

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
October 19, 2020

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; Township Attorney, Joe Seward; and two persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Brandon Denby – I am here as a small business owner and am concerned with the changes to your zoning ordinance. I believe that these changes will create an infringement on our 1st amendment rights. This change includes intent to remove nuisance sign but will have a larger negative impact on land owners and their rights. The county and State may have a right-of-way but then do not have fee simple interest to do as they please. If this board does not want small yard signs between every stop sign than say that. Please take another look at this change.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Mortensen to approve the payment of bills as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: Sept. 21, 2020

Moved by Hunt and supported by Lowe to approve the Minutes of the 09/21/2020 regular meeting of the board changing the numbering system of the consent agenda items when they are moved to the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request for approval of rate changes for Lake Edgewood Conference Center Water (\$4.28/1,000 gallons to \$5.81/1,000 gallons) and Lake Edgewood Water (\$4.10/1,000 gallons to \$5.56/1,000 gallons.)

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Croft that based on Brighton City Rate increases, on Dec. 1, 2020, the following water rate adjustments will become effective: Increase the Lake Edgewood Conference Center Water (from

\$4.28/1,000 gallons to \$5.81/1,000 gallons) and Lake Edgewood Water (from \$4.10/1,000 gallons to \$5.56/1,000 gallons.) The motion carried unanimously.

4. Conduct second reading and consider for adoption ordinance number Z-20-04 regarding Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments involving changes to Article 16 entitled “Sign Standards”.

Township Planner Kelly VanMarter presented a slide show related to Article 16 entitled Sign Standards. The zoning text was discussed by all members of the board and public. Ms. VanMarter will take the advice of board members and comments from Township Attorney Joe Seward into consideration with minor changes to setbacks, sign restrictions, permit requirements, and days allowed. Moved by Hunt and supported by Lowe to table until the next regular meeting of the board scheduled for Nov. 2, 2020. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers Nays – None.

5. Request for approval of appointments of Township officials to commissions and committees as recommended by the Township Supervisor pending the outcome of the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Hunt to approve the recommendation of Rogers as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

Archinal – We have added a third dumpster for our yard waste collection scheduled in November. There are no rewards for government entities with regard to credit cards. The Grand River sidewalk construction is moving forward. MDOT requires a full time inspector and the project is expected to take 13 weeks instead of the original 5 weeks that was projected.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Mortensen to adjourn the Regular and Public Hearing of the Board at 8:42 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township Board