GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
October 5, 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 five people in the audience.

Call to the Public

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

Mr. Jeff Dhaenens of 5494 Sharp Drive hopes that if the moratorium is approved this evening, there will be an opportunity to allow for a reasonable conversation to happen. There are projects coming up that personally affect him and he cannot do anything until the Master Plan is complete.

The call to the public was closed at 6:33 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: October 5, 2026**

2. **Request to approve the September 21, 2026 regular meeting minutes.**

Approval of Regular Agenda

Moved by Hunt, supported by Valenti, to approve the regular agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Consideration of Resolution 261005 for a six-month extension of the Temporary Moratorium on the review and approval of rezoning applications in order to allow for updates to the Master Plan and Future Land Use Map. (Roll Call)

Ms. VanMarter stated the Planning Commission has requested staff to reach out to some of the residents who filled out the survey to ask them for more clarification on how they responded to certain questions.

Mr. Reiber questioned if the people who were going to be contacted were people who did not fill out the survey completely. Ms. VanMarter stated they will be contacting everyone who provided an email address to ask them if they correctly understood the questions regarding the South Latson Area.

Ms. Hunt stated this is an important issue and it is worth adding an additional six months to the moratorium. Mr. Walker stated it is best to get it right.

It was noted this moratorium cannot be extended past these additional six months.

Moved by Soucy, supported by Hovarter, to approve Resolution 261005 for a six-month extension of the Temporary Moratorium on the acceptance, review, processing, and approval of rezoning applications as authorized by Resolution 251006B to provide additional time for public engagement and clarification of the previous community survey results and to complete the updated of the Township Master Plan and future Land Use Map. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. (Reiber – yes; Hunt – yes; Valenti – yes; Hovarter – yes; Walker – yes; Soucy – yes; Spicher – yes)**

Member Updates

Mr. Reiber asked if there was a pre-planning meeting with Peacemakers. Ms. VanMarter stated it was held last week. Mr. Reiber stated he advised that he was very interested in attending that meeting and he was not sent any documentation or meeting link. Ms. VanMarter will provide information from that meeting to Mr. Reiber.

Mr. Walker stated BAFA will be discussing grants they have been awarded at their next meeting.

Board Comments

Mr. Soucy stated the clerk's office mailed 6,299 absentee ballots.

Mr. Reiber asked on the status of the 77 acre parcel that is owned by the township. Supervisor Spicher stated they have been reviewing and applying for grants.
Mr. Reiber asked when the additional baseline data will be collected for the noise ordinance.

Ms. VanMarter stated staff is working with the township attorney on the contract.

Mr. Reiber asked for an update on the wage study. Ms. VanMarter stated staff has received a draft of the study and she is providing feedback regarding formatting and typographical errors to the contractor. They are gathering and obtaining additional data.

Ms. VanMarter stated the first meeting in November has been canceled due to the election.

Adjournment

Moved by Walker, supported by Valenti, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas
Recording Secretary

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