

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
FOR THE Regular MEETING**

August 14, 2017

Present: DeWard, Burnside, Fryling, VanderStel, Osterink, Lemke

Absent with notice: Haagsma

Opening prayer was given by Supervisor DeWard and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

1. Call to order by Supervisor DeWard at 7:00 p.m.
2. Motion by VanderStel and supported by Burnside to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All

3. Inquiry of conflict of interest.
4. Recognition of individuals present to address the Board
  - A. Rachel Cleveland-Holton 8925 Patterson spoke about burning in the Township- specifically in regards to a landscaping business in her neighborhood.

Trustee Fryling arrived at 7:08 p.m.

- B. State Representative Steve Johnson gave a brief update on what was happening in the legislature
- C. Kent District Library representatives gave an annual report to the Board.
- D. Krystal Stewart, Gaines Community Policing Officer reported on the National Night Out event.
5. Consent Agenda – motion by Burnside and supported by VanderStel to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for July 11 through August 9, 2017 in the amount of \$241,509.93

Ayes: All

**6. Treasurer's Department**

Reports from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017 were accepted and filed after a motion made by Fryling and supported by Burnside.

Ayes: all

7. Second opportunity for individuals to address the Board

**8. Supervisor's Department**

**A. Resolution 2017-15**

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Burnside to adopt resolution 2017-15 Resolution Adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Kent and Ottawa Counties, 2017 as Official Gaines Township Hazard Mitigation Plan

Ayes: Fryling, VanderStel, Osterink, DeWard, Lemke Burnside

**B. Eastern Avenue Steven's Pointe Trail Improvements**

Supervisor DeWard explained that there were three bids received for the proposed improvements to the trail/sidewalk/bridge on Eastern Ave. The recommendation by the Township engineer is to accept the low bid from Epic Excavating in the amount of \$104,275.00.

Motion by Fryling and supported by VanderStel to approve the recommendation of the Township Engineering firm and accept the bid from Epic Excavating for the proposed project in the amount of \$104,275.00.

Ayes: VanderStel, Osterink, DeWard, Lemke, Burnside, Fryling

**C. Chargeable False Alarms Ordinance**

Motion by Burnside and supported by VanderStel to adopt Resolution 2017-14 a Resolution setting fees for chargeable False Alarms.

Ayes: Osterink, DeWard, Lemke, Burnside, Fryling, VanderStel

**D. Easement Releases 68<sup>th</sup> street Watermain Clay Avenue Interconnects**

Motion by Fryling and supported by Lemke to authorize the Supervisor to sign the release of easements as presented at the meeting and recommended by the Township Engineering firm.

Ayes: Lemke, Burnside, Fryling, VanderStel, Osterink, DeWard

**E. Presentation by Dutton Fire on possible purchase of a new truck.**

**F. Intergovernmental Agreement in regards to Cutlerville Fire Department**

Motion by Lemke and supported by VanderStel to adopt the resolution 2017-16 adopting the amended and restated intergovernmental agreement for the operation, funding, and maintenance of the Cutlerville Fire Department

Ayes: Burnside, Fryling, VanderStel, Osterink, DeWard, Lemke

**G. Agreement between Gaines Charter Township, Byron township and the Cutlerville Professional Firefighters Union (local 4385) (effective: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020)**

Motion by Burnside and supported by Lemke to approve the Agreement between the Townships of Byron and Gaines and the Cutlerville Firefighters Union as presented.

Ayes: Burnside, Fryling, VanderStel, Osterink, DeWard, Lemke

**H. First read of Ordinance for False alarms-** Amendments to the Gaines Charter Township Code of Ordinances regarding alarm systems, False alarms and related matters.

Motion by Fryling and supported by Lemke to accept the first read of the ordinance for chargeable false alarms.

Ayes: all

Motion by Burnside and supported by VanderStel to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Ayes: All

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Crystal Osterink, Clerk

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Robert DeWard, Supervisor

The next regular meeting of the Gaines Charter Township Board will be held on September 11, 2017 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.