

**GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
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WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES ~ April 27, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

A Water & Sewer Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Haagsma at 4:03 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015 at the Gaines Charter Township (GCT) Offices located at 8555 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Caledonia, Michigan 49316.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jan Boone, Jeff Gritter, Tim Haagsma, Don R. Hilton, Sr.
Members Absent: None
Others Present None

APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: By Don Hilton supported by Jan Boone to approve the minutes for the March 19, 2015 Water & Sewer Advisory Committee meeting as presented.
YES: Jan Boone, Jeff Gritter, Tim Haagsma, Don R. Hilton, Sr.
NO: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION: Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CURRENT MATTERS:

a. 6313 Wing Avenue – Request for Payment Plan for Sewer Connection Fees

Tim Haagsma asked Jeff Gritter to introduce the request for a payment plan for sewer connection fees for 6313 Wing Avenue.

Jeff Gritter stated that this request is straight forward. The property owner would like to be put on a payment plan for the sewer connection fees. The balance due in sewer connection fees is \$19,200.60 plus a permit fee of \$50.00 due at the time the connection is made. The payment plan is proposed to be 10 years in length with an interest rate of 3.25%. Staff recommends that the payment plan be approved for the property.

MOTION: By Don Hilton supported by Jan Boone to recommend the Township Board approve a payment plan over 10 years at 3.25% interest for 6313 Wing Avenue.

No further discussion.

YES: Jan Boone, Jeff Gritter, Tim Haagsma, Don R. Hilton, Sr.
NO: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION: Carried

b. 3178 68th Street – Request for refund of wastewater use fees due to an irrigation leak.

Jeff Gritter introduced the request from 3178 68th Street. The property owner has an irrigation system that is leaking causing very large utility bills. Originally it was thought that a water driven sump pump was the culprit but after this was disconnected the water use was still very high. After further investigation it was found that the irrigation system was the problem.

The Committee discussed the situation. Jan Boone stated that the Township has required evidence that the leak has been fixed prior to issuing a refund for a customer. The property owner has not demonstrated that the leak is fixed yet.

Jeff Gritter stated that the refund; if approved, would be \$1,118.85.

MOTION: By Jeff Gritter supported by Jan Boone to recommend the Township Board approve the refund contingent upon the property owner showing Township Staff that the irrigation system has been fixed.

No further discussion.

YES: Jan Boone, Jeff Gritter, Tim Haagsma, Don R. Hilton, Sr.
NO: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION: Carried

OTHER MATTERS:

a. Update of Current Projects

1. Brewer Park Sewer – Jeff Gritter stated that the private property owners are in agreement to grant easements. Jeff is contacting the Parks Department to secure an easement through the park. At this time it looks good to construct this project this year.
2. Hanna Lake Sewer – Jeff Gritter stated that he has talked with the property owners representative and she requested that contact be made in June.


c. Miscellaneous

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeffrey M. Gritter, P.E.
Township Engineer