

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE Regular MEETING
April 12, 2010**

Present: Hilton, Osterink, Fouch, Fryling, Lemke, Haagsma, VanLaan
Also present were Township Attorney Dave Caldon and Township Engineer Gritter
Osterink offered opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hilton at 7:00 p.m.
2. Motion by Fryling and supported by Fouch to approve the agenda as presented.
Ayes: All
3. Recognition of individuals present who wished to address the Board.

Mr. Steve Plakmeyer of Watermark Development was in attendance to petition the Board to consider amending the Liquor License Ordinance to include allowing on premise Sunday sales. Along with him was Glen VerMeulen the President of the Crystal Springs Golf Association and Jim Doezema attorney for Watermark.

4. Liquor License Ordinance Amendment Request

Attorney Caldon presented to the Board the three options available to them: make no change to the ordinance, craft an amendment to allow golf courses to have Sunday sales, or craft an amendment to allow all licensed businesses in the township to have on-premise sales of liquor on Sunday. Discussion followed.

Motion by Fouch and supported by Lemke to have the Township attorney and the supervisor draft and amendment to the Gaines Township Liquor Licensing Ordinance to lift the ban on on-premise Sunday Sales of liquor.

Ayes: Fouch, Osterink, Lemke, Haagsma Nays: Fryling, Hilton, VanLaan

5. Representatives Kendra Shoemaker and Linda Hillen of **Sarah Care** introduced the business to the Township Trustees. They are located in the Metro Health Complex in Wyoming.

6. Motion by VanLaan and supported by Lemke to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for March 8 through April 2, 2010 in the amount of \$197,373.12.

Ayes: Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, VanLaan, Haagsma, Fryling

7. Engineering Department- Dutton Fire Station

Engineer Gritter began by giving a synopsis of the process of the committee by which the two contractors were chosen. He explained that the Board would be interviewing the two bidders at the meeting and hopefully come to a decision on proceeding with one of the firms.

The Board heard presentations from Wolverine (Paradigm Design) and Owen Ames Kimball (Cox, Medendorp, Olson) having opportunity after each presentation to ask questions.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to award the contract for the Dutton Fire Station to Wolverine Building inc. and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute a contract on behalf of Gaines Township.

Ayes: Osterink, Lemke, Haagsma, Fouch Nays: Hilton, VanLaan, Fryling

8. Treasurer's Department

Strike Uncollected Personal Property taxes for 2004

Motion by Lemke and supported by Lemke and supported by VanLaan to allow the Treasurer to strike the uncollectable personal property taxes for 2004.

Ayes: Hilton, Lemke, VanLaan, Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch, Osterink

B. Approval of transfer of funds from General Fund into TIRF and Dutton Fire Station Fund

Lemke explained that there was approximately \$275,000 left unspent at the year end of 2009.
Motion by Lemke and supported by Fouch to transfer \$200,000 from General Fund Fundbalance into the Dutton Fire Station Fund (fulfilling our agreed on matching amount) and \$75,000 into the Township Revolving Improvement Fund.

Ayes: Lemke, Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton Nays: VanLaan

9. Planning Department

A. DNR- Community Forestry Grant/Educational Tree Grove

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanLaan to accept the bid of Everett's Landscaping for irrigation of the tree grove and approve purchase of the main grove signs and trees as recommended by the Planning Department

Ayes: VanLaan, Haagsma, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke Nays: Fryling

B. First read of Ordinance 10-03 reauthorization of the Planning Commission

Trustee VanLaan left the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

10. Liquor License renewals

A. Moredeaux with Pizza, LLC- Treasurer Lemke reported that there were back taxes not paid by the owner of the restaurant/liquor license

Motion by Fryling and supported by Lemke to deny renewal of the class C liquor license currently held by Moredeaux with Pizza, LLC

Ayes: Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke

B. Applebee's Restaurants Mid-Atlantic LLC

- Motion by Haagsma and supported by Hilton to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Applebee's, Inc.

Ayes: Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, Haagsma Nays: Fryling

C Briarwood Golf Club Inc.

Motion by Fouch and supported by Haagsma to approve the annual renewal of the license for Briarwood Golf Course with reevaluation to be done in light of the upcoming discussion on an amendment to the Gaines Township Liquor Licensing Ordinance.

Ayes: Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, Haagsma Nays: Fryling

D Logan's Roadhouse Inc.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fouch to approve the annual renewal of the license for Logan's Roadhouse Inc.

Ayes: Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, Haagsma, Fouch Nays: Fryling

11. Consumers Energy Rate Increase – MTA Action

Motion by Fryling and supported by Fouch to send \$700 to MTA to pursue the action limiting Consumers' Energy's rate increase

Ayes: Hilton, Osterink, Lemke, Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch

12. Lawn Care for 2010

Hilton described the process of bids for 2010 and the discrepancy between some of the "add needed" bids. It was the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee that the two low bidders be brought in to discuss the bid they submitted and then allow the Committee to determine which of the two should be awarded the contract.

Motion by Fryling and supported by Lemke to allow the Building and Grounds Committee to select a company based on questioning two companies as to their process of bidding the "as needed" component of the bid and that the contract would be for one year with an option to renew annually two additional years.

Ayes: Lemke, Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton

13. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Haagsma and supported by Fouch at 10:07 p.m.

Ayes: all

The next regular meeting of the Gaines Charter Township Board will be held on May 10, 2010 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.

Don R. Hilton Sr., Supervisor

Crystal Osterink, Clerk