

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE Regular MEETING
December 14, 2009**

Present: Hilton, Osterink, VanLaan, Lemke, Fouch, Fryling, Haagsma
Also present were Superintendent Tilma, Township Engineer Gritter, Planner Tingley
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 VanLaan and supported by Haagsma to approve the agenda as presented.
Ayes: all
3. Persons in the audience were given opportunity to address the Board. No one wished to speak.
4. Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fryling to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for November 12 through December 14, 2009 in the amount of \$271,503.36 and the budget amendment from the TIRF fund to the Cemetery fund as presented.

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

5. Engineer's Department

A. Request for sidewalk deferral- Dutton Christian School

Brett Folkert from Dan Vos Construction and John DeBlaay from the Dutton Christian School Board explained their position on the request for deferral. Engineer Gritter discussed his recommendation for denial of the request.

Motion by Haagsma to deny the request for deferral sidewalks for Dutton Christian School expansion based on the Township Ordinance and recommended by the Township Engineer.

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

- Trustee Haagsma mentioned that he would recommend looking into having the sidewalk moved to the east onto the property in order to alleviate some of the costs due to the existing "ditch".

B. Request for sidewalk deferral- Kentwood Community Church

Mr. Jerry DeRuiter, representative from KCC explained their request was two-part. The first part was concerning 60th Street and the second request was for the Eastport sidewalk.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to allow deferral of the 60th Street portion of the sidewalk until October 1, 2012 and a deferral of the Eastport sidewalk until October 1, 2014 or until development begins on the east side of the road.

Motion by VanLaan to amend the motion to say that the sidewalk along 60th Street must be completed by occupancy of Phase 1.

Vote on amendment to motion:

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

Vote on amended motion:

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

6. Park and Recreation Plan for 2010-2014 Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:16 and began with an introduction by Brian Tingley, Gaines Township Planner. People in the audience were given opportunity to speak to the plan.

Mr. Dennis Cooper 1190 84th Street SE stated that he wished more of Prairie Wolf Park would remain with natural trails.

No one else wished to address the Board.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to close the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Ayes: all

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to adopt Resolution No. 09-02-PR containing the findings for a decision by the Board regarding the adoption of a new Parks and Recreation Plan.

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

Tingley gave an update on the DNR Community Forestry Grant

7. Stonewater Country Club Request for Liquor License permits

Motion by Fouch and supported by Haagsma to give local approval to the permits for banquet facility and dance and entertainment in conjunction with the earlier Class C liquor license approved for Stonewater Country Club.

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

8. Superintendent's Department

A. General Fund Budget for 2010

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Hilton to approve the 2010 general fund budget as presented at the December 14, 2009 meeting on a functional level.

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

B. Parks and Trails Budget for 2010

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to approve the 2010 Parks and Trails budget as presented at the December 14, 2009 meeting.

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

C. Recommendation from Personnel Committee as to Personal Time Off for employees

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Osterink to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to grant one week's additional Personal Time Off to all non-union employees working 15 hours or more per week, prorated to hours worked per week, to be used in 2010.

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

9. Motion by VanLaan and supported by Fryling at 8:02 p.m. to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.261 et seq. to consult with Township Attorneys regarding pending trial or settlement in a legal case involving CBS Outdoors.

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

10. Motion by VanLaan and supported by Haagsma to return to open session at 9:07 p.m.

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

11. **Committee Appointments for 2010**

Motion by Lemke and supported by Fouch to approve the committee appointments for 2010 as submitted in the document at the meeting.

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

12. Meeting Dates for Township Board of Trustees for 2010.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fryling to approve the meeting schedule for 2010 as presented.

Ayes: All

13. Persons in the audience were given opportunity to address the Board. No one wished to speak.

14. Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fryling to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Ayes: All

The next regular meeting of the Gaines Charter Township Board will be held on January 11, 2010 in the Community 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.

Crystal Osterink, Clerk

Don R. Hilton Sr., Supervisor