

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
March 20, 2017

MINUTES

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

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Elaine Thayer (President of the Walnut Hills Association) – Thayer provided an over-view of the project dated January 23, 2017 that included “yes” and “no” votes by residents of Walnut Hills. Also included was a mapping of the district.

John Blake – I moved here in 2002 after I retired from the FBI. There are eight houses around the basin. We spend a lot of money years ago and the drain issue was solved. We don't need this deluxe product today.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

1. Payment of Bills.
2. Request to Approve Minutes: March 6, 2017

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Ledford and supported by Lowe to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda with the addition of Item C under petition 3 Disposition of Salaries for Elected Officials. The amended Agenda was voted and carried unanimously.

3. Request for approval of the General Fund 101 Budget for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2018 as requested by Clerk Skolarus.

A. Call to the Public.

A call to the public was made with no response.

B. Disposition of Salaries for Elected Officials

Moved by Mortenson and supported by Croft to approve a \$1,000.00 increase for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Disposition of Budget.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Skolarus to approve the Budget for the General Fund 101 with a summary indicating \$4,413,950.00 in Revenue and \$4,269,950.00 in expenditures and allowing for a 2% increase for all staff and Trustees. There is no increase designated for either the Planning Commission or the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for approval of an amendment to Budgets 212, 261, 264, 270, and 271 for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2017.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Lowe to approve the amendments as requested by Skolarus. The motion carried unanimously

5. Request for approval of Budgets 212, 261, 264, 270, and 271 for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2018.

A. Call to the Public.

A call to the public was made with no response.

B. Disposition of Budgets.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Croft to approve the budgets as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request for approval of the following Debt Service Fund Budgets for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2018: Fund 852, 857, 859, 862, 870, 872, 873 and 875 as provided by Treasurer Hunt.

A. Call to Public

A call to the public was made with no response.

B. Disposition of budgets as requested.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Ledford to approve the Debt Service Fund budgets as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Request for approval of a resolution authorizing the Livingston County Drain Commissioner to expend in excess of \$5,000 per mile for improvements to the Walnut Hills Drain and to levy a special assessment for payment of costs incurred.

Mr. Ken Recker (Chief Deputy Director Drain Commission) addressed the board with a request for a resolution from the board authorizing the "...interim maintenance and repair of the Walnut Hills Drain in excess of \$5,000.00 per mile and, to the extent that the drain fund for the Drain contains insufficient funds for payment of costs incurred for the maintenance or repair of the Drain...". Note: The Township will share in the cost of this improvement as follows: 25% to the Genoa Charter Township, 35% to the Livingston County Drain, and 40% to homeowners within the district. The drain is expected to last 40 to 50 years. The Drain Commission will hold and apportionment hearing where all residents within the district will be notified.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Skolarus to approve the Resolution No. 170320 for Walnut Hills Drain with the creation of a four year special assessment District as requested by Mr. Recker. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Skolarus and Rogers. Nay – Mortensen. Absent – None.

Correspondence

Letters were received from the DEQ concerning an underground storage tank for the Livingston County Road Commission, the Department of Agriculture concerning an apiary for bees, and a potential municipal water district for Victory Drive.

Member Discussion

Archinal updated the board on the Crooked Lake Road access that would be rerouted through the Township Drive and the conceptual plan for a light at Latson Road and Hampton Ridge.

*Citizen's Comments- In addition to providing the public with an opportunity to address the Township Board at the beginning of the meeting, opportunity to comment on individual agenda items may be offered by the Chairman as they are presented.

The regular meeting and public hearing was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township