

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
March 9, 2020**

Present: Brew, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel, Osterink

Absent with notice: None

Tardy with notice: Fryling. Fryling arrived at 7:27 p.m. and left at 7:55 p.m.

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor DeWard

2. Question of Conflict of Interest

Fryling was declared to have a potential conflict because of his invoice under the Supervisor's office. Fryling was absent to discuss the conflict so no vote was taken on the matter.

3. Proposed Agenda

Motioned by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve the agenda.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion carried.

4. Recognition of Individuals and/or Delegations.

- Jason VanderMolen, Community Policing Officer, gave an update

5. Consent Agenda

Motioned by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to approve the consent agenda including payment of bills for 02/06/2020 through 2/29/2020 in the amount of \$199,061.45.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion carried.

6. Department/Office Reports

A. Clerk's Office

1) Professional Development Request

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to approve Michael Brew's conference request.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Haagsma – yes, VanderStel – yes, Osterink – yes, Brew – yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes Motion carried.

B. Assessing Department

1) Annual Report

Compliments to Megan VanHoose for Board of Review success

C. Water & Sewer Department

1) 1117 Peaceful – Sewer bill relief request

Motioned by Haagsma and supported by Fryling to approve the \$607.50 bill reduction for sewer usage.

ROLL CALL VOTE: VanderStel – yes, Fryling – yes, Osterink – yes, Brew – yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes, Haagsma – yes Motion carried.

Comment concerning establishing a resolution to set a dollar amount to not have to bring the item to the township board.

7. Recognition of individuals and/or delegations

- No one wished to comment

8. Supervisor's Office

A. Tabled Invoice from Dan Fryling

Discussion on the invoice resulted in no member motioning to remove the item from the table.

B. Township Planner Position

Motioned by Haagsma and supported by Osterink to approve the hiring of Dan Wells as Township Planner.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Osterink – yes, Brew – yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke - yes, Haagsma - yes, VanderStel - yes Motion carried.

C. Renewal of Township Liquor Licenses

1) Applebees

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve the renewal of Applebees Liquor License.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Osterink – yes, Brew – yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes, Haagsma – yes, VanderStel – yes, Motion carried.

2) Briarwood

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Osterink to approve the renewal of Briarwood Liquor License.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Brew – yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke - yes, Haagsma – yes, VanderStel – yes, Osterink – yes Motion carried.

3) Carmelo's

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to approve the renewal of Carmelo's Liquor License.

ROLL CALL VOTE: DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes, Haagsma - yes, VanderStel – yes, Osterink - yes, Brew – yes Motion carried.

4) Celebration Cinema

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to approve the renewal of Celebration Cinema Liquor License.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Lemke – yes, Haagsma – yes, VanderStel - yes, Osterink – yes, Brew - yes, DeWard – yes Motion carried.

5) Grinning Mitten Microbrewer

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve the renewal of Grinning Mitten Microbrewer Liquor License.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Haagsma – yes, VanderStel - yes, Osterink – yes, Brew - yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes Motion carried.

6) Grinning Mitten Small wine maker

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to approve the renewal of Grinning Mitten Small wine maker Liquor License.

ROLL CALL VOTE: VanderStel - yes, Osterink – yes, Brew - yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes, Haagsma – yes Motion carried.

7) Logan’s Roadhouse

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve the renewal of Logan’s Roadhouse Liquor License.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Osterink – yes, Brew - yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes, Haagsma – yes, VanderStel – yes Motion carried.

8) Peppino’s

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve the renewal of Peppino’s Liquor License.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Osterink – yes, Brew - yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes, Haagsma – yes, VanderStel – yes Motion carried.

9) Watermark

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve the renewal of Watermark Liquor License.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Brew - yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes, Haagsma – yes, VanderStel – yes, Osterink – yes Motion carried.

D. Resolution – Consumers Energy regarding Explorer Estates

Motioned by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to remove the resolution from the table

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve the Consumers Energy resolution regarding Explorer Estates

ROLL CALL VOTE: DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes, Haagsma – yes, VanderStel – yes, Osterink – yes, Brew – yes Motion carried.

E. Purchase of BS&A server

Motioned by Haagsma and supported by DeWard to purchase a BS&A server from Ocean Omega

ROLL CALL VOTE: Lemke – yes, Haagsma – yes, VanderStel – yes, Osterink – yes, Brew – yes, DeWard – yes Motion carried.

F. Never the Same – request for road closure

Motioned by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve the Never the Same request to close Ridgebrook Drive south of 60th and north of Eastport Drive on August 29th, 2020

ROLL CALL VOTE: Haagsma – yes, VanderStel – yes, Osterink – yes, Brew – yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes Motion carried.

G. Township Manager Position

Motioned by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to move forward with advertising and interviewing for the Township Manager position

ROLL CALL VOTE: VanderStel – yes, Osterink – yes, Brew – yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes, Haagsma – yes Motion carried.

H. South Christian room rental rate

Motioned by Lemke and supported by VanderStel to reduce the room rental fee for South Christian Advanced Placement testing

ROLL CALL VOTE: Osterink – yes, Brew – yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes, Haagsma - yes, VanderStel – yes Motion carried.

I. Recommendations for Water & Sewer committee members

Motioned by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to approve Planner Dan Wells and Water & Sewer Administrator Tracy Lawrence to the Water & Sewer committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Osterink - yes, Brew - yes, DeWard - yes, Lemke - yes, Haagsma - yes, VanderStel - yes Motion carried.

9. Comments & Discussion

DeWard commented on the idea of combining the Building, Planning, and Permits departments.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Michael Alex Brew
Michael Brew, Clerk

Robert DeWard, Supervisor