

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE Regular MEETING
May 9, 2011**

Present: Hilton, Osterink, VanLaan, Lemke, Fouch, Fryling, Haagsma
Water and Sewer Administrator Jan Boone, Fire Chief Jansen
Fryling 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 speak. No one wished to address the Board.

4. Motion by VanLaan and supported by Haagsma to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for April 14 through 27, 2011 in the amount of \$67,570.46.
Ayes: Fryling, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, VanLaan, Haagsma

5. Janice Boone, Water and Sewer administrator gave a brief update on the progress of Goal #2 for the Strategic Plan for Gaines Township.

6. Planning and Zoning Department

Ordinance No. 11-04 Zoning Map Amendment for 280 60th Street SE Rezoning from R-3 Multiple Family Residential to O-S Office Service.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Hilton to approve Ordinance 11-04 and Resolution 11-TB-01 for 280 60th Street SE.

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

- Haagsma disclosed that his wife has been involved as a volunteer for Streams of Hope, the applicant, but that he felt it would not be a conflict of interest.

7. **Treasurer's financial** status reports for the 1st quarter of 2011 were received and approved subject to audit.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fryling to receive and approve, pending audit, the 1st quarter financial status report presented by the Treasurer.

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

8. Engineer Gritter gave an update to the status of the construction of the Gaines Township Fire Station, Dutton location.

9. Persons in the audience were given opportunity to address the Board. No one wished to speak at this time.

10. Supervisor's Office

A. Sheriff Department Representative Presentation for C.O.P.S. grant.

Chief Deputy Michelle LaJoye Young, Captain Kevin Kelly, Patrol commander, and Lieutenant Jeff DeVries, Substation commander gave a presentation of a grant opportunity for Gaines Township and discussed the need they felt was there.

Motion by Lemke and supported by Fouch to authorize the Supervisor to write a letter of support for the grant application and confirm commitment to a 4 year contract including the costs as laid out by the Department, as well as authorizing the Department to solicit input from the local "heavy users" of the resource.

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

B. 2011 Road Repair Funding

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to approve the Road repairs in conjunction with the Kent County Road Commission as presented at the meeting.

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

C. Streetlight request by Kentwood Public Schools for the corner of 60th and Valley Lane

The Township had received a request from Kentwood Public Schools for an additional street light at the corner due to the widening of 60th and the change to illumination which had occurred.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to authorize the change in the standard lighting contract with Consumers Energy and approve the resolution to that effect.

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

D. Consumers Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to adopt Ordinance 11-06 the Consumers Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance.

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

E Staffing Model for Planning/Zoning and Building Inspections Department

Discussion followed on the proposal brought forth by the Personnel Committee. No motion was made.

11. Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fouch to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Ayes: All

The next regular meeting of the Gaines Charter Township Board will be held on June 13, 2011 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