

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Special Meeting

July 6, 2021

MINUTES

Supervisor Rogers called the Special 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: Jim DelKamp – Across from Clifford and south of Brighton Road there has been clear cutting of 50 acres of property. I have been told that the property will be sold. There is also 40 acres off Cunningham Lake Road. I was advised by Mr. Jason Hartman to talk to the Township Board about the property. These two parcels get a lot of use for hiking, sledding, cross country skiing and recreation. It is also being re-planted with hard woods. This is a Township natural resource and should be made useful to all of us.

Request for approval of the Regular Agenda:

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Hunt to approve for action item 1 on the Regular Agenda, adding the Resolution No. 210706. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Request for approval of a Resolution No. 210706 establishing a moratorium on issuance of certain permits and/or approvals as they relate to modifications to structures in any zoning district in order to cultivate marijuana as a patient caregiver.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Croft to approve Resolution No. 210706 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 – A large percent of our township is not well served with either cable or broadband. Our school children in those areas suffered as a result of this non-service. Comcast has not been excited to extend service to these remote areas. Our franchise agreement with Comcast is not exclusive. We have been meeting with an ISP called MiSignal, a local company who can and is willing to provide service. They are located in Howell. Our Township will be receiving over 2-Million in Covid relief money and one of the permitted uses is the expansion of broadband. We are working through a draft agreement with MiSignal and with concurrence of Attorney Joe Seward. The potential benefits are significant in regard to serving our underutilized areas.

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Lowe to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board at 7:00 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township Board

Bill Rogers, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township Board