

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

December 5, 2016

Present: DeWard, Lemke, Burnside, Haagsma, Fryling, VanderStel, Osterink
Also present was Engineer Jeff Gritter of Vriesman and Korhorn
Opening prayer was given by DeWard and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

1. Call to order by Supervisor DeWard at 7:00 p.m.
2. Individuals in the audience were given opportunity to address the Board
3. **Proposed water and sewer rates increase**

Jeff Gritter of Vriesman Korhorn gave a presentation on the recommendation of the water and sewer committee to approve a resolution to raise the rates for water usage effective February 1, 2017

Questions were asked and information was given on various aspects of the system and future needs as determined by various sources.

4. Resolution to amend the Retirement plan

Motion by Lemke and supported by Haagsma to amend the plan document for John Hancock Group Pension plan 401 (a) in regards to full time firefighters effective immediately.

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

5. Individuals in the audience were given opportunity to address the Board
6. **Supervisor's office**

A. Budget Review (as to wages)

Explanations were given as to some small changes from the meeting in November

B. Supervisor DeWard mentioned that the Water and Sewer Administrator had announced her retirement in February 2017. As a result a study will be done of the department along with the Building inspections Department to determine the most effective way to run those within the Township.

C. Supervisor DeWard reported that there will be a meeting with representatives from Byron Township and the Cutlerville Fire Board in regards to possible changes to the agreement in place between the two Townships.

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

Crystal Osterink, Clerk

Robert DeWard

The next regular meeting of the Gaines Charter Township Board will be held on December 12, 2016 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.