

**GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES ~ MAY 5, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

A Water & Sewer Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Tim Haagsma at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at the Gaines Charter Township Offices located at 8555 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Caledonia, Michigan 49316.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Brian Tingley, Tim Haagsma, Jeff Gritter, Jan Boone
Members Absent: Don R. Hilton, Sr.,
Others Present: Dan Van Dyke, Mike Kortman, Gary Byker

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Brian Tingley made a motion to approve the March 1, 2010 minutes with minor revisions, supported by Jan Boone.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: All.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

VARIANCE REQUEST – 677 100TH STREET

Jeff presented a variance request submitted by contractor Gary Byker on behalf of the owners of the property located at 677 – 100th Street. Mr. Byker has requested a variance from Article 12, Section 1202 c. of the Water & Sewer Ordinance requiring copper service. Mr. Byker is requesting to install plastic service instead of copper due to the cost of over \$9,000 for a copper service.

Mr. Byker stated the owners would prefer to hook up to public water, but the excessive cost of a copper service could force them to get a well.

Jeff recommends approval if the contractor agrees to work with the BGUA with regard to materials and installation.

Brian stated that Township would prefer to have residents connect to public utilities, so it is in the Township's best interest to work with the owners.

Jeff made a motion to recommend approval to the Township Board of the request for variance from Article 12, Section 1202 c. of the Gaines Township Water & Sewer Ordinance submitted by Gary Byker for 677 – 100th Street, supported by Brian Tingley.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: All.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Gary Byker was excused from the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

MOBILE HOME CONTAINMENT PROGRAM – GRAND MOBILE HOME PARK

Jeff stated that the BGUA is continuing the mobile home containment project that started last year.

Mike provided a quote for the meter structure for the Grand Mobile Home Park. He is proposing that the plumbing and excavating work be completed by BGUA staff eliminating the need to hire a contractor for these services and lowering project costs. The meter structure will be completed by a contractor.

Brian asked if the cost for plumbing and excavating could be estimated? The Board may want to know the savings will be.

Jan Boone made a motion to recommend approval of the proposal to use BGUA for excavating and plumbing services and approval of the quoted submitted by Kilgore for the meter structure, supported by Brian Tingley.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: All.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Dan Van Dyke and Mike Kortman were excused from the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN REQUEST – 6339 WING AVENUE

Jeff presented a request for installment payment plan submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Riemersma of 6339 Wing Avenue. The Riemersmas found out on Monday that their septic system had failed. They are required to connect to sanitary sewer as stated in the Ordinance. Included with the request are amortization schedules for 10 and 15 year payment plans with current interest rates. The sewer for this area went in with M-6 and there was no payment plan offered to these residents at the time of installation.

Brian stated that he is comfortable with this request. The township doesn't want to be a bank but if requests for installment payment plans become more frequent, guidelines might be necessary.

Tim has no problem with this request since no payment plan was offered at the time of installation.

Jeff said that approving the request would allow the Township to recover costs and gain a new customer.

Brian Tingley made a motion to approve the payment plan request with a ten (10) year payment plan supported by Jan Boone.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: All.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

WAYNE STREET WATERMAIN EXTENSION

The Wayne Street Watermain project is complete.

WYOMING UPDATE

Rates are going up. Usage has decreased significantly over the last couple of years.


PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeffrey M. Gritter, P.E.
Township Engineer