

**Gaines Township Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 11, 2017  
Gaines Township Offices**

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

Supervisor DeWard stated that to honor the memory of September 11, 2001 he read a prayer of remembrance and played the Kate Smith rendition of "God Bless America"

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fryling to approve the agenda with the additions brought forward by Supervisor DeWard

Ayes: all

**2. Inquiry of conflict of interest**

**3. Public Hearing Railtown Brewing**

A. Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fryling to open the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

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

- Gabe Hudson, 8269 Kalamazoo Ave. spoke in favor of the recommendation of the Planning Commission in regards to Railtown Brewing's new location

B. Motion by VanderStel and supported by Burnside to close the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

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

4. Individuals in the audience were given opportunity to address the Board

- Mr. Gabe Hudson, 8269 Kalamazoo Avenue questioned the sewer assessment he received and the communication that went with along with it.

**5. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Burnside and supported by VanderStel to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for August 24 through September 6, 2017 in the amount of \$184,183.20

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

**6. Planning Department- Resolution for Railtown Brewing #2017-20**

- Planner Sisson explained the process and timing of the PUD amendment and several conditions that were proposed by the Planning Commission and staff.

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to approve the resolution for Railtown Brewing including the conditions included in the resolution.

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

- Sisson explained that an agreement was trying to be reached for maintenance of the private drive from 68<sup>th</sup> Street to the Dutton Mill Village mobile home park

**7. Opportunity for persons to address the Board for public comment/questions**

**8. Supervisor's Office**

**A. False Alarm Ordinance**

Motion by Burnside and supported by VanderStel to adopt Ordinance 2017-17 for False Alarms in Gaines Township

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

**B. 60<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk Contract**

- Bids were received for construction of the 60<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk from Kentwood Community Church to Kalamazoo Avenue and Vriesman and Korhorn recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder- Redline Construction in the amount of \$57,695.00.

Motion by Fryling and supported by Haagsma so approve the recommendation of the Township Engineers and award the bid to Redline Construction .

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

**C. Dutton Fire Replacement of truck M-66**

- Supervisor Hilton recapped the presentation from the Dutton Fire Department from the previous meeting and asked for a motion on the request for purchase.

Motion by Burnside and supported by Lemke to authorize purchase of the truck as presented in the August meeting of the Board with payment not to exceed \$100,500.00 coming from the TIRF fund.

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

**D. Extrication Tool for Dutton Fire truck purchase**

Motion by Lemke and supported by Haagsma to authorize purchase of an extrication tool for the fire truck which will replace M-66 for the Dutton Fire Department

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

**E. POW/MIA Recognition Day Resolution 2017-18**

Motion by Burnside and supported to Lemke to declare September 15, 2017 as "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day" in Gaines Township

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

**F. Permission to seek grant money for security cameras at the Township office building- resolution 2017-19**

Motion by Burnside and supported by Lemke to approve applying for a grant from the PAR plan for security cameras at the Township Office Building

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

- VanderStel mentioned a security camera in the parking area of Prairie Wolf Park

**G. PEG fees for Byron Center TV and appointment to Board**

Motion by Haagsma and supported Burnside to approve payment of a total of \$12,000.00 from PEG fees for supported of educational programming and also appoint Laurie Lemke to the Board.

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

**H. Tree removal in Cemeteries**

- Supervisor DeWard reported that there are three trees in the cemeteries that should be taken down due to the fact that they are dying or dead. He had obtained two quotes for removal. One of the trees is in the road right-of-way and the Road Commission had been contacted about removal.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Burnside to proceed with removal of the trees not to exceed the quote of \$4825.00 after working with the Road Commission as to their involvement.

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

**I. PILT funds and Switch** DeWard reported that he had been working with Switch and the agreement made with Gaines Township

**J. First Read- Revisions to the Burning Ordinance for Gaines Township-**

- The Township Planner gave a synopsis of the changes to the burning ordinance and discussion followed

9. Motion by Burnside and supported by VanderStel to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m

Ayes: All

The next regular meeting of the Township Board will be October 9, 2017.

A workshop meeting will be held on September 25, 2017 with the focus on the 2018 Township Budget

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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 October 9, 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.