

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
October 2, 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, Terry Croft, Diana Lowe and Jean Ledford. Absent – Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager, Michael Archinal; Township Attorney, Joe Seward; and approximately 40 persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- 1. Payment of Bills.**
- 2. Request to Approve Minutes: September 18, 2017**

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

- 3. Presentation of the Township financial statements by auditor Ken Palka related to all Township funds and request to receive the annual audit for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.**

Palka thanked the board for their continued support and offered his “unqualified opinion” that the financial records of the township are fairly and appropriately presented as a result of the audit. The township is in very good financial condition with all fund balances being in a good position. Moved by Skolarus and supported by Hunt to receive the annual audit as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Request for approval of Resolution No. 5A [amending the special assessment roll] for the Grand Oaks Road Improvement Project Reimbursement Special Assessment District previously approved for summer 2016.**

Moved by Lowe and supported by Skolarus to approve Resolution No. 5A for the Grand Oaks Road Improvement Project as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – Mortensen.

- 5. First public hearing on the East and West Crooked Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project.**

- A. Call to the Public and Property Owners**

A call to property owners and the public was made with the following response: Craig Lesley – The aquatic weed control project is working well. He thanked the board for their continued support.

B. 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 East and West Crooked Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project Summer 2018.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Skolarus to approve Resolution No. 3 for the East and West Crooked Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Skolarus and Rogers. Absent – Mortensen. Abstain – Ledford.

C. 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 East and West Crooked Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project Summer 2018.

Moved by Hunt and supported by Skolarus to approve Resolution No. 4 for the East and West Crooked Lake Aquatic Weed Control Project as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – Mortensen.

6. Second public hearing on the Hillandale Road Improvement Project.

Skolarus advised the board of the following: The petitioner (Nicole Waligora) brought two petitions to her neighbors for consideration. The first petition proposed was to add gravel to the entire road, but was deemed too expensive by the homeowners. The second petition, the one used to petition the board, was to add four inches of gravel to the worst part of the road, grade the remaining sections, fill pot holes, crown the road and apply chloride as the final product. Two letters of objection were received with 74% of the residents signing the petition.

A. Call to Property Owners and the Public.

A call to the public and property owners was made with the following response: Allen Pruehs – We are north of the hill and request that our property be removed from the district. Our road is fine in front of our home and we should only be charged for chloride. Nicole Waligora – Most neighbors are excited to get the work done. Our neighborhood fixes small portions of the road once or twice a year. There is still a benefit as property value will be increased. Sue Ringuette – I did not realize what was going on with this road. The first five houses on Hillandale are getting no benefit. It was not explained to the neighbors that gravel was only going to be added to the center. There were no competitive bids taken.

B. Request for approval of Resolution No. 5 [confirming the special assessment roll] for the Hillandale Road Improvement Project Summer 2018.

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Croft to approve Resolution No. 5 for the Hillandale Road Improvement project as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote

as follows: Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None. Absent – Mortensen.

7. Request for approval of 2018 meeting and holiday schedule.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the schedules adding a second meeting on Dec. 17, 2018.

The regular meeting and public hearing of the board was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township Board