

Minutes of the Gaines Charter Township Board
For the Workshop Meeting
March 24, 2008

Present: Hilton, Osterink, Pieters, VanLaan, Haagsma, Fryling
Giarmo excused for the beginning of the meeting
Also present was Engineer Gritter and Fire Chief Jansen
Pieters offered opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Call to order by Supervisor Hilton at 7:01 p.m.

2. Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanLaan to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: all

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

Linda Steil, candidate for the 72nd District House of Representatives introduced herself and gave a brief synopsis of what she hopes to accomplish if she was elected in November, 2008.

4. Motion by Pieters and supported by VanLaan at 7:12 to meet in a closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material which is exempt from disclosure under Section 13 (l) (g) of Michigan's Freedom of Information Act, being MCLA 15.243(l)(h).

Ayes: Fryling, Osterink, Hilton, Pieters, VanLaan, Haagsma Absent: Giarmo

5. At 7:32 p.m. a motion was made by VanLaan and supported by Fryling to return to open session.

Ayes: Giarmo, Osterink, Hilton, Pieters, VanLaan, Haagsma, Fryling

6. **Engineering Department**

Engineer Gritter presented the recommendation from his department to allow the issuance of a building permit for Lamar Construction on behalf of R&T of West Michigan.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Giarmo to approve the building permit request with the conditions attached in the memo as well as any standard conditions.

Ayes: Hilton, Pieters, VanLaan, Haagsma, Fryling, Giarmo, Osterink

7. **Dutton and Cutlerville Fire Committees**

The Board discussed specifications for purchase of two fire trucks, one for Dutton Fire and one for Cutlerville Fire over the course of the fiscal years 2008-2009.

Motion by Pieters and supported by VanLaan to allow the fire chief to go out for bids on the two trucks as soon as the recommendation of the two respective committees had been received.

Ayes: Pieters, VanLaan, Haagsma, Fryling, Giarmo, Osterink, Hilton

8. **Personnel Committee Report**

The Board discussed the draft job description for the Township Superintendent/Manager as well as the tentative schedule for securing a candidate for the position.

9. Supervisor Hilton mentioned the next workshop meeting will be April 28, 2008 and the subject of that meeting will be the report on the 2 sub-sections that have been worked on by the Planning Commission and the contracted consulting company. He also stated that at the next regular meeting a presentation will be made on the new web page for the Township.

10. Motion by Giarmo and supported by Haagsma to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Ayes: all

The next regular meeting of the Gaines Charter Township Board will be held on April 14 2008 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.

Don R. Hilton Sr., Supervisor

Crystal Osterink, Clerk