

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

October 10, 2016

Present: Hilton, Lemke, Burnside, Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch, Osterink

Also present was Planner Mark Sisson

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

1. Call to order by Supervisor Hilton at 7:01 p.m.

2. Motion by Fouch and supported by Fryling to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All

3. Recognition of individuals in the audience who wished to address the Board. No one wished to speak.

4. Motion by Fouch and supported by Haagsma to approve the consent agenda as presented including payment of the bills for September 7 through October 3, 2016 in the amount of \$84,712.09

Ayes: Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, Burnside, Haagsma Nays: Fryling

5. Planning and Zoning Department

A. Public Hearing for Streetlights Special Assessment District Harmon Farms

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fouch to set the Public Hearing for the Special Assessment District for Harmon Farms at 7:10 p.m. at the regular Board meeting held on November 14, 2016

Ayes: Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, Burnside, Haagsma, Fryling

B. Final Conditional Plat Approval for Harmon Farms

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Fouch to give final conditional plat approval for Harmon Farms with the conditions approved by the Planning Commission and cited here:

A. Acceptance of appropriate security and the granting of conditional approval in lieu of final completion of required improvements is consistent with past practices.

B. The deposit a letter of credit, in a form acceptable to each benefitting agency and in the amount of \$245,000 and covering the items listed in the letter of credit request dated September 19, 2016 and issued to the benefit of Gaines Charter Township, Kent County Road Commission and the Kent county Drain Commission.

C. That the letters of credit will not be terminated until all of the requirements and conditions of the Kent County Road Commission, the Kent County Drain Commission, Byron-Gaines Utility Authority and Gaines Charter Township are satisfied.

D. The street lights and all costs associated with installation and establishment of a street lighting special assessment district are born by the developer.

E. No occupancy permits for homes constructed within the final plat shall be granted until all of the requirements of Sec. 22-61 (8) are met.

Ayes: Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, Burnside, Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch

C. Potential Sidewalk Kalamazoo Ave between 76th and 84th.

Sisson told the Board that the Kent County Road Commission would be widening Kalamazoo Ave between 76th and 84th the summer of 2017 and suggested it would be a good time to work with them and add sidewalks on the west side of the road from existing to the South Christian property. Because the item is a financial decision Hilton mentioned that it would have to be included by the Board in the action part of the agenda.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Hilton to partner with the Kent County Road Commission and have sidewalk constructed on the west side of Kalamazoo Ave from 76th street to the existing sidewalk and the small part of Highview going west from Kalamazoo to connect to existing sidewalks there.

Ayes: Hilton, Lemke, Burnside, Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch, Osterink

6. Recognition of individuals in the audience who wished to speak to the Board

Mr. Steve Shoemaker, candidate for the 72nd District State House of Representatives introduced himself and spoke briefly about his goals should he be elected on November 8.

7. Supervisor's Office

A. A discussion was held on the proposed 2017 budget. Hilton asked for feedback from Board members and a motion was made by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to set the public hearing for the 2017 budget for November 14, 2017

Ayes: All

B. LED lighting on Division Ave

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to reaffirm the approval of the bid from Mel Fryling electric and replace the bulbs on 12 lamp posts on the Division Ave Corridor (south section) and clarify the proposal submitted to specify Gaines Township Board.

Ayes: Burnside, Haagsma, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke Abstain: Fryling

C. Supervisor Hilton mentioned the maintenance of the light poles on the Division Ave Corridor but no action was taken by the Board.

8. Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Ayes: All

The next regular meeting of the Gaines Charter Township Board will be held on November 14, 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.

Don R. Hilton Sr., Supervisor

Crystal Osterink, Clerk