

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2026**

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, Jodie Valenti, and Todd Walker.

Also present was Township Manager Kelly VanMarter and 17 people in the audience.

Call to the Public

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

Ms. Kristina Lyke of 8162 Majestic Boulevard, Fowlerville stated she is running for 44th Circuit Court Judge. She described her childhood, education, and the role of a circuit court judge. She provided her work history, experience, and what she would do if she was elected.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- 1. Payment of Bills: March 16, 2026**
- 2. Request to approve the March 2, 2026 regular meeting minutes.**
- 3. Request to approve a project agreement with the Livingston County Road**

Commission to repave approximately 0.75 miles Clifford Road between Brighton Road and Filbert Drive through the Pavement Preservation Program (PPP) with the Township's cost up to 50% of the project costs, not to exceed \$207,500 from Road Improvement Fund #401-446-812-014.

- 4. Request to approve a project agreement with the Livingston County Road Commission to repave approximately 0.31 miles of Brighton Road west of Chilson Road to the end of pavement through the Pavement Preservation Program (PPP) with the Township's cost up to 50% of the project costs, not to exceed \$75,000 from Road Improvement Fund #401-446-812-015.**
- 5. Request to approve a project agreement with the Livingston County Road Commission for limestone resurfacing, tree work, limited drainage and other necessary related work for approximately 5,500 feet of Beck Road from Latson Road to Chilson Road with the Township's cost not to exceed \$165,000 from Road Improvement Fund #401-446-812-016.**
- 6. Request to approve a project agreement with the Livingston County Road Commission for gravel resurfacing, tree work, limited drainage and other necessary related work for approximately 2,650 feet of Hubert Road from end of pavement to Herbst Road with the Township's cost not to exceed \$85,000 from Road Improvement Fund #401-446-812-018.**

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

- 7. Public Hearing on the proposed North Shore Commons Condominium Private Road Improvement Special Assessment Project.**
 - A. Call to the Property Owners**
 - B. Call to the Public**

The call to the property owners was opened at 6:37 pm.

Ms. Sharon Curtiss of 3190 Mackenzie Drive is one of the 70 percent of homeowners who are in favor of this special assessment. She described the condition of their roads.

Mr. Mike Vanhoucke of 3175 Mackenzie Drive stated he is a new resident and he appreciates the treatment he receives when he comes to the township hall. He thanked the board and asked for their approval of the project.

Mr. Glenn Kelly of 4947 New Haven Drive described the condition of the roads and stated this project will increase the property values of the homes and increase tax income for the township. He urged them to approve the project.

The call to the property owners was closed at 6:41 pm.

The call to the public was opened at 6:41 pm with no response.

8. Request for approval of Resolution #3 - Approving the Project Cost Estimates, Special Assessment District and causing the Special Assessment Roll to be prepared for the North Shore Commons Condominium Private Road Improvement Special Assessment Project (summer tax 2026). (Roll Call)

Ms. Hunt stated this will be on the summer tax bill and if any residents would like to pay it in full to avoid interest, it needs to be paid by June 8, 2026.

Moved by Hovarter, supported by Valenti, to approve Resolution #3 - Approving the Project Cost Estimates, Special Assessment District and causing the Special Assessment Roll to be prepared for the North Shore Commons Condominium Private Road Improvement Special Assessment Project. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Reiber - yes; Hunt - yes; Valenti - yes; Hovarter - yes; Walker - yes; Soucy - yes; Spicher - yes)**

9. Request for approval of Resolution #4 - Resolution Acknowledging the Filing of the Special Assessment Roll, Scheduling the Second Hearing for April 6, 2026 and Directing the Issuance of Statutory Notices for the North Shore Commons Condominium Private Road Improvement Special Assessment Project (summer tax 2026). (Roll Call)

Moved by Hunt, supported by Soucy to approve Resolution #4 - Resolution Acknowledging the Filing of the Special Assessment Roll, Scheduling the Second Hearing for April 6, 2026 and Directing the Issuance of Statutory Notices for the North Shore Commons Condominium Private Road Improvement Special Assessment Project. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Hunt - yes; Valenti - yes; Hovarter - yes; Walker - yes; Reiber - yes; Soucy - yes; Spicher - yes)**

10. Consideration of a request for approval of amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 and approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Lake Edgewood Sewer System.

Supervisor Spicher stated that Dr. Tatara was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Ms. Hunt stated Dr. Tatara provided a very thorough memorandum. He worked with Ken Palka, the township's accountant. She is confident in what he is requesting.

Moved by Soucy, supported by Hovarter, to approve the amended FY 2026 Operating Budget and approve the FY 2027 Operating Budget for the Lake Edgewood Sewer System. **The motion carried unanimously.**

11. Consideration of a request for approval to increase the Lake Edgewood metered sewer charge from \$7.83 per 1,000 gallons to \$8.06 per 1,000 gallons, increase the flat rate sewer charge from \$153.03 per quarter to \$157.62 per quarter, and to set the minimum sewer bill from \$70.47 to \$72.54 for usage of 9,000 gallons per quarter or less effective upon the next quarterly billing cycle.

Ms. Hunt reiterated her confidence in Dr. Tatara work and the dollar amounts that he is proposing.

Moved by Soucy, supported by Walker, to increase the Lake Edgewood metered sewer charge from \$7.83/1,000 gallons to \$8.06/1,000 gallons, increase the flat rate sewer charge from \$153.03/quarter to \$157.62/quarter, and set the minimum sewer bill from \$70.47 to \$72.54 for usage of 9,000 gallons per quarter or less. **The motion carried unanimously.**

12. Consideration of a request for approval of amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 and approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Oak Pointe Water System.

Mr. Reiber questioned why two different systems would receive different rate increases. Supervisor Spicher stated it is determined by the cost of operating the system and how many users there are.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Soucy, to approve the amended FY 2026 Operating Budget and approve the FY 2027 Operating Budget for the Oak Pointe Water System. **The motion carried unanimously.**

13. Consideration of a request for approval to increase the Oak Pointe Water metered charge from \$4.53 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.76 per 1,000 gallons effective upon the next quarterly billing cycle.

Moved by Soucy, supported by Walker, to increase the Oak Pointe metered water charge from \$4.53/1,000 gallons to \$4.76/1,000 gallons for FY 2027. **The motion carried unanimously.**

14. Consideration of a request for approval of amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 and approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Oak Pointe Sewer System.

It was stated that there were six grinder pumps replaced during the current fiscal year. The replacement does not only include the pump but other work that needs to be done. Photos were shown of employees replacing the pumps in very challenging conditions. Mr. Soucy stated it is approximately \$12,000 to replace one pump.

Moved by Soucy, supported by Hunt, to approve the amended FY 2026 Operating Budget and approve the FY 2027 Operating Budget for the Oak Pointe Sewer System. **The motion carried unanimously.**

15. Consideration of a request for approval to increase the Oak Pointe Sewer System from \$7.58 per 1,000 gallons to \$7.81 per 1,000 gallons and to increase the grinder pump fee from \$55.00 per quarter to \$75.00 per quarter with other rates and charges unchanged in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the Oak Pointe Sewer System effective upon the next quarterly billing cycle.

Moved by Soucy, supported by Valenti, to increase the Lake Edgewood metered sewer charge from \$7.58/1,000 gallons to \$7.81/1,000 gallons and increase the grinder pump fee from \$55/quarter to \$75/quarter, keeping all other rates and charges the same. **The motion carried unanimously.**

16. Review of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Third Quarter budget to actual report.

Mr. Reiber questioned why all of the budget funds remain in the FY 25/26 budget if they will not be spent by the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Hunt stated these dollar amounts are only through December 2025. Ms. VanMarter provided an explanation of the dollar amounts; specifically the revenue portion on both of the budgets do not show the winter taxes being received. This will be shown by the end of March. Ms. Hunt added that the taxes that were not paid and sent to the county for collection will not be received until June. Supervisor Spicher stated these amounts are staff's best estimates of the revenue and expenses for the third quarter of the budget.

17. Request for approval of year-end budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 involving budget fund numbers: 101, 202, 208, 212, 249, 401, 402, 464, and 532. (Roll Call)

Supervisor Spicher noted that the board has previously approved Ms. Valenti voting on this item as her position as the senior center director does not cause her to have a conflict of interest.

Ms. VanMarter stated that a bill of \$6,000 for postage was received today, so she is asking the board to increase that line item to \$30,200.

Mr. Reiber asked why there was no money spent on recruitment. Ms. VanMarter stated there is not a specific line item for recruitment so it was charged to miscellaneous.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Walker, to approve the year-end budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 involving budget fund numbers: 101, 202, 208, 212, 249, 401, 402, 464, 532 and 853, including the amendment for postage discussed this evening. **The motion carried**

unanimously with a roll call vote (Hovarter - yes; Valenti - yes; Hunt - yes; Reiber - yes; Walker - yes; Soucy - yes; Spicher - yes)

18. Request for approval of Resolution 260316 in Opposition to the Passage of Michigan House of Representative Bills 5531, 5581-5584 regarding Local Municipality Zoning Authority. (Roll Call)

Supervisor Spicher noted some of the specific laws that are being proposed in these bills. The bills are targeted to allow for more affordable housing and remove the local government's ability to determine the zoning for their own townships.

Moved by Soucy, supported by Walker, to approve Resolution 260316 in opposition to the Passage of Michigan House of Representatives Bills 5529-5532 and 5581-5584 regarding Local Municipality Zoning Authority. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Walker - yes; Reiber - yes; Hunt - yes; Valenti - yes; Hovarter - yes; Soucy - yes; Spicher - yes)**

Board Comments

Mr. Soucy stated he spent last week at the Clerk Institute. It is a three-year certification course. He believes that the clerk position in townships should not be an elected position and should be appointed.

Supervisor Spicher urged residents to vote on the Brighton School Bond Proposal on May 5.

Ms. Valenti stated the Brighton Area Schools Superintendent and board members will be holding a Q & A at the senior center on Tuesday, March 24 at 9:30 am for anyone that has questions regarding the bond proposal.

Mr. Reiber stated Monday, March 23 is the active shooter training with the Livingston County Sheriff's office at 6:00 pm at the township hall. This training is free of charge and residents can sign up on the township's website.

Mr. Soucy stated he, Supervisor Spicher, and Ms. Hovarter will be attending the Capital Conference in Lansing tomorrow.

Supervisor Spicher provided an update on the Livingston County Emergency Response upgrades. One portion of the upgrade has been completed, but there are still details to be worked out for the installation of the towers. There will be additional meetings and discussions to ensure everyone is receiving emergency services.

Adjournment

Moved by Reiber, supported by Walker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 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