

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**FOR THE Regular MEETING**  
June 14, 2010

Present: Hilton, Osterink, Fouch, Fryling, Lemke, Haagsma, VanLaan  
Also present Township Engineer Gritter, Fire Chief Jansen  
Lemke offered opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hilton at 7:05 p.m.
2. Motion by VanLaan and supported by Haagsma to approve the agenda as presented.  
Ayes: All
3. Dan Veldhuizen from Siegfried Crandall, the Township's contracted accounting firm gave his annual audit report.
4. Public Comment was entertained. No one in the audience wished to speak.
5. Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanLaan to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for May 10 through 27 in the amount of \$166,549.98.  
Ayes: Fryling, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, VanLaan, Haagsma
6. **Clerk's office**- request for increase in election workers' pay  
Motion by Osterink and supported by Haagsma to approve the recommendation made by the Clerk and raise the hourly rate of pay for election workers from \$8.00 to \$10.00 an hour effective immediately.  
Ayes: Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, Haagsma Nays: Fouch, VanLaan, Fryling
7. **Assessor's Office**  
Motion by VanLaan and supported by Haagsma to adopt the 2010 millage rate at .8720 mills as recommended by the Township Assessor.  
Ayes: Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, VanLaan, Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch
8. **Planning and Zoning**
  - Capital Improvement Program  
Motion by Haagsma and supported by Hilton to begin the process of the 6-year Capital Improvements Program in order to comply with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act and direct the Supervisor to appoint a committee made up of Board members, Planning Commission members, and staff.  
Ayes: Hilton, VanLaan, Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch, Osterink Nays: Lemke
9. **Engineer's Department**

**A. Dutton Fire Station**

Engineer Gritter reviewed the recommended plan for the construction of the Dutton Fire Station. He brought to the Board's attention that the training room is larger than what the grant money would pay for and the Board should be aware there will be additional cost because of that.

Motion by VanLaan and supported by Hilton to give the committee approval to move ahead with the recommended plan and elevations including two gables on the east side of the building rather than one.

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

#### **B. Crippen County Drain Invoice**

Gritter explained that an invoice had been received from the drain commission after cleaning out a drain near 60<sup>th</sup> and Kalamazoo. Discussion followed on the process by which this happened and whether the township would pay the whole invoice. Engineer Gritter also recommended that \$10,000 be transferred into the drain account to cover future items like this one.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fouch to pay the invoice of \$3,418.40 for the cleaning of Crippen Drain and to transfer \$10,000 from the TIRF Fund into the Drains line item of the 2010 budget to cover future expenses.

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

#### **C. Drainage on 76<sup>th</sup> and Hanna Lake**

Gritter explained the situation at the corner and recommended solving the problem by partnering with the Kent County Road Commission to construct a relief drain on the corner.

Motion by Osterink and supported by Fryling to approve the recommendation of the Engineer and partner with the Kent County Road Commission to have them construct a new drain to alleviate the water problem on 76<sup>th</sup> and Hanna Lake for a cost of approximately \$20,000 to Gaines Township.

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

**County Drain Application** Gritter explained that the County Road Commission does not want ownership of the new drain and that the Township should petition for the establishment of a new County drain to take care of the ongoing maintenance of the newly constructed storm sewer. The estimated cost for this petition is \$1,000.00

Motion by VanLaan and supported by Haagsma to petition the County Drain Commission to petition for the establishment of a County Drain upon the construction at Hanna Lake and 76<sup>th</sup> Street for a cost of approximately \$1000.00

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

**D. Troy with Mosher and Farnham Drain** – Engineer Gritter described the work done on the drain and that Gaines Township will be billed 16.37% of the total for an approximate amount of \$3100.22.

10. Persons in the audience were given opportunity to address the Board- no one wished to speak

#### 11. Supervisor's Office

- A. Request by **Crystal Springs Country Club for their annual fireworks** display to be held on July 2 with a rain date of July 17, 2010.

Motion by VanLaan and supported by Haagsma to approve the request of the Crystal Springs Association for their annual fireworks display as all documentation had been submitted as required.

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

- B. **Liquor Control Ordinance Amendment**

Motion by Fouch and supported by Haagsma to adopt Ordinance 10-04, the amendment to the Gaines Township liquor control ordinance as to closing times: C. No person shall sell alcoholic liquor for on premises consumption on Sundays between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

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

- C. **2010 Proposed Local Surface Treatments**

Motion by VanLaan and supported by Haagsma to approve the expenditure of \$90,000 and work as submitted to include local road surface treatments as proposed by the Kent County Road Commission.

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

- D. **Purchase of property behind Township library**

Motion by Lemke and supported by Fryling to purchase the property PP# 41-22-06-451-042 address 6742 Madison Ave SE for the amount of \$841.00 plus a \$10 filing fee.

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

- E. **Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance- 2<sup>nd</sup> read/adoption**

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanLaan to adopt Ordinance 10-5 Granting Consumers Power a franchise agreement for the Southeast ¼ of Section 1 and the East ½ of Section 12 of the Charter Township of Gaines.

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

- F. Hilton mentioned that the Rapid will be extending their trip into Gaines Township- into the Gaines Marketplace area at no extra charge.

- G. **Blain Cemetery items**

Hilton worked through a list of items the building and grounds committee discussed at their last meeting- ranking them in order of things to be accomplished this year and those in a 3-5 year plan. The Board gave their approval to allow the Supervisor to award

the demolition of the old storage building and the relocation of the electric to the pump (as a result of the demolition) under the current Purchasing Policy of Gaines Township.

11. Motion by Lemke and supported by Fouch to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Ayes: all

The next regular meeting of the Gaines Charter Township Board will be held on July 12, 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.

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Don R. Hilton Sr., Supervisor

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Crystal Osterink, Clerk