GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
June 15, 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, and Todd Walker. Absent was Jodie Valenti.

Also present was Township Manager Kelly VanMarter, Utility Director Greg Tatara and nine people in the audience.

Call to the Public

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

Ms. Debra McCormick of 2650 Springhill stated she is running for Genoa Township Clerk. She provided her personal and professional experience. She has been a Genoa Township resident for 35 years. She wants to ensure residents votes are protected. She is more than qualified for the job.

The call to the public was closed at 6:33 pm.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

1. **Payment of Bills: June 15, 2026**

2. **Request to approve the June 1, 2026 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. **Public Hearing on the proposed Pardee Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment Project.**
   A. Call to the Property Owners
   B. Call to the Public

The call to the property owners was opened at 6:34 pm with no response.

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4. **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 Pardee Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2026). (Roll Call)**

Ms. VanMarter stated staff mailed the second notice to all of the correct addresses.

Moved by Soucy, supported by Walker, to approve Resolution #3 - Approving the Project Cost Estimates, Special Assessment District and causing the Special Assessment Roll to be prepared for the Pardee Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2026). **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Reiber – yes; Hunt – yes; Hovarter - yes; Walker – yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes)**

5. **Request for approval of Resolution #4 - Resolution Acknowledging the Filing of the Special Assessment Roll, Scheduling the Second Hearing for July 6, 2026 and Directing the Issuance of Statutory Notices for the Pardee Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2026). (Roll Call)**

Moved by Hunt, supported by Hovarter, to approve Resolution #4 - Resolution Acknowledging the Filing of the Special Assessment Roll, Scheduling the Second Hearing for July 6, 2026 and Directing the Issuance of Statutory Notices for the Pardee Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2026). **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Hovarter - yes; Hun - yes; Walker – yes; Reiber - yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes)**

6. **Public Hearing on the proposed for the Lindsey Drive (Herbst Estates) Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project.**
   A. Call to the Property Owners
   B. Call to the Public

The call to the property owners was opened at 6:39 pm.

Mr. Eric Stephens of 7121 Lindsey Drive is the person who started the petition for the project. There are nine homes and one vacant parcel on Lindsey Drive. All of the people who have homes on the road are in favor of this project. The road is in desperate need of repair.

The call to the property owners was closed at 6:40 pm.

The call to the public was opened at 6:40 pm with no response.

7. 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 Lindsey Drive (Herbst Estates) Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2026). (Roll Call)

Ms. Hunt stated this will be on the Winter 2026 tax roll. If anyone wants to pay the assessment without interest, the payment must be made by September 25 to avoid paying interest.

Moved by Soucy, supported by Walker, to approve the Project Cost Estimates, Special Assessment District and causing the Special Assessment Roll to be prepared for the Lindsey Drive (Herbst Estates) Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2026). **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Walker – yes; Reiber – yes; Hunt – yes; Hovarter – yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes;)**

8. Request for approval of Resolution #4 - Resolution Acknowledging the Filing of the Special Assessment Roll, Scheduling the Second Hearing for July 6, 2026 and Directing the Issuance of Statutory Notices for the for the Lindsey Drive (Herbst Estates) Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2026). (Roll Call)

Moved by Hunt, supported by Walker, to approve Resolution #4 - Resolution Acknowledging the Filing of the Special Assessment Roll, Scheduling the Second Hearing for July 6, 2026 and Directing the Issuance of Statutory Notices for the for the Lindsey Drive (Herbst Estates) Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2026). **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Reiber – yes; Hunt – yes; Hovarter – yes; Walker – yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes)**

9. Update on the Oak Pointe Watermain repairs and consideration of a request to approve a proposal from Fedawa, Inc. to perform maintenance on the Oak Pointe Water System Ground Mounted Storage Tank at a cost not to exceed $35,899.

Dr. Tatara provided a review of the repair that was done on the water main that broke in Oak Pointe during the winter. Photos of the work and the restoration were presented. The entire project cost was $26,431, which is approximately $1,000 less than what was quoted.

Ms. Hunt is impressed by the work that was done and that it was done under budget.

Dr. Tatara showed photos of the water system ground storage tank and explained what maintenance needs to be done. He published a bid for the work and Fedawa, Inc. was the lowest bidder. They have done work for the township previously. It this is approved, the work will be done in September, when the demand for water is not as high as in the summer.

Mr. Soucy noted the quote from Fedawa is much lower than the other bidders. Dr. Tatara stated he is unsure why but reiterated that Fedawa has done a lot of work for the township.

The board thanked Dr. Tatara and his crews for their work on the repair and restoration.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Soucy, to accept the proposal from Fedawa, Inc. to perform maintenance on the Oak Pointe Water System Ground Mounted Storage Tank at a cost not to exceed $35,899. **The motion carried unanimously.**

10. Consideration of a request to approve water rate adjustments in response to the City of Brighton's revised fee schedule effective September 1, 2026 as recommended by the accountants and Utility Director as follows:

A. Increase the Lake Edgewood North Star (Conference Center Drive) Quarterly Water Fee to $8.77 / 1,000 gallons from $8.50 / 1,000 gallons;
B. Increase the Lake Edgewood Other Quarterly water fee to $8.51 / 1,000 gallons from $8.14 / 1,000 gallons;
C. Hold the applicable Brighton City water connection fee at $2,802 per REU and the sewer connection at $7,198 per REU.

Dr. Tatara stated there are areas of the township that receive water from the City of Brighton, so when they increase their rates, they are passed onto Genoa Township customers.

Supervisor Spicher stated he has seen on social media people posting that City of Brighton residents subsidize the water costs for Genoa Township residents. Dr. Tatara explained this was put in place in the 1980's when Genoa Township did not have a water system and it has continued since then.

It was noted that the dollar amount on the agenda for the Lake Edgewood North Star Quarterly fee was incorrect on the agenda. The new fee is $8.88 per thousand gallons

Moved by Soucy, supported by Hunt, to increase the Lake Edgewood North Star Quarterly Water Fee to $8.88 per 1,000 gallons, increase the Lake Edgewood Other Quarterly water fee to $8.51 per 1,000 gallons, and hold the applicable Brighton City water connection fee at $2,802 per REU and the sewer connection fee at $7,198 per REU. **The motion carried unanimously.**

11. Consider approval of the Township Supervisor's appointment of Michael Hadjinian and Tim Chouinard to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term ending on June 30, 2029. (requires majority vote)

Mr. Hadjinian of 5351 Edgewood Shores Drive is delighted to join the commission and work on the planning in Genoa Township. He was impressed by the master plan survey that was put out by the township.

Supervisor Spicher stated that all four candidates were interviewed by himself, Ms. VanMarter, Ms. Ruthig, and Mr. Foster. They were all great candidates.

Supervisor Spicher stated Mr. Chouinard is a current member of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Reiber asked what separated Mike from the other three applicants. Supervisor Spicher stated he has lived in many places and he noticed how different developments affected the quality of life that he experienced in each of those places.

Moved by Hovarter, supported by Walker, to approve the Township Supervisor's appointment of Michael Hadjinian and Tim Chouinard to the Planning Commission for a three-year term ending

on June 30, 2029. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Reiber -yes; Hunt – yes; Hovarter – yes; Walker – yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes)**

12. Consideration of a request to re-appoint Michele Kreutzberg to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term ending on June 30, 2029.

Supervisor Spicher stated staff is very happy with Michele's performance on the ZBA. Mr. Soucy agrees. Michele makes many motions and they are always very detailed.

Moved by Hovarter, supported by Hunt, to re-appoint Michele Kreutzberg to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending on June 30, 2029. **The motion carried unanimously.**

13. Consideration of a request to approve phases 1 and 3 of a proposal with Memtech Acoustics to assist with zoning and noise ordinance development at a cost not to exceed $4,500 from Planning and Zoning Contractual Services Fund #101-701-802-000.

Ms. VanMarter provided a review of the proposal. A township resident who works for Memtech contacted the township after reading the draft data center ordinance, noting that many of the provisions that are in there are not enforceable.

Mr. Reiber questioned why Phase 2 is not being done. Ms. VanMarter stated it makes more sense to have the baseline data provided by the developer as part of the site plan review process. The applicant would then pay for the analysis instead of the township.

Ms. Hunt stated the township should do all that it can to ensure that ordinances are enforceable.

Mr. Reiber asked what the process would be if Memtech recommends the township purchase a piece of equipment for decibel level monitoring. Supervisor Spicher stated anything would need to come before the township board.

Moved by Soucy, supported by Walker, to approve Phases 1 and 3 of a proposal with Memtech Acoustics to assist with zoning and noise ordinance development at a cost not to exceed $4500 from Planning and Zoning Contractual Services Fund #101-701-802-000. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Board Comments:

Ms. Hunt advised that the 2026 Summer Taxes are available on the township website. They are not levied until July 1 so no payments can be made until that date. They are due September 14, 2026.

Supervisor Spicher stated the repaving of the parking lot on the township property is anticipated to last approximately a month. Also, BAFA hosts the 4th of July parade in Downtown Brighton. It begins at 10 am.

Ms. VanMarter stated last week there were issues with the water system at the township hall. It has been repaired, but they identified there is a problem with a part of the tank pump, so the board will see payments made to Adams Well Drilling for this work. Also, the programming unit for the irrigation well for the soccer fields needed to be replaced so that will also be on a future payment of bills.

Adjournment

Moved by Hunt, supported by Walker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas
Recording Secretary

Approved:	Rick Soucy, Clerk Genoa Charter Township	Kevin Spicher, Supervisor Genoa Charter Township