GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
June 2, 2025

MINUTES

Call to Order

Supervisor Spicher called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 pm at the Township Hall.

Invocation

Supervisor Spicher led the invocation for the Board and the members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

The following members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Kevin Spicher, Candie Hovarter, Robin Hunt, Bill Reiber, Rick Soucy, and Todd Walker. Absent was Janene Deaton.

Also present was Township Manager Kelly VanMarter and five people in the audience.

Call to the Public

The call to the public was opened at 6:32 pm.

Ms. Jodie Valenti of 3535 Beattie Road is the director of the Brighton Senior Center. She is available to answer any questions during the senior center discussion this evening.

Ms. Lynne Bondy of 2922 Weatherly Road is in support of the two resolutions for the road improvements. She appreciates the Township's assistance and contribution.

Mr. Garrett Bondy of 2922 Weatherly Road is in support of the two resolutions for the road improvements. It will help the property values.

The call to the public was closed at 6:35 pm.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

1. **Payment of Bills: June 2, 2025**

2. **Request to approve the May 19, 2025 regular meeting minutes.**

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Reiber, supported by Walker, to approve the Regular Agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Request for approval of Resolution 250602 to approve the Assessor's Affidavit of the 2025 Millage Levies for Genoa Charter Township establishing the millage rate at 0.7752. (Roll Call)**

Mr. Reiber asked why the Township does not further reduce the millage rate, if what is being proposed is the maximum. Supervisor Spicher stated the Township has a very low millage rate. If the millage is lowered, the Township's budget would need to be reduced.

Ms. VanMarter stated this is actually the lowest amount based on the formula that is used. There is a balance between the services that are provided to residents and the millage rate.

Ms. Hunt compared the surrounding townships and their millage rates, and, except for Tyrone Township, Genoa has the lowest one. She noted the pie chart in the packet shows how much of the taxes collected actually stays in the Township.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Walker, to approve Resolution 250602 to approve the Assessor's Affidavit of the 2025 Millage Levies for Genoa Charter Township establishing the millage rate at 0.7752. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Spicher - yes; Hunt - yes; Reiber - yes; Walker - yes; Hovarter - yes; Soucy - yes)**

4. **Request for approval of Resolution #1 to Proceed with the Project and Direct Preparation of the Plans and Cost Estimates for the Genoa Estates No. 1 (Weatherly and Russell Drive) Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2025). (Roll Call)**

Ms. VanMarter provided the details of the project for Items #4 and #5.

Moved by Soucy, supported by Hovarter, to approve Resolution #1 to proceed with the Genoa Estates No. 1 (Weatherly and Russell Drive) Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2025) and direct preparation of the plans and cost estimates. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Walker - yes; Hovarter - yes; Reiber - yes; Hunt - yes; Spicher - yes; Soucy - yes)**

5. **Request for approval of Resolution #2 to Approve the Project, Schedule the First Hearing for June 16, 2025, and Direct Issuance of Statutory Notices for the Genoa**

Estates No. 1 (Weatherly and Russell Drive) Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2025). (Roll Call)

Moved by Reiber, supported by Walker, to approve Resolution #2 to approve the Genoa Estates No. 1 (Weatherly and Russell Drive) Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2025), to schedule the first public hearing for June 16, 2025 and to direct the issuance of statutory notice. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Hovarter - yes; Hunt - yes; Reiber yes; Soucy - yes; Spicher - yes; Walker - yes)**

Items for Discussion:

6. Discussion regarding voucher program for resident membership in area senior centers.

Supervisor Spicher stated this item was discussed at a recent town hall meeting. Twenty percent of the Genoa Township population is over the age of 65. There are six senior centers within 15 miles of the Township Hall so there is no need for Genoa Township to build their own. He suggests the Township advise their residents of their options and work to make it affordable for them to participate in one of the centers.

Ms. Hunt agrees to help our seniors. She likes the voucher system that the City of Brighton provides for their residents.

Mr. Reiber agrees with assisting residents and agrees with the voucher system.

Ms. Valenti stated that 1/3 of her members live in Genoa Township, 1/3 is from the City of Brighton, 1/3 is from Brighton Township, and very few from Green Oak Township.

Correspondence

None

Member Updates

Mr. Soucy stated there was an election commission meeting to change the precincts. It is being reduced from nine to six. Supervisor Spicher stated this will save money. The nine-day early voting and absentee voting has reduced the amount of voters on election day.

Ms. Hovarter went on a tour of the hospital expansion. It will be a Level 3 trauma center, have 56 beds and that can be increased to over 90 without the need for another addition. There will not be a birthing center so those patients will still need to go to Ann Arbor. The Howell hospital will be closed.

Board Comments

Ms. VanMarter stated the Assessing Department was recently audited and it went well. They were found to be substantially compliant.

Adjournment

Moved by Soucy, supported by Hunt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas
Recording Secretary

Approved: Janene Deaton, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Kevin Spicher, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township