

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
November 4, 2019

MINUTES

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

A Call to the Public was made with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Lowe to approve items 2 and 3 from the Consent Agenda and move the payment of bills to the Regular Agenda for discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: October 21, 2019

3. Request to approve the re-appointment of Jim Mortensen to the Planning Commission and Jean Ledford to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term expiring 11/ 20/ 2020.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Lowe and supported by Ledford to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda with the addition of the payment of bills. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

Mortensen – We should be getting points or cash back on our credit card charges. Archinal will review the procedure with our bank. Moved by Mortensen and supported by Lowe to approve for payment all bills as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for approval of Resolution No. 191104 concerning an amendment to election law relative to application for absent voter balloting as requested by Skolarus.

A call to the public was made with the following response: Dan Wholihan – I am opposed to this resolution, people move and this opens the door to fraud.

County Clerk Elizabeth Hundley contacted Skolarus by phone and encouraged a resolution allowing one application for each calendar year. Rogers also voiced concern about the number of elections that are being held when they could be consolidated with the primary or general election. It was the consensus of the board to edit the resolution and return the request to the board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Moved by Lowe and supported by Hunt to table until the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to approve a mailing to be attached to the December tax bill with regard to the election season of 2020 as requested by Skolarus.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Ledford to approve the mailing with minor changes as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request for approval of Resolution 5-A - Earl Lake Road Improvement Project an Amendment for Special Assessment Roll reduction of \$14,535.73.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Ledford to approve the resolution as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers Nays – None.

Member Discussion:

Archinal –

- We should review the signage, lighting to the entrance to the Township off Dorr Road to enhance visibility of the access.
- With regard to the Dillon Road Improvement Project, it has been determined that the existing drainage structure on Brighton Road cannot take the additional flow from the road project. Alternatives are being discussed.
- The Brighton Rotary supplies turkey dinners to those in need. If you know of anyone in need, please let me know.

Rogers – We should also look at the driveway entrance along Dorr for an expansion at the same time. In addition, Planning Commissioner Doug Brown has verbally tendered his resignation from the Planning Commission effective Jan 1, 2020.

Croft – I will be meeting SEMCOG to review grants this coming week.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Croft to adjourn the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board at 7:15 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township Board