

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

November 4, 2013

6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Call to the Public*:

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to approve minutes: Oct. 21, 2013

Approval of Regular Agenda:

3. Consider approval of Board Appointments as submitted by the Township Supervisor.

Correspondence

Member Discussion

Adjournment

*Citizen's Comments- In addition to providing the public with an opportunity to address the Township Board at the beginning of the meeting, opportunity to comment on individual agenda items may be offered by the Chairman as they are presented.

CHECK REGISTERS FOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DATE: November 4, 2013

TOWNSHIP GENERAL EXPENSES: Through November 4, 2013	\$48,223.24
October 25, 2013 Bi-Weekly Payroll	\$74,665.19
November 1, 2013 Monthly Payroll	\$15,142.47
OPERATING EXPENSES: Through November 4, 2013	<u>\$239,422.58</u>
TOTAL:	\$377,453.48

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Vendor No</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
30133	Equitabl	Equivest Unit Annuity Lock Box	10/25/2013	525.00
30134	StateOfM	State of Michigan	10/31/2013	6,047.40
30135	Allstar	Allstar Alarm LLC	10/18/2013	270.00
30136	BLUE CRO	Blue Cross & Blue Shield Of Mi	10/18/2013	18,903.65
30137	CES	C.E.S.	10/18/2013	293.80
30138	COOPERST	Cooper's Turf Management LLC	10/18/2013	2,578.00
30139	GANNETT	Livingston Press & Argus	10/18/2013	820.00
30140	GREATLA	Greatland Corporation	10/18/2013	95.36
30141	JOHNSONR	Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Jop	10/18/2013	1,977.50
30142	LEO'S CU	Leo's Custom Sprinkler Service	10/18/2013	330.00
30144	RELIANCE	Reliance Standard Life Insuran	10/18/2013	1,702.19
30145	TRI COUN	Tri County Supply, Inc.	10/18/2013	83.61
30146	VERIZONW	Verizon Wireless	10/18/2013	547.10
30147	ARCHINAL	Michael Archinal	10/22/2013	500.00
30148	CARDM	Chase Card Services	10/22/2013	1,625.59
30149	COMCAST	Comcast	10/22/2013	130.19
30150	DTE EN	DTE Energy	10/22/2013	142.91
30151	EHIM	EHIM, INC	10/22/2013	7,671.53
30152	Lind Bry	Bryan Lindberg	10/22/2013	50.00
30153	Liv Cty	Livingston Cty Treasurers Assn	10/22/2013	72.00
30154	MASTER M	Master Media Supply	10/22/2013	218.52
30155	OEX	Office Express Inc.	10/22/2013	103.61
30156	SHELL	Shell	10/22/2013	73.69
30157	STAUDER	Stauder, Barch & Assoc, Inc.	10/22/2013	500.00
30158	WALMART	Walmart Community	10/22/2013	222.42
30159	Dyk	Dykema Gossett, PLLC	10/25/2013	225.00
30160	HURON RI	Huron River Watershed Council	10/25/2013	1,070.33
30161	TRI COUN	Tri County Supply, Inc.	10/25/2013	64.40
30162	AT&T Fax	AT&T	10/29/2013	71.14
30163	Clearwat	Clearwater Systems	10/29/2013	39.00
30164	Mancuso	Mancuso & Cameron, P.C.	10/29/2013	886.90
30165	PRINTING	Printing Systems	10/29/2013	382.40

Report Total: 48,223.24

Accounts Payable
Computer Check Register

Genoa Township

2911 Dorr Road
Brighton, MI 48116

(810) 227-5225

User: cathy

Printed: 10/17/2013 - 11:55

Bank Account: 101CH

Check	Vendor No	Vendor Name	Date	Invoice No	Amount
11192	AETNA LI	Aetna Life Insurance & Annuity	10/25/2013		25.00
				Check 11192 Total:	25.00
11193	EFT-FED	EFT- Federal Payroll Tax	10/25/2013		8,078.97 4,380.53 4,380.53 1,024.49 1,024.49
				Check 11193 Total:	18,889.01
11194	EFT-PENS	EFT- Payroll Pens Ln Pyts	10/25/2013		2,058.20
				Check 11194 Total:	2,058.20
11195	EFT-TASC	EFT-Flex Spending	10/25/2013		871.10
				Check 11195 Total:	871.10
30133	Equitabl	Equivest Unit Annuity Lock Box	10/25/2013		525.00
				Check 30133 Total:	525.00
11196	FIRST NA	First National Bank	10/25/2013		2,630.00 49,591.88 75.00

Check 11196 Total:

52,296.88

Report Total:

74,665.19

Accounts Payable
Computer Check Register

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User: cathy

Printed: 10/23/2013 - 10:06

Bank Account: 101CH

Check	Vendor No	Vendor Name	Date	Invoice No	Amount
11198	EFT-FED	EFT- Federal Payroll Tax	11/01/2013		1,983.16 911.75 911.75 213.22 213.22
			Check 11198 Total:		4,233.10
11199	EFT-PENS	EFT- Payroll Pens Ln Pyts	11/01/2013		294.21
			Check 11199 Total:		294.21
11200	EFT-TASC	EFT-Flex Spending	11/01/2013		88.43
			Check 11200 Total:		88.43
11201	FIRST NA	First National Bank	11/01/2013		10,526.73
			Check 11201 Total:		10,526.73
			Report Total:		15,142.47

#503 DPW UTILITY FUND

**Payment of Bills
October 16 - 29, 2013**

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
10/18/2013	2642	Genoa Township G/O New User Fund	DPW Loan Repayment	-21,912.00
10/18/2013	2643	Michigan Municipal League	Inv. #9084 & # 9103	-90.00
10/18/2013	2644	Red Wing Shoe Store	Inv. #517000002115 10/11/13 - Mitchell Boots	-161.49
10/18/2013	2645	Verizon Wireless	Acct #481002220-00002 10/6/13	-448.62
10/22/2013	2646	HUMPHRISS	November 2013 Car Allowance	-500.00
10/22/2013	2647	Shell Fleet Plus	Acct #065-332-306 10/13/13	-3,903.86
10/22/2013	2648	Spirit of Livingston	Inv. #00008831 10/16/13	-1,710.65
10/22/2013	2649	Greg Tarara	November 2013 Car Allowance	-500.00
10/23/2013	2650	Genoa Township	GF Operating Funds	-200,000.00
10/25/2013	2651	U.S. POSTMASTER	Acct #2409384 - Return Addressing Service	-30.00
			Total	-229,256.62

#595 PINE CREEK W/S FUND

**Payment of Bills
October 16 - 29, 2013**

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
10/18/2013	2119	City of Brighton, City Hall	Water/Sewer Tap Fees - 5744 Wyndham Ln	-9,460.00
10/25/2013	2120	City of Brighton, City Hall	Balance Due - Water Tap - 5744 Wyndham	-40.00
			Total	-9,500.00

#593 LAKE EDGEWOOD W/S FUND

**Payment of Bills
October 16 - 29, 2013**

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
10/18/2013	2436	BullsEye Telecom	Inv. #17353537 10/9/13	-325.78
10/18/2013	2437	MHOG Utilities	7817 Bendix -#000301 000 6/30/13 - 9/30/13	-18.11
			Total	-343.89

#592 OAK POINTE W/S FUND

**Payment of Bills
October 16 - 29, 2013**

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
10/18/2013	2817	Bullseye Telecom	Inv. #17353519 10/9/13 Acct #-003CA32	-262.07
10/22/2013	2818	AT & T	Acct #124552625 10/12/13 - 11/11/13	-60.00
			Total	-322.07

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting
October 21, 2013

MINUTES

Supervisor McCririe called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. The following persons were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Gary McCririe, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Linda Rowell, Jim Mortensen, Todd Smith and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and four persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Paul Rogers introduced himself as the Director of Howell Area Parks and Recreation. He thanked the board for the continued support and asked that any concerns be directed to him. Paul Wholihal, a resident of Cunningham Lake Road, asked the board to remove the proposal to pave his road.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Smith to approve all items under the consent agenda, adding "Direction concerning the C.I.P. was to target the young professional and aging populations." to the Minutes of the Oct. 7th meeting Pg. 2, Para. 1. The motion passed.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to approve minutes: Oct. 7, 2013

3. Request for approval of amendments to township funds:

A. Fund 271 (Building and Grounds) for the fiscal year ending 03/31/2014.

B. Fund 101 (General Fund) for the fiscal year ending 03/31/2014

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Ledford and supported by Smith to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda. The motion passed.

4. Request for approval to replace and upgrade the Township Boardroom video system, at a cost of \$6,050.

Moved by Smith and supported by Skolarus to approve the upgrade to the township video system as requested. The motion passed.

It was the consensus of the board to continue to provide shirts for employees and board members with an annual allowance.



Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Press/argus 10/25/2013

TO: Township Trustees

FROM: Gary McCrie, Supervisor

RE: Board Appointments

I submit the following names for the annual board appointments, for a term starting 11/21/13 and ending 11/20/14, for your approval:

- **Planning Commission - Jim Mortensen**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals – Jean Ledford**
- **SELCRA – Jean Ledford and Michael Archinal**
- **SEMCOG – Jean Ledford and Paulette Skolarus**
- **Genoa-Oceola Sewer and Water Authority – Robin Hunt and Gary McCrie**
- **Howell Parks and Recreation – Todd Smith and Gary McCrie (alternate)**
- **Marion, Howell, Oceola, Genoa Sewer and Water Authority – Robin Hunt and Gary McCrie**
- **Greenways – Paulette Skolarus**
- **FOIA Coordinator – Michael Archinal**
- **Brighton Area Fire Authority – Gary McCrie and Jim Mortensen**
- **Huron River Watershed Council – Kelly VanMarter and Paul Edwards (alternate)**
- **Election Commission – Todd Smith and Jean Ledford**

I submit the following for varying terms:

- **Brownfield Development – John Kirsch (one year ending 11/20/14)**
- **Brownfield Development – Jean Ledford, Todd Smith, Jim Mortensen, Linda Rowell (two year ending 11/20/15)**

I submit that we abolish the Construction Board of Appeals beginning 12/31/13



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
LANSING



DAN WYANT
DIRECTOR

October 16, 2013

Ms. Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township
2911 Dorr Road
Brighton, Michigan 48116

Dear Ms. Skolarus:

Thank you for your October 1, 2013, letter to Governor Rick Snyder concerning the lack of staffing within the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Governor Snyder has referred your letter to the DEQ for response.

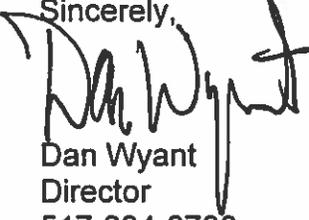
Your letter raises several good points, and we appreciate the recognition of the difficult job we have before us. DEQ staffing has been significantly reduced over the last ten years. Much of this has been the result of the reduction in state general funds, but some of it is also due to the reduction in federal funds as well. As you know, as the state's economy declined, the state had to make tough decisions on where to reduce funding levels, and many state departments had to take significant cuts. The DEQ realized an annual reduction of general funds from approximately \$120,000,000 per year in the mid-2000s to approximately \$25,000,000 per year today. These have been tough times for all governments, from local governments such as yours, to the state and federal governments as well.

As a result of these cuts, we have needed to rethink and reprioritize how we do business. This means that we do not always have time to investigate every complaint brought to our attention or to provide as much customer assistance as we would like. However, it is not all doom and gloom. We are exploring how to use technology to help us do our jobs more efficiently; developing partnerships with other organizations to leverage their knowledge, skills, and capabilities; and focusing on providing appropriate attention to the priority issues.

Still, not everything gets done or gets completed to the quality that we would like. We are hopeful that as the economy improves and the state's revenue increases, we will be recognized as a partner in building Michigan's economy and a lead agency in assuring a high quality of life for the citizens of Michigan. With that recognition, we would hope we receive increased funding support for more staff.

Ms. Paulette A. Skolarus
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Thank you for your interest in maintaining our environment and for bringing these issues to the attention of our political leaders.

Sincerely,

Dan Wyant
Director
517-284-6700

cc: Governor Rick Snyder
Senator Joe Hune
Representative Bill Rogers
Representative Cindy Denby
Genoa Charter Township Board
Mr. Jim Sygo, Deputy Director, DEQ
Ms. Maggie Datema, Director of Legislative Affairs, DEQ
Mr. William Creal, DEQ
Mr. Peter Ostlund, DEQ
Mr. Tom Kolhoff, DEQ

Polly

To: Julie Johanningsmeier
Subject: RE: Oak wilt info

You are welcome, Julie.

From: Julie Johanningsmeier [mailto:stachec1@msu.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 2:20 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Re: Oak wilt Info

Hi Polly,

Wow! Genoa Township is a 'functioning' part of government! I am so impressed that action to adopt an Oak Wilt Resolution was so swift! I have shared this success story and fast-acting government story with many others!

Thank you for all of your support and aid in getting this accomplished!

I will continue to spread the word, about Oak Wilt, AND how well Genoa Township functions and how quickly they adopted this very important policy relating to oak tree work.

Thanks again!

Julie Stachecki Johanningsmeier
Site Specific, Inc.
Certified Arborist MI-0650
810-599-0343

On Sep 3, 2013, at 12:37 PM, Polly <pskolarus@genoa.org> wrote:

Thank you Julie. I will include your name in my newsletter article.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 2, 2013, at 9:33 PM, "Julie Johanningsmeier" <stachec1@msu.edu> wrote:

Hi Polly,

I have attached a profile of my self/my company - Site Specific, Inc. I have worked for MSU in several different capacities for a combined time of 15 years. Although I am not currently affiliated with the University, I am self-employed and operate Site Specific, Inc. as described in the attachment.

I am a Certified arborist, and have degrees in Horticulture; Park & Recreation Resources; and a Masters Degree in Turfgrass Management. The attached file will give you more details. Let me know if there is something else that would be helpful.

Did an Oak Wilt Resolution for Genoa Township come through? Please keep me posted.

Thank you,

Julie Stachecki Johanningsmeier
Site Specific, inc.
Certified Arborist MI-0650

<SSI Profile.doc>

Polly

From: Mike Breazeale <mikebreazeale@thepromotionagency.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 1:55 PM
To: Polly
Subject: RE: Volunteer Dues

The lake this year was great.

We had many compliments and much more support. The nay-sayers were very quiet and I think if we were to get an honest response from most of them it would be grudgingly positive. I did have a fisherman (of all people) complain and refer back to my mother's marital status at my time of my birth but by-in-large it has been good.

The fishing was not as good as it has been in the past but I believe that it will come back strong as we have more native plants come back.



The Promotion Agency

Mike Breazeale - 4828 GROVER DR., BRIGHTON, MI 48116 - O: 810-225-9566 - F:

810-2257670 - M: 248-709-1385 - WWW.THEPROMOTIONAGENCY.COM

From: Polly [<mailto:pskolarus@genoa.org>]
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 1:10 PM
To: Mike Breazeale
Subject: RE: Volunteer Dues

Mike, How does your lake look? Also are you getting positive feedback from residents? Just curious. Polly

From: Mike Breazeale [<mailto:mikebreazeale@thepromotionagency.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 9:46 AM
To: Mike Breazeale
Subject: Volunteer Dues
Importance: High

We are now asking for Volunteer Dues of a minimum of \$25.00 per Riparian for 2013 -

Please send your checks made out to:

CLAM

Attention B. Lieckfield
4015 Broadmoor Ct.
Howell, MI 48843

www.crookedlakesaquaticmgt.org

Robert J. Bezotte
Sheriff

Michael J. Murphy
Undersheriff



LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

150 S. HIGHLANDER WAY • HOWELL, MICHIGAN 48843
TELEPHONE (517) 546-2440 • FAX (517) 552-2542

October 24, 2013

Gary McCririe, Supervisor
Genoa Township
2911 Dorr Road
Brighton, MI 48116

Dear Supervisor McCririe,

Recent events surrounding County government and changing policy have prompted me to send you this communication. Since my career with the Sheriff's Department began in 1973, we have always maintained and operated a Road Patrol Division. As my career has progressed, especially since my appointment as Undersheriff in 1999 and then my election to the Office of Sheriff in 2004, we have had on-going conversations with the Board of Commissioners with regard to retaining our Road Patrol Division. During these conversations, we have been asked over and over "what obligation does the Board of Commissioners have to pay for Road Patrol out of General Funds."

The Law is very specific; County Government is mandated to run the jail. In addition, the law indicates that the Sheriff will also respond to citizen complaints and we have argued that this requires us to have a Road Patrol Division. The Board of Commissioners, along with the County Administrator, disagrees with our understanding of the law. In my first term as Sheriff, we began to see a reduction in Road Patrol positions, as a consequence of our declining economy. As of June 1, 2013 we have lost 18 certified Road Patrol positions. Our plans to build an addition to the County Jail have progressed over recent months to the point that I am confident to report we will soon see this expansion move forward in 2014 with a cost to the County of approximately 13 million dollars. The annual operating expense to run the jail is estimated to be approximately 2 million dollars.

On many occasions during my term as Sheriff we have continually asked for direction from the Board of Commissioners with regard to their position on maintaining our Road Patrol. With each budget year we re-hash this same question repeatedly. Until recent months it has, for the most part, gone unanswered.

Two of our Road Patrol Sergeant's retired this past summer. We went to the Board of Commissioners to request these two Road Patrol positions in the form of new hires and for the first time our request was denied. However, the Board of Commissioners did approve to add two Corrections Deputy positions to our Jail facility. This is the first time we have seen this happen. We have continually asked for direction from the Board of Commissioners and we just received our first glance at what the future will bring for our Department.

In the past I have discussed the topic of police service contracts with many of you. We have sent letters and made presentations regarding the importance of contracting in order to provide law enforcement services to the citizens of Livingston County. This is not a plea for you to reconsider your past decisions, all of you have made it very clear what your position is on this issue and I respect and thank you for your consideration. As your Sheriff, I feel an obligation to keep you informed, as we have in the past, of the county Board of Commissioners decision to scale back on Road Patrol services.

Currently we have 23 general patrol deputies working on four different shifts; 6a to 6p and 6p to 6a. We have 3 deputies assigned to contracts with Putnam Township and Tyrone Township. We have 3 deputies assigned to our Civil Division, which is mandated and 4 deputies assigned to our courts, which is mandated. We have 3 deputies assigned to drug units, and 2 deputies assigned to traffic safety. As certified deputies retire or leave employment with the Sheriff's Department they will not be replaced. We will see these positions re-assigned to the jail in anticipation of opening a new addition to our existing jail facility within the next couple years.

Frankly, I can tell you losing 18 certified Deputies since becoming Sheriff has taken its toll. Deputies who continue to work Road Patrol are asked to do more with declining resources. To their credit, they have stepped up and done a great job under very difficult circumstances. More important to us, we have become increasingly concerned about officer safety as our road patrol deputy positions continue to decline. The Michigan State Police (Brighton Post) also provide road patrol services to our citizens in the unincorporated areas of Livingston County. They have lost approximately 20 Trooper positions over the past several years. Although this equates to a loss of 38 law enforcement positions, we will continue to provide coverage with our combined resources.

The realization of losing our Road Patrol has been very difficult for me and my staff to deal with. We have fought hard to maintain funding but the reality is, if the Board of Commissioners does not fund our Road Patrol, it will end at some point and time.

Thank you for your continued support over the years. As we move forward, the men and women of the Livingston County Sheriff's Department will continue to provide quality service and we remain committed to the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Bezotte". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Robert J. Bezotte
Sheriff