GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
September 21, 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, Jodi Valenti, and Todd Walker.

Also present was Township Manager Kelly VanMarter and four 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:

It was requested to move Agenda Items #1 and #2 to the regular agenda.

Moved by Reiber, supported by Hovarter, to approve the consent agenda as amended. **The motion carried unanimously**.

1. ~~**Payment of Bills: September 21, 2026**~~**(moved to regular agenda)**
2. ~~**Request to approve the September 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes**~~**. (moved to regular agenda)**

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Reiber, supported by Walker, to approve the regular agenda as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

1. **Payment of Bills: September 21, 2026 (moved from consent agenda)**

Moved by Hunt, supported by Walker, to approve the Payment of Bills: September 21, 2026. **The motion carried unanimously**.

2. **Request to approve the September 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes. (moved from consent agenda)**

Mr. Reiber requested to have language added to the minutes.

Moved by Soucy, supported by Walker, to approve the September 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes as amended. **The motion carried unanimously**.

3. **Presentation and request to receive and place on file the Fiscal Year April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 Township Audit as presented by Maner Costerisan.**

Mr. Tyler Baker from Maner Costerisan provided a review of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Audit Report documents. He thanked Ms. VanMarter and Ms. Hunt for their assistance with the audit. It was a smooth process. His presentation included the Independent Auditors Report letter, Statement of Net Position, Defined Benefit Pension Plan, General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Governmental Funds Balance Sheet, and a graph showing General Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance for the general fund for the past five years.

Mr. Baker provided an explanation regarding the decrease in the Expenditures and Other Financial Uses from FY 2025 to FY 2026.

Mr. Reiber questioned what “rents” means in the “interest and rents” item on one of the statements. Ms. VanMarter stated that the township receives rent from MHOG for use of the barns across from the township hall.

Ms. Hunt thanked Tyler and his team for making the audit process easy. She also thanked Ken Palka for his assistance. He met with each member of the board during the audit.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Soucy, to receive and place on file the Fiscal Year April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 Township Audit. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Member Updates

Mr. Reiber provided a review of an item at last week’s Planning Commission meeting regarding a new multi-use building in the Meijer parking lot. Because the traffic study was done when the I-96 off ramp was closed and the cross access easement between Meijer and Hobby Lobby will be completed if this building is built, it was requested to have the traffic study done when the off ramp is open and considering the cross access easement being finished.

He also provided a review of the noise study presentation given at that meeting. He would like this presented to the board of trustees as well. Ms. VanMarter encouraged the members of the board to watch that Planning Commission meeting to see the presentation.

Supervisor Spicher stated the Brighton Area Fire Authority named Rick Boisvert as the new Fire Chief with the retirement of Michael O'Brian.

Adjournment

Moved by Hunt, supported by Reiber, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas
Recording Secretary

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