

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
July 6, 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 Jodie Valenti. Absent was Todd Walker.

Also present was Township Manager Kelly VanMarter, Township Attorney Joe Seward and 13 people in the audience.

Call to the Public

The call to the public was opened at 6:32 pm with no response.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- 1. Payment of Bills: July 6, 2026**
- 2. Request to approve the June 15, 2026 regular meeting minutes.**

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

- 3. Request for approval and adoption of Resolution No. 260706 to recognize and honor Chris Grajek for 19 years of distinguished service to the Genoa Charter Township**

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. (Roll Call)

Ms. VanMarter stated Ms. Grajek has served the township for 19 years on the Planning Commission and on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He is currently on the Board of Review.

Mr. Grajek thanked the board.

Supervisor Spicher read the resolution aloud and Ms. VanMarter presented Mr. Grajek with a copy of the resolution.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Soucy, to approve and adopt Resolution 260706 honoring Chris Grajek for Distinguished Service. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Hunt – yes; Valenti – yes; Hovarter - yes; Reiber – yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes)**

- 4. Public Hearing on the proposed Pardee Lake Aquatic Weed Control Improvement Special Assessment Roll.**
 - A. Call to the Property Owners**
 - B. Call to the Public**

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

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

- 5. Request for approval of Resolution #5 – Confirming the Special Assessment Roll for the Pardee Lake Aquatic Weed Control Improvement Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2026). (Roll Call)**

Moved by Soucy, supported by Hunt, to approve Resolution #5 – Confirming the Special Assessment Roll for the Pardee Lake Aquatic Weed Control Improvement Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2026). **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Valenti – yes; Hovarter - yes; Reiber – yes; Hunt – yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes)**

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

The call to the property owners was opened at 6:43 pm.

Mr. Eric Stephens of 7121 Lindsey Drive is hopeful this will be approved. He questioned when the project would be done.

The call to the property owners was closed at 6:44 pm.

The call to the public was opened at 6:44 pm with no response.

- 7. Request for approval of Resolution #5 – Confirming the Special Assessment Roll for the Lindsey Drive (Herbst Estates) Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2026). (Roll Call)**

Moved by Soucy, supported by Valenti, to approve Resolution #5 – Confirming the Special Assessment Roll for the Lindsey Drive (Herbst Estates) Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project (winter tax 2026). **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Hovarter – yes; Reiber – yes; Hunt – yes; Valenti – yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes)**

8. Discussion of upcoming August 5, 2026 Town Hall regarding transportation issues in Genoa Charter Township.

Supervisor Spicher stated the town hall will be on August 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Township Hall to allow residents to provide input on transportation related issues. This was prompted by answers in the township survey. He will be inviting representatives from Livingston Essential Transportation Service (L.E.T.S.) and the Livingston County Road Commission.

9. Closed session to consider a confidential written legal opinion exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h).

A. Consider motion to enter into closed session to consider a confidential written legal opinion exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h). (Roll Call)

B. Consider motion to conclude the closed session and return to open session. (Roll Call)

Moved by Hunt, supported by Hovarter, to enter into a closed session to consider a confidential written legal opinion exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h). **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Reiber – yes; Hunt – yes; Valenti – yes; Hovarter – yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes)**

The board entered into the closed session at 6:55 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 (Hunt – yes; Valenti – yes; Hovarter – yes; Reiber – yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes)**

The closed session ended at 8:43 pm.

Board Comments:

Ms. Hunt stated tax bills were sent to the post office on June 30.

Ms. VanMarter stated Adam VanTassel has been phenomenal working on the issues the township has been having with the well. He worked on the 4th of July holiday and has been here when the building was closed and the rest of the staff were not.

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Unapproved Minutes

Adjournment

Moved by Reiber, supported by Hunt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas
Recording Secretary

Approved: Rick Soucy, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Kevin Spicher, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township