regular meeting of the board scheduled for Oct. 19, 2015.

7. Request to accept the audit as submitted by the Township Auditors: Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka.

Tabled to the next regular meeting of the board scheduled for Oct. 19, 2015.

8. Request for approval of changes to the employee healthcare benefits at the recommendation of the Human Resources Director.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Rowell to approve the changes as requested:

- Increasing employee participation from 5% to 7.5% of the composite rate beginning Dec. 1, 2015
- Adding a three tier opt-out bonus representing 25% of the composite rate for all new hires beginning immediately
- Grandfather the six people who are currently receiving the opt-out rate for the next benefit year.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Request for approval of a recommendation from the Election Commission for an hourly rate of \$13.50 an hour for persons working in the clerk's office with previous experience.

Deleted at the Clerk's request.

10. Discussion of correspondence received from SELCRA with regard to their inclusion into the Brighton Area School District.

Archinal – SELCRA is struggling and cannot survive without millage. Any request for millage needs to be along school district boundaries and not township wide. Derek Smith – A participating municipality may withdraw from the Authority by resolution of the municipality’s legislative body approving the withdrawal. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to the SELCRA board not less than (6) six months prior to the end of the board’s fiscal year. The Authority will need this six month notice to dissolve. This needs to be accomplished before Dec. 15, 2015. It was the consensus of the board to consider withdrawal and continue any monetary participation previously negotiated through June 30, 2016.

11. Request to move to closed session to discuss pending litigation MCL 15.268 § 8 (e).

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Smith to move to closed session at 7:13 p.m. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None.

The regular meeting of the board was reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

Member Discussion:

Rowell – I attended Alice Training and would recommend that all staff and boards attend this program. The news coverage from an assault in Florida was viewed by the board. It was the consensus of the board that there would be a benefit from this program.

The regular Meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Gary McCririe, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township