

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
June 5, 2023**

MINUTES

Supervisor Rogers called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 pm at the Township Hall. The following members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Bill Rogers, Jean Ledford, Terry Croft, Diana Lowe, Robin Hunt, and Paulette Skolarus. Absent was Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Kelly VanMarter and two people in the audience.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The call to the public was opened at 6:31 pm with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Ms. Hunt requested to have Item #2 moved to the Regular Agenda.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Lowe, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

1. Payment of Bills: June 5, 2023

Regular Agenda

Moved by Ledford, supported by Croft, to approve the Regular Agenda as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2. **Request to approve May 15, 2023 regular meeting minutes.**

Ms. Hunt stated the sentence on Page 2, for Item #4 should read "It would become a lien on the property and would have to be paid upon sale of the property".

Moved by Hunt, supported by Lowe, to approve the May 15, 2023 regular meeting minutes as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Request for approval of a fireworks display located at Lake Trust Stadium on June 15, 2023 as submitted by Cleary University.**

Ms. Hunt noted that the Brighton Area Fire Authority has reviewed this; however, she would like to add a stipulation that they evaluate the dry weather conditions prior to the event.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Lowe, to approve the Public Fireworks Display permit located at Lake Trust Stadium for Cleary University on June 15, 2023 provided that all requirements of the Brighton Area Fire Authority are met, including their evaluation of the dry weather conditions prior to the event. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Request for approval of a fireworks display on West Crooked Lake for Oak Pointe Country Club on July 3, 2023 as submitted by Michael Freeland of Ace Pyro LLC.

Ms. Hunt does not believe that the stipulation regarding the dry weather needs to be included in this motion due to its being held over the lake.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Ledford, to approve the Public Fireworks Display permit for Michael Freeland and Oak Pointe Country Club located at a floating platform in West Crooked Lake on July 3, 2023 provided that all requirements of the Brighton Area Fire Authority are met. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Skolarus noted that each of these applications show different amounts of insurance. Cleary is providing \$2 million, and Oak Pointe is providing \$5 million. Ms. VanMarter stated that she and the Township Supervisor reviewed the insurance policies that were submitted in prior years and the lowest was \$1 million. They determined that \$1 million would be the minimum required for general liability and \$1 million for general aggregate. This was shared with each of the applicants, and they have chosen to provide more insurance.

5. Request to approve a project agreement with the Livingston County Road Commission to reconstruct 0.2 miles of Stillriver Drive from the cul-de-sac to Natanna Trail within the Ravines of Rolling Ridge Subdivision with the Township's cost not to exceed \$125,000.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Croft, to approve the Project Agreement with the Livingston County Road Commission to reconstruct 0.2 miles of Stillriver Drive from the cul-de-sac to Natanna Trail within the Ravines of Rolling Ridge Subdivision with the Township's cost not to exceed \$125,000. **The motion carried unanimously.**

6. Request to approve Quote Number 4420154000003856055 with Softline Solutions to replace the poured-in-place rubber surfacing and to convert the soccer kick wall turf to a rubber surface at the Genoa Township Park at a cost not to exceed \$132,000 and to amend budget line item 208- 751-934-015 from \$100,000 to \$132,000.

Mr. Rogers stated that a five-year warranty is included in this quote; however, this evening, Ms. VanMarter provided the Board with additional quotes that include seven and ten-year warranties.

Ms. VanMarter stated \$100,000 is budgeted to replace the poured-in-place rubber surfacing and to convert the soccer kick wall turf to a rubber surface. She displayed photographs showing the current condition of the existing material. The company who will be on site to install the same rubber surface in the Senior Survivor Park provided a quote to have this replaced as well as change the turf at the soccer wall. She is requesting a budget transfer of \$32,000 to cover the quoted price. If this work is completed at one time, instead of waiting until next fiscal year, it should save the Township approximately \$15,000-\$18,000. The life cycle of the poured-in-place rubber is approximately 10 years, so she recommends purchasing a five-year warranty.

Ms. Skolarus asked when this was installed. Ms. VanMarter stated the swing area was installed in 2012, the fitness area was installed in 2013, the toddler area and soccer wall area were installed in 2011. Ms. Skolarus noted this is a lot of money and suggested installing wood chips.

Ms. VanMarter stated the Township has a beautiful playground area and this surface material is one of the reasons. This is a much safer material. Installing wood chips would be a step down in the quality of the park.

Moved by Hunt, support by Croft, to approve Quote Number 4420154000003856055 with Softline Solutions to replace the poured-in-place rubber surfacing and to convert the soccer kick wall turf to a rubber surface at the Genoa Township Park at a cost not to exceed \$132,000 and to amend budget line item 208-751-934-015 from \$100,000 to \$132,000. **The motion carried unanimously.**

7. Discussion regarding renewal of the community cooperative contract with the Livingston County Sheriff.

Supervisor Rogers noted the cost will increase from \$35 per hour to \$70 per hour / \$25,000 a year to \$35,000 per year. Additionally, Howell Schools has decided to have one officer from the Sheriff's Department dedicated only to their schools. He has requested data from Sheriff Murphy detailing the number and nature of the emergency calls that have been made in Genoa Township. He will provide this information to the Board when it is received.

Ms. Hunt would like to see what service was provided for the money that was spent.

Ms. Ledford does not recommend increasing the amount of funding the Township currently pays for their contract with the Livingston County Sheriff.

Ms. Lowe would like to see the details of the contract.

Ms. VanMarter stated currently there is one deputy who oversees the Howell Schools as well as the four townships. Howell Schools is proposing to have one officer dedicated to their schools and then the other one would cover the four Townships, and that is what is causing the increase.

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Ms. Skolarus does not see the benefit to one officer covering all four townships. She would like to have coverage for the elections. Mr. Rogers stated that the deputy assigned to the townships can be requested to provide coverage for elections.

Member Discussion

Ms. Skolarus stated that some of the flowers and plants that were put at the cemetery were stolen.

Ms. Lowe stated she will be appointed Chairperson of the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority at their next meeting. Supervisor Rogers stated that he and Ms. Lowe met with the surrounding township supervisors to begin the discussion of how the townships can work together to provide recreation in the county.

Adjournment

Moved by Hunt, supported by Croft, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Paulette Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Bill Rogers, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township