

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

February 6, 2017

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Supervisor Rogers called the regular meeting of the board to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. The following board members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Bill Rogers, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Jim Mortensen, Jean Ledford, Diana Lowe, and Terry Croft. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal, Township Attorney Joe Seward, and four persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from January 3 and 30, 2017 with minor revisions. Moved by Skolarus and supported by Lowe to approve items 1 through 4 listed under the consent agenda as requested, and move item 5 to the Regular Agenda for action. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1. Payment of Bills.**
- 2. Request to Approve Minutes: January 3, 2017 and January 30, 2017.**
- 3. Request to amend the personnel policy:**
 - a. To allow for a longevity bonus of \$1,250 with 25 years of service.**
 - b. A new lunch break policy as recommended by Kim Lane (Human Resources).**
- 4. Request for approval to enter into agreements to collect 2017 summer property taxes with Brighton Area Schools, Hartland Consolidated Schools, Howell Public Schools and the Livingston Educational Service Agency as submitted by the Township Treasurer.**

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Ledford and supported by Hunt was made to approve for action all items under the regular agenda as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Request to amend the Grand Beach Weed Control Special Assessment District, District Code X1101, to remove parcel #4711-14-401-005 levied in error as submitted by the Township Treasurer.**

Hunt advised the board that parcel #4711-14-401-005 was a Grand Beach Association lot and the amount originally calculated for this parcel was spread equally to 10 non-lake front parcels.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Croft to amend the Grand Beach Weed Control Special Assessment District to remove parcel #4711-14-401-005 and to correct the 2016 Winter tax bill to reflect this change. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion of a zoning change request from Dewey Thomas regarding property he owns at Chilson and Brighton Roads.

Dewey Thomas addressed the board, asking for consent to change the zoning of his property at the corner of Chilson and Brighton Roads. Archinal - A consent judgement is in place for this parcel which was approved by the board and Dewey Thomas that lists uses for this property and that a modification to this consent judgment could help Mr. Thomas so he doesn't have to ask the board permission for each inquiry about renting or selling the property. Mortensen - Under Neighborhood Service District a possible daycare facility could inhabit that location, which is safety concern at that intersection. Archinal - A modification to the consent judgement to improve flexibility will be discussed with our attorneys and Mr Thomas. Hunt - The Township is willing to work with Mr. Thomas to come to an amicable agreement. Note: Mr. Thomas was adamant that the property be rezoned commercial.

It was the consensus of the board that the Township will discuss this matter with attorneys and Mr. Thomas. No formal action was taken.

7. Request for approval of an updated water and sanitary sewer utility study for the Genoa South Latson Area from Tetra Tech in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Croft to approve an updated water and sanitary sewer utility study not to exceed \$6,500. The motion carried unanimously.

8. First Review of all budgets for the Fiscal Year Beginning April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2018.

It was the consensus of the board to recommend the following:

- Trustee compensation to increase from \$192 to \$196 per diem
- A rate study to be done for the ZBA and Planning Commission
- Township employee compensation to increase 2%
- A budget to allowance of \$125,000 for purchase of new voting equipment and software for the Township
- \$30,000 contribution to LCRC for the Pavement Preservation Program at Hacker and Hughes road

9. Request to increase the refuse collection fee for the Winter 2017 tax bill.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Hunt to increase the refuse collection fee for the Winter 2017 tax bill by \$4. The motion carried unanimously.

A Call to the Public was made was made with the following response: Sam Caramagio from Green for Life (GFL) introduced Patrick Dovigi, founder and CEO from GFL who then addressed the board. GFL operates in Canada and the US, servicing Toronto and now in Michigan as a logical progression due to proximity. Mortensen - Did GFL buy Rizzo. Dovigi - We acquired Rizzo September 30, 2016. Two weeks after acquisition, we learned of the

corruptions and bribery issues. All employees except the two involved with the briberies are still with us.

Ledford - Do we have new call center phone number? Many residents have difficulties obtaining correct information because they live in Genoa Township but their address is Pinckney, Howell, Brighton, or Hartland. Dovigi - We can address that. Rogers - I was not clear on the transfer of ownership considering there were so many meetings when Rizzo acquired Duncan Disposal, the previous refuse collector. Dovigi - Lawyers were involved to review contracts and made municipalities aware of the acquisition, that were required to.

Rogers - How many complaints logged by the Township are by unhappy residents? Hunt - The number of complaints by residents has decreased and the GFL call center number will be confirmed on the Township website. Hunt - Will the curb carts be change to reflect the new GFL look. Dovigi - A look is being worked on and all carts will be changed. Skolarus - I am happy with the service but as a service to residents, the call center needs to be aware that Township residents do live in different cities within Genoa Township. Also could we discuss that the contract year reflect the fiscal year of the Township. Rogers - Thank you to GFL, Dovigi for the explanation and any concerns will be reported and addressed.

10. Discussion regarding Livingston County Road Commission Primary Pavement Preservation Program related to budgets.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the cost sharing contribution as requested for Hacker and Hughes Roads. No formal action was taken.

11. Request for a resolution supporting the Fowlerville Area Rural Broadband Initiative.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Ledford to support by resolution #170206 Fowlerville Area Rural Broadband Initiative. The motion carried by roll call votes as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus, and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – None.

Correspondence

Genoa Township Ordinance Officer, Sharon Stone, informed the board that the home at 692 Red Oaks will be coming down by the end of February.

The regular meeting of the board was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Clerk

Tara Brown
Deputy Clerk