

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Special Meeting
January 28, 2026

MINUTES

Call to Order

Supervisor Spicher called the special 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, Jodie Valenti, and Todd Walker.

Also present was Township Manager Kelly VanMarter, Planning Director Amy Ruthig, and four people in the audience.

Call to the Public

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

Mr. Jim Carpenter of 4715 Stillmeadow Drive stated he watched the previous meeting online and it was easy to see and hear, one of the baseball diamonds on Latson Road is close to the road so he suggests boulders be placed there to protect the people there, and he understands that there will be development at Latson Road and I-96 but he hopes it is not an Amazon warehouse and would like the board to communicate with the public as to what is being proposed.

Ms. Deb Beattie of 3109 Pineview Trail read a social media post she published outlining the types of businesses that the residents do and do not want to be developed at I-96 and Latson Road, and they do not want Latson Road to be widened.

Mr. Andrew Kimble of 1037 East Davis Road stated this is a rural community and he does not want Latson to look like Telegraph. The board should listen to their constituents.

The call to the public was closed at 6:38 pm.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

- 1. Closed session to consult with the Township attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with Latson Partners et al v. Genoa Charter Township and Latson Beck et al v. Genoa Charter Township pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e).**
 - a. A. Consider motion to enter into closed session to consult with the Township attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e). (roll call)**
 - b. Consider motion to conclude the closed session and return to open session. (roll call)**

Moved by Hovarter, supported by Valenti, to enter into a closed session to consult with the Township attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e). **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Reiber – yes; Hunt – yes; Valenti – yes; Hovarter – yes; Walker – yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes).**

The board entered into the closed session at 6:41 pm.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Soucy, to conclude the closed session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Hovarter – yes; Valenti – yes; Hunt – yes; Reiber – yes; Walker – yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes)**

The closed session ended at 8:53 pm.

Board Comments

The CPR class had 28 people signed up and 14 attended. The weather contributed to many of those absences.

Mr. Walker stated he received an email from Deputy Fire Chief Siriani on January 20 advising BAFA was very busy due to the weather conditions, mostly there were vehicle accidents on I-96 and US-23.

Adjournment

Moved by Walker, supported by Valenti, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas
Recording Secretary

Approved: Rick Soucy, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Kevin Spicher, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township