

MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE Regular MEETING
August 8, 2011

Present: Hilton, Osterink, VanLaan, Lemke, Fouch

Absent: Haagsma, Fryling

Township Engineer Jeff Gritter

Trustee Van Laan 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. Supervisor Hilton mentioned that he would like to include a Resolution for Designating September 16, 2011 as Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Day for Gaines Township as requested by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 18 of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Motion by VanLaan and supported by Lemke to approve the agenda as amended by the Supervisor.

Ayes: all

3. Presentation by Kent District Library

Director Lance Werner, Branch Manager Cathy Neis, and Gaines Township Representative to the KDL Board Shirley Bruursema each reported on various aspects of the District Library.

4. Shirley Bruursema, **Gaines Township Historical Society** mentioned the dedication of the WW2 veterans' memorial which will be held on September 10, 2011.

5. Motion by VanLaan and supported by Fouch to approve the Consent agenda which included various items from June as well as July including payment of the bills for June 8 through August 2, 2011 in the amount of \$238,497.70.

Ayes: Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, VanLaan

6. Water and Sewer Department

A. Dick Roberson, Caledonia Township Treasurer and member of the Utilities Committee for Caledonia Township presented a request for a **study to be performed on a wastewater intermunicipal cooperation between Gaines and Caledonia Townships.**

- Engineer Gritter answered questions and reported that the water and sewer committee of Gaines Township was presenting this as a recommendation.

Motion by VanLaan and supported by Lemke to adopt Resolution 2011-09 resolution of intent to cooperate with the Charter Township of Caledonia and assist with the request for the diversion of wastewater from the northwest portion of the Charter Township of Caledonia to the city of Grand Rapids for treatment

Ayes: Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, VanLaan, Fouch

B. Water supply Agreement

Engineer Gritter reported on the recommendation of the water and sewer committee in regards to the 2011 water supply agreement

Motion by Fouch and supported by Lemke to approve the proposed 2011 Water supply agreement as recommended by the water and sewer committee.

Ayes: Hilton, Lemke, VanLaan, Fouch, Osterink

7. Treasurer's Department

Motion by VanLaan and supported by Hilton to accept the Treasurer's financial report for the 2nd quarter subject to audit.

Ayes: Hilton, Lemke, VanLaan, Fouch, Osterink

8. There was no one in the audience who wished to address the Board

9. Supervisor's Office

A. GoBus Non-Urban Service Agreement

Motion by Lemke and supported by Osterink to approve Amendment 10 to the agreement dated October 1, 1998, between Gaines Township and Interurban Transit Partnership for Go!Bus Services for the 2011-2012 contract year.

Ayes: Lemke, VanLaan, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton

B. POW/MIA Resolution

Motion by Lemke and supported by Osterink to adopt Resolution 2011-11 Designating September 16, 2011 as Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Day for Gaines Township as requested by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 18 of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Ayes: VanLaan, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke

C. Supervisor Hilton discussed the search for a person to fill the position vacated by Brian Tingley in the Planning and Zoning Department

D. Supervisor Hilton gave a report from the MTA Legislative Conference he was part of earlier in the month.

9. Motion by Fouch and supported by VanLaan to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Ayes: all

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