

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
October 8, 2018**

Present: Fryling, Osterink, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel

Absent with notice: None

Planner Sisson was also present

Opening prayer was given by Treasurer Lemke and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor DeWard

2. **Question of Conflict of Interest** - None declared.

**3. Proposed Agenda**

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to approve the agenda as submitted.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion carried.

**4. Recognition of Individuals and/or Delegations**

- Jenna Pilkington – Assistant Treasurer, spoke about bullying in the workplace
- Kyle Klaas – requested an update on the Living Waters Ministries homes in the Brownell neighborhood
  
- **Public Hearing** – Amazon request for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to open the public hearing.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Therese Thill of the Right Place encouraged the Board to vote in favor of the IFT exemption.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to close the public hearing.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion carried.

- Krystal Stuart – Community Policing Officer – Update
- Paul Sheely – DFD Awards/Commendations

**5. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for 9/5/18 through 9/28/18 in the amount of \$271,239.51.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion carried.

**6. Department/Office Reports**

**A. Clerk's Office**

- 1) Appoint Election Commission members

Motion by Lemke and supported by VanderStel to appoint Clerk Burnside and Trustees Haagsma and Fryling to the Election Commission.

Ayes: Fryling, Osterink, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel. Motion carried.

**B. Planning Department**

- 1) Consideration of resolution to adopt TB Ordinance 18-06 – zoning text amendments that would enable the installation of consumer scale ground-mounted and building mounted solar energy collector units and solar energy systems within Gaines Charter Township.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve Resolution 18-27 adopting Ordinance 18-06.

Ayes: Osterink, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel, Fryling. Motion carried.

**C. Treasurer's Office**

- 1) Street Light Assessment

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to revert back to the Township's regular streetlight assessment rate for 2019, which is .40 mills per \$1,000 of taxable value (with the exception of Crystal Springs Site Condominiums, which have their own rate.)

Ayes: Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel, Fryling, Osterink. Motion carried.

**D. Assessing Department – none**

**E. Water and Sewer Department**

- 1) Water connection fee payment plan request for 7059 Hanna Lake Ave.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to approve the request for a payment plan for the water connection fee at 7509 Hanna Lake Ave. in the amount of \$12,868.80 for 10 years at 3%.

Ayes: DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel, Fryling, Osterink, Burnside. Motion carried.

**7. Recognition of individuals and/or delegations**

No one wished to speak.

**8. Supervisor's Office**

**A. Consideration of Amazon.com Services Inc. request for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption**

Motion by Haagsma and supported by DeWard to approve the request of Amazon.com Services Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption, with conditions added to the contract requiring annual Personal Property Tax Filings, and that the terms of appeals be brought back to the Township Board if substantive changes were proposed.

Ayes: Haagsma, VanderStel, Osterink, Burnside, DeWard. Nays: Lemke, Fryling. Motion carried.

**B. Resolution in recognition of service for Daniel Forman**

Motion by Burnside and supported by Fryling to adopt the resolution recognizing Daniel Forman for his service on the Cutlerville and Dutton Fire Departments.

Ayes: Haagsma, VanderStel, Fryling, Osterink, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke. Motion carried.

**C. Consideration of contract with Verizon for access to their tower**

Motion by Lemke and supported by Haagsma to approve a contract with Verizon for (8) five year terms, at \$2,947.11 adjusted annually based on CPI, and with a bonus of \$17,500 and \$100 per user monthly colocation fee.

Ayes: VanderStel, Fryling, Osterink, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma. Motion carried.

**9. Comments & Discussion**

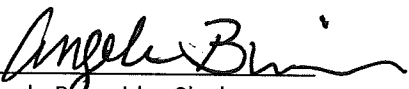
Lemke reminded the Board of the Heritage Festival this Saturday. The Board discussed the proposed budget. The public hearing for the budget is set for November 12. There will be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss long range planning.

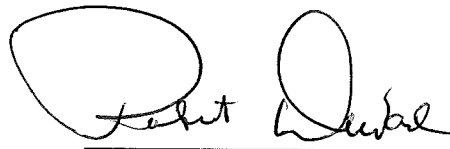
**10. Adjournment**

Motion by Osterink and supported by VanderStel to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Ayes: All. Meeting adjourned.

**APPROVED: November 12, 2018**

  
Angela Burnside, Clerk

  
Robert DeWard, Supervisor

The next regular meeting of the Gaines Charter Township Board will be held on November 12, 2018 in the Board room of the Township Offices. All interested persons are invited to attend and participate. Persons with disabilities needing accommodation for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Township Office at 698-6640 one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.