

Genoa Charter Township Board Meeting

October 20, 2025

Approved Minutes

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
October 20, 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, Janene Deaton, Candie Hovarter, Robin Hunt, Bill Reiber, Rick Soucy, and Todd Walker.

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

**Call to the Public**

The call to the public was opened at 6:31 pm.

Mr. Jeff Dhaenens of 5494 Sharp Drive congratulated the board members for serving for a year. He loves his community and wants to welcome others into it. He stated the 12 month moratorium on zoning changes could hinder developers from coming into the township. He thanked the board for having Sheriff Murphy here. There are other ways to increase public safety in the township rather than having more speed traps on Chilson Road.

Ms. Debra Beattie of 3109 Pineview Trail stated the moratorium will slow down development, which many people want to see. She lives off of Chilson Road and rarely sees officers there.

The call to the public was closed at 6:36 pm.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

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- 1. Payment of Bills: October 20, 2025**
- 2. Request to approve the October 6, 2025 regular meeting minutes.**

**Approval of Regular Agenda:**

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

- 3. Consideration of a request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding combined sewer and water utility operational contract for the Marion, Howell, Oceola, and Genoa Sewer and Water Authority (MHOG), the Genoa-Oceola Sewer and Water Authority (G-O), Howell Township, and Genoa Charter Township.**

Dr. Greg Tatara, MHOG Utilities Director, thanked Genoa Township for supporting the utility operations for all four townships in MHOG. It has been beneficial having all of these systems operating together. It allows them to provide better service, lower costs, and improved control over the utility systems.

He provided a history of the formation of MHOG, noting that it has been under the control of the Genoa Township Board since it was formed in 2011. He is now recommending that MHOG operate under its own MHOG Board. Each of the townships will have two voting members on the board. This will also help Genoa Township with liability over all of the employees and equipment.

Ms. Hunt stated starting MHOG was the best decision for Genoa at that time, and she agrees with this change being done now.

Dr. Tatara stated that the other communities have agreed to this change.

**Moved** by Walker, supported by Hunt, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding combined sewer and water utility operational contract for the Marion, Howell, Oceola, and Genoa Sewer and Water Authority (MHOG), the Genoa-Oceola Sewer and Water Authority (G-O), Howell Township, and Genoa Charter Township. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Member Updates**

Ms. Hovarter stated the Legends of Sleep Hollow event was held on Saturday.

Mr. Walker stated BAFA discussed the fall open house at their previous meeting. Supervisor Spicher stated BAFA staff has moved out of Station #31 in preparation for the remodeling. They are now at the station on Old 23 and Hyne.

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**Board Comments**

Mr. Soucy stated that each year SEMCOG holds a Safe Streets campaign. He has ordered pamphlets and other items to give away to township residents as part of the campaign.

Mr. Reiber stated that his church held a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday. He questioned if the township has ever done one here. Supervisor Spicher stated that he is not aware of any.

Supervisor Spicher stated the moratorium is only for zoning changes and special use permits. Any projects that have started will be allowed to continue. Ms. Hunt stated that the key is that it is only rezonings.

Mr. Soucy stated that the Master Plan survey is available at this time. Mr. Reiber questioned how many people have participated at this time.

Supervisor Spicher stated there will be CPR/AED training presented by the Livingston County Sheriff at the township hall on October 27 from 6 pm to 10 pm. Wednesday, October 29 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am will be Coffee with a Cop with a Livingston County Deputy. On Wednesday, October 22, there will be a Special Board Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Ms. VanMarter stated Giffels Webster manages the survey so she will contact them to gather the data for the survey responses. She will also check to see how many residents have signed up to participate in the CPR/AED class and the Coffee With a Cop Event..

Ms. Deaton stated on November 1, 2025 the yard waste cleanup will be held at the Township Hall. The Big Red Barrel will also be here that day. Sharps will also be collected. They must be in a special container.

Ms. VanMarter stated she has been working with Forest View subdivision on a special assessment district. They have over 60 percent support so it should be on the next meeting's agenda.

**Adjournment**

**Moved** by Deaton, supported by Walker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas  
Recording Secretary



Approved: Janene Deaton, Clerk  
Genoa Charter Township  
Rick Soucy



Kevin Spicher, Supervisor  
Genoa Charter Township