

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING
August 19, 2019**

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

Absent with notice: None

Also present: Jeff Sluggett, Township Attorney; Matt McKernan, Assistant Planner

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Supervisor DeWard

2. Question of Conflict of Interest

Kathy VanderStel will recuse herself for the StoneCo project.

3. Proposed Agenda

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to accept the agenda as presented.

VOICE VOTE – All Ayes. Motion carried.

4. Recognition of Individuals and/or Delegations

Trustee VanderStel stepped down from the podium.

- Cindy DeCook spoke in opposition of the mining project
- Deb Steketee spoke in opposition of the mining project
- Doretta Anema spoke in opposition of the mining project
- Beth DenBoer spoke in opposition of the mining project
- Paula ? spoke in opposition of the mining project
- Ken Vermuellen, Attorney for StoneCo, responded to statements made by previous speakers
- Kathy VanderStel spoke in support of the mining project
- Genie Eardley, Attorney for Doretta Anema, spoke in opposition to the mining project

5. Existing Business

StoneCo PUD rezoning request and site plan

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Burnside to tentatively approve the planned unit development rezoning request and site plan by applicant StoneCo for a mining operation contingent upon Township staff and the Township Attorney drafting a resolution to that effect and the resolution being adopted by the Township Board hereafter. The resolution should include the conditions adopted by the Planning Commission, as well as specifying maintenance only on Saturdays with no mining operations allowed; directing the Planning Commission to form a sub-committee to include nearby residents to provide input on the annual review of the new mine; and that the Planning Commission holds a public hearing with applicable noticing requirements at the meeting when the annual review is conducted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Fryling – no, Osterink – yes, Burnside – yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes, Haagsma – yes. Motion carried.

Closed Session – to discuss Attorney opinions

Trustee VanderStel returned to the podium.

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to enter into closed session, pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material which is exempt from disclosure under Section 13(1)(g) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Osterink – yes, Burnside – yes, DeWard – yes, Lemke – yes, Haagsma – yes, VanderStel – yes, Fryling – yes. Motion carried. Entered closed session at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to return to the open meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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

6. New Business

Budgetary Planning Discussion

- Special Assessment/Millage Request for Public Safety
- Hiring of a Township Superintendent or Manager

7. Comments & Discussion

DeWard reminded the Board of the Special Meeting scheduled for August 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.


8. Adjournment

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Lemke to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Ayes: All. Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED: September 9, 2019


Angela Burnside, Clerk


Robert DeWard, Supervisor