

MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE Regular MEETING
January 11, 2010

Present: Hilton, Osterink, VanLaan, Fouch, Fryling,

Absent with notice: Haagsma, Lemke

Also present were Superintendent Tilma, Township Engineer Gritter,
Fouch 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 VanLaan and supported by Fouch to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All

3. Recognition of individuals present who wished to address the Board.

- Dennis Cooper, 1190 84th Street spoke to the issue of 2010 wage increases.
- Connie Redding with the Kent Conversation District introduced herself and mentioned that she would like to hold a public informational meeting in our facility.

4. Motion by VanLaan and supported by Fouch to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for December 10 through December 31, 2009 in the amount of \$85,818.68.

Ayes: Fryling, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, VanLaan

5. Motion by Osterink and supported by VanLaan to adopt Resolution 10-Jan-SS/218 which requests an amendment to the 218 agreement with the Internal Revenue Service in regards to all fire fighter payroll in the Township.

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

6. Planning and Zoning Department- request for funds for the Community Forest Grant

Motion by VanLaan and supported by Hilton to approve the request for an additional funding amount of \$1580.00 from the Township provided the money comes from the Park and Recreation Fund and that the committee works toward donations to cover the \$1580.00

Ayes: Osterink, Hilton, VanLaan, Fryling, Fouch

7. Superintendent's Office- Road Closure request for the Brain Diemer Run 2010

Motion by VanLaan and supported by Fryling to approve the road closing for the Brian Diemer/Cutlerville Days run as requested.

Ayes: all

8. Motion by VanLaan and supported by Fouch to open the Public Hearing on the CDBG grant money for the 2010-2011 Kent County Grant CDBG budget.

Ayes: VanLaan, Fryling, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton

Tilma explained that his recommendation for the Board would be that the Township would request \$16,000 for ITP the Rapid GO! Bus Service and \$28,913.69 for work on the Hammond Avenue Sidewalk project.

There was no public comment on the recommendation.

Motion by Fryling and supported by Fouch to close the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Ayes: All

Motion by VanLaan and supported by Osterink to approve the \$16,000 request for the Rapid Go! Bus Service with the request to the administrator that if any of the \$16,000 amount was not used for Go! Bus, the balance would transfer to the Hammond Avenue project.

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

Motion by VanLaan and supported by Hilton to approve the request for \$28,913.69 of the CDBG funds to be allocated to the Hammond Avenue project.

Ayes: Fryling, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, VanLaan

9. Installation of mailbox for the Cutlerville/Gaines Chamber of Commerce

It was decided to wait until the February meeting to make a decision when the discussion and decision would also be made as to continuing to allow the Chamber office to be located within the Township office building.

10. Motion by VanLaan and supported by Fryling at 8:54 p.m. to enter into executive/closed session, as requested by the Township Board, pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.261 et seq. for discussion in connection to the employment contract amendment that was entered into on November 23, 2009 by the Township Board and the Township Superintendent, Thomas J. Tilma. In accordance with Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, the Township Board hereby requests an executive/closed session to allow for discussion regarding said request.

Ayes: Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, VanLaan, Fryling

11. Motion by VanLaan and supported by Fryling to return to open session at 9:03 p.m.

Ayes: All

12. Motion by Hilton and supported by Fouch to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Ayes: All

Crystal Osterink
Gaines Township Clerk

Donald R Hilton, Sr.
Gaines Township Supervisor