

## **GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Regular Meeting/Public Hearing

February 1, 2021

### **MINUTES.**

*Due to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services requirements, this meeting will be conducted virtually. The public may participate in the meeting/public hearing through Zoom access by computer and smart phone. A link will be posted at [genoa.org](http://genoa.org). Please email [info@genoa.org](mailto:info@genoa.org) or call (810) 227-5225 if you have questions.*

Supervisor Rogers called the Regular/Virtual Meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. The following members were present and asked to identify their location, constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Bill Rogers – Genoa Township, Paulette Skolarus – Genoa Township, Robin Hunt – Genoa Township, Jean Ledford – Genoa Township, Terry Croft – Genoa Township, Jim Mortensen – Genoa Township, and Diana Lowe – Genoa Township. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and no persons in the audience. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Bill Gavin – I wish to thank the board for their consideration of additional recycling service. A letter was emailed to the township concerning the special site plan proposal on Chilson Road. The proponent has a vision for a high impact use for a chapel, hospital research facility, long term care home and medical school on 40 acres. I think our residents need to be better informed of the proposal which could result in far-reaching commercial uses in the future.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

Request for approval of the consent agenda – Moved by Ledford and supported by Hunt to approve items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **1. Payment of Bills.**

#### **2. Request to Approve Minutes: January 4, 2021**

#### **3. Request to Approve Minutes: January 13, 2021 Special Board Meeting**

#### **4. Request approval to enter into agreements to collect 2021 summer property taxes for the Brighton Area Schools, Hartland Consolidated**

**Schools, Howell Public Schools, and the Livingston Educational Service Agency as submitted by the Township Treasurer.**

**6. Request for approval to award the Oak Pointe Equalization Tank Corrosion Prevention Lining work to Advanced Rehabilitation Technology in the amount of \$50,000.**

Regular Agenda:

Request for approval of the regular agenda: Moved by Hunt and supported by Mortensen to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Request to allow the Township Clerk Paulette Skolarus to execute the following schools agreements: Livingston Education Service Agency Intermediate School District, Brighton Area School District Agreement, Hartland Consolidated School District Agreement, Howell Public School District Agreement, and Pinckney School District Agreement.**

Hunt – I want to be sure that we are “opting in” on the school elections. Moved by Lowe and supported by Ledford to allow the Clerk to execute the school agreements – “opting in”. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. Review of the second draft of the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget for all funds related to Township expenditures and revenues as previously discussed during budget reviews.**

Moved by Lowe and supported by Ledford to allow discussion. The call to the public continued throughout the meeting with no response from the public.

Skolarus – We are reviewing budgets related to Township revenue and expenditures for the next fiscal year. The General Fund No. 101 includes transfers to Future Road Improvements for \$900,000.00, \$500,000.00 to Future Development Parks and Recreation, and a 2% increase for all staff. It also includes a budget of \$1,185,000.00 for refuse collection/recycling and disposal with revenue of \$1,050,000.00 with an \$8.00 annual increase for township residents.

Archinal – Weekly recycling is a public benefit. We provide refuse/recycling at a dramatically cheaper cost than our residents would be able to contract for individually. There is significant staff time used to answer concerns from our residents. We must answer whether we need recycling every month and whether our residents are willing to pay an extra \$2.43 each month. Skolarus –

During our meeting earlier we discussed polling our community to see how many households wanted the extra service. Mortensen – Would this be a skilled market research? Hunt – We are talking a survey. Mortensen – We got a lot of money. I don't need a market survey or research. Archinal – This draft budget would increase the cost from \$145.00 to \$157.00. Hunt – The Dec. 2020 tax bill cost for refuse/recycling covers the year 2021 and not any change we would make. Mortensen – Ask Waste Management for data. Archinal – I will get stats from Waste Management. Rogers – A resolution for \$12.00 annual increase should be on the next agenda to partially cover the cost of weekly recycling.

No correspondence was received in the board packet but the letter from Bill Galvin is acknowledged.

Member Discussion: Ledford asked about the Keller Williams mailing with the township logo. Archinal stated that it was a tasteful application. Rogers advised that the Credit Union on Dorr and Grand River was closing.

The regular/virtual meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk  
Genoa Charter Township Board