

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

November 21, 2016

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Clerk Skolarus called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Genoa Township Hall. The following board members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Bill Rogers, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Jim Mortensen, Diana Lowe, Jean Ledford and Terry Croft. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Township Attorney Joe Steward and twelve persons in the audience.

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly-elected Genoa Township Board members by Township Clerk Skolarus. The meeting was turned over to Supervisor Rogers.

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Hunt 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: November 7, 2016

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Ledford and supported by Mortensen to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request for approval of the Principles of Governance and Endorsement by the newly-elected Board.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Mortensen to approve the Principles of Governance as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve the 2017 instructions for poverty exemption, guidelines for poverty exemption, poverty exemption application, and poverty exemption worksheet as submitted by the Township Assessor.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Skolarus to approve the 2017 instructions, guidelines, and worksheet for poverty exemptions as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

5. Request for approval of Resolution No. 161121 – The Right of Michigan to Protect our Natural Resources.

It was the consensus of the board that letters should be written individually to address this problem. No formal action was taken by the board.

6. Request to approve the Environmental Impact Assessment (11-16-2016) corresponding to the site plan for an expansion of 34 parking spaces for Brighton Dermatology located at 6888 Grand River Avenue in Brighton. The request is petitioned by Howard Lipkin.

Dr. Lipkin was in attendance for the meeting. He approved the six-foot vinyl fence as a screen for nearby property to the south. Moved by Mortensen and supported by Lowe to approve the environmental impact assessment dated 11-16-2016 subject to the following:

- 1.) All conditions of the Planning Commission being satisfied.
- 2.) A performance guarantee pursuant to Zoning Ordinance Section 21.03 shall be provided to ensure the completion of all required site improvements prior including the fence. The performance guarantee shall be provided prior to issuance of a land use permit for the additional parking.
- 3.) A fence along the south side of the retention basin and adjacent to nearby property owners will run the entire length of the property from property line to property line and will be a 6' tall vinyl privacy fence to provide better screening from the adjacent residential homeowners

The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Cleary University appealed the Grand Oaks Paving Assessment. Hunt – There was a public hearing and notices were sent to all property owners asking for objections. There was no response from Cleary University and the final roll was approved. Their request is too late to be considered by the board. No formal action was taken by the board. Hunt will send a formal response to Cleary University.

Comcast advised the board that costs to residents for service will be increased.

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

Moved by Hunt and supported by Ledford to enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

The closed session of the board was adjourned. The regular meeting was resumed at 8:08 and adjourned.

Paulette Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township Board