

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

January 9, 2017

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

Absent with prior notice: Haagsma

Also present was Planning and Zoning Director Mark Sisson

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

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

2. Motion by Lemke and supported by Fryling to approve the agenda for the meeting noting that there would be no action taken on the Rezoning request until the February meeting in order to notice the residents in the area.

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

3. Conflict of Interest Inquiry

DeWard asked if any member present had a conflict of interest on any of the items to be discussed and no one said that they did

4. Recognition of individuals in the audience who wish to address the Board

- Deputy Eric Brunner introduced himself as the new Community Policing Officer (filling in until August) and presented an overview of the position and what he hopes to do while working in that capacity.

5. Public Hearing on Creekside Storage PUD Rezoning

Motion by Burnside and supported by VanderStel to open the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

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

- There was no one in the audience who wished to speak to the Board and no written comments had been received.

Motion by Lemke and supported by Fryling to close the public hearing on Creekside Storage PUD Rezoning at 7:12 p.m.

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

6. Public Hearing on Siliconature Industrial Development District located at 4495 68<sup>th</sup> Street SE

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

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

- Thad Rieder of the Right Place spoke briefly to the project that is planned to be located in the District and the investment it would take.

Motion by Fryling and supported by VanderStel to close the public hearing for the Industrial Development District at 7:15 p.m.

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

## **7. Consent Agenda**

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Burnside to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for December 3 through December 29 in the amount of \$88,523.05.

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

## **8. Planning Department**

Motion by Lemke and supported by Burnside to table the action on the Creekside Storage PUD rezoning until the February meeting of the Board.

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

## **9. Assessing Department**

Motion by Lemke and supported by Burnside to adopt resolution 2017-1 to approve the establishment of an industrial development district for the property located at 4495 68<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Gaines Charter Township, MI (41-22-01-400-035)

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

10. Persons in the audience were given opportunity to address the Board. No one wished to speak.

## **11. Supervisor's Office**

A. Motion by Burnside and supported by Fryling to appoint Kathy VanderStel to the Byron Gaines Utility Authority Committee rather than the Supervisor.

It was noted that DeWard would probably attend these meetings as well.

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

## **B. 2017 Legal Ad Rates for the Advance**

Motion by Fryling and supported by VanderStel to approve the rates for legal advertisements in the Advance Newspapers for 2017 as presented.

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

## **C. Right Place Investment**

Motion by Lemke and supported by Burnside to invest \$2000.00 in the Right Place for 2017.

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

## **D. Cutlerville Fire Paid on Call wage**

Motion by Fryling and supported by VanderStel to increase the run pay for the on-call firemen at Cutlerville to match Byron Township's pay beginning immediately.

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

E. Supervisor DeWard reported that he authorized \$500.00 for the WMTG Kent County to Kalamazoo Trail Study

F. DeWard recommended that part of the Payment from Pine Rest (per false alarm ordinance) to Gaines Township be sent to Byron Township as they pay part of the full time salaries for the fire department as a cost-sharing venture.

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Burnside that 40% of the reimbursement for expenses from Pine Rest be sent to Byron based on an average percentage of full time calls for Byron.

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

It was mentioned that the false alarm ordinance should be revisited for revisions.

**G. Supervisor's comments**

Changes to the IFT policy for Gaines Township are being drafted for the Board's approval in the future.

Heating in the Township office building is being analyzed and a meeting with Lamphear will happen Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January.

There will be an open house at the Township office building on January 19, 2017 to present plans for a Dutton spur to the Paul Henry Trail. The Planning Commission will discuss it the following Wednesday at their meeting.

Motion by Burnside and supported by Fryling to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 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 February 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.