

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

February 13, 2017

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

Also present was Planning and Zoning Director Mark Sisson

Opening prayer was given by VanderStel and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

1. Call to order by Supervisor DeWard at 7:00 p.m.

2. Motion by Fryling and supported by VanderStel to approve the agenda for the meeting noting that there were a couple of additions (in regards to Cutlerville Fire) that have been added to the agenda.

Ayes: All

3. Notice of any conflict of interest- It was agreed that Trustee Fryling will excuse himself from voting on the electrical bid for Division Ave replacement of bulbs with LED.

4. Opportunity for those in the audience to address the Board on non-agenda items. No one wished to speak.

5. Public Hearings

A. Creekside Storage PUD

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Burnside to open the Public Hearing for Creekside storage PUD.

Ayes: all

- Rick Pulaski of Nederveld Engineers explained the development and showed renderings of the proposed layout.
- Mr. Peter Foote and Camille Foote of 6488 Sugarmill Ct expressed concerns about the storage units and the proximity to their home.
- Brooke Viola of 1220 Bintree said she was comfortable with the new layout.
- Julie Ribbins (not a resident of the Township) said she was a neighbor of another storage facility owned by the developer and was happy living there.
- Ken Mull 1335 Bintree also expressed concerns over the development

Supervisor DeWard closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

B. Public Hearing for IFE for Siliconature

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to open the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: All

- John Byl for Warner Norcross and Judd introduced himself and said he was there to answer any questions the Board might have.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Burnside to close the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Ayes: all

C. Community Block Grant Money allocation

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to open the Public Hearing for the Community Block Grant funds at 7:32 p.m.

Ayes: All

- No one wished to speak and no written comments had been sent.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fryling to close the Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Ayes: All

6. Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for January 13 through February 7, 2017 in the amount of \$314,905.64

Aye: All

7. Clerk's office

A. Osterink reported and made a motion which was supported by Haagsma to amend the minutes of December 2016 to include the approval of the meeting calendar for 2017 for Board of Trustee meetings.

Ayes: all

B. Osterink explained that in order to consolidate precincts for the May 2, 2017 Election a resolution of approval must be passed.

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to approve the resolution 2017-2 to allow for consolidation of precincts for the 2017 KISD Election.

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

8. Planning Department

A. Creekside Storage PUD Rezoning

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Burnside to approve Resolution 2017-3 and adopt the Ordinance 17-01 "an ordinance to amend the "zoning ordinance of Gaines charter township" as Provided for in chapters 10 and 27 of thereof. By amending the Gaines Charter Township Zoning Ordinance and Zoning map for the planned unit development known as "Creekside

storage PUD” for the Express purpose of allowing certain described property to be developed as a “commercial mini/self-storage and duplex condominium development”

The Board asked many questions about the development and in the process *the condition of approval was added that an easement be granted for a foot path from the neighborhood adjacent to the east to the Creekside Park property.*

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

B. Planner Sisson gave an update on the **Paul Henry Dutton Spur** and showed pictures of possible locations for the trail. It was determined that in all likelihood the construction would be delayed until 2018 due to complications with the location of the trail just south of 68th Street on Hammond Ave.

C. The rezoning request for 7900 Kalamazoo was withdrawn due to the Planning Commission’s denial of the request.

9. Treasurer’s Department

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to accept and file the 4th quarter report for Township investments and funds subject to audit.

Ayes: All

10. Assessing Department Approval for Silconature for an IFE

Motion by Lemke and supported by Haagsma to approve Resolution 2017-4 approving the Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption for a 12 year exemption with the condition of the approval that a “compliance review” be given to the Township Board every three years.

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

11. Individuals present were given opportunity to address the Board. No one wished to speak.

12. Supervisor’s office

A. Recommendation to change March meeting date

DeWard mentioned that the March Board meeting had been scheduled to be a week later than the normal schedule of Board meetings due to a possible conflict with the Board of Review. After speaking with the Assessor DeWard recommends that the meeting be consistent with other month’s meetings and be held the 2nd Monday of the month which is March 13.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Burnside to hold the March meeting of the Township Board on the 13th to be consistent with the other scheduled meetings.

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

B. Approval of community development Block grant funding application for North Kent transit service

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to approve Resolution 2017-5 to approve \$20,000.00 from our CBDG allocation for North Kent Transit Service.

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

C. Approval of Community Development Block Grant Funding for 60th Street Sidewalk construction

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Fryling to approve Resolution 2017- 6 to approve \$12,679.00 for the 60th Street Sidewalk Improvement Project.

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

D. Water and sewer Rates for 2017

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fryling to take from the table (December meeting) the resolution to approve the water and sewer rates for 2017.

Ayes: all

Engineer Gritter was present to answer questions from the Board.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Burnside to approve Resolution 2017-7 water and sewer rates.

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

E. Division Ave upgrade of decorative lighting to LED

Trustee Fryling spoke about the project and the process by which he has done the current maintenance. He then excused himself from the Board for voting purposes.

DeWard mentioned that this was a project of approximately 73 fixtures and the bulbs are eligible for a rebate from Consumers Energy. He stated that whoever got the bid is responsible for submitting the rebate application and must comply with the requirements of the program.

Motion by Burnside and supported by VanderStel to accept the proposal of Mel Fryling Electric for the upgrade of the remaining fixtures on Division Avenue Corridor (Authority) to LED bulbs with the conditions stated at the meeting.

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

F. Addition of Planner Mark Sisson to the Water and Sewer Committee

DeWard said he believed having the Planner part of the committee would be valuable for both the planning process and the committee.

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to add Mark Sisson, Township Planner to the Township water and sewer Committee.

Ayes: All

G. Overlay Project Cooperation between Kent County Road Commission and Gaines Township

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to approve the overlay project as recommended by the Road Commission and the Township Supervisor.

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

H. Purchase of SCBA for Cutlerville Fire

DeWard reported that Fire Administrator Szackas is requesting approval to purchase 11-12 SCBA units at a cost of approximately \$40,000 from Gaines Township and \$40,000.00 from Byron Township. It was also noted that a comparable amount of gear and money would be spent in 2018 to complete the needs for the Department.

Board members stated they would like to have Szackas in to the meeting to help them understand the request along with more information on the need. They would also like to know if grant money had been applied for as this is a very real request that is often honored by FEMA.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to table the request until March when more information could be provided and Szackas could address the Township Board.

Ayes: All

DeWard mentioned that a sub-committee would be formed to work on the current Agreement between the Townships for Cutlerville Fire and that he would be pursuing that formation very quickly.

Motion by Lemke and supported by Haagsma to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Ayes: All

Crystal Osterink, Clerk

Robert DeWard, Supervisor

The next regular meeting of the Gaines Charter Township Board will be held on March 13, 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.