

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
FOR THE REGULAR 7:00 PM MEETING  
June 10, 2024**

Present: Supervisor DeWard, Clerk Brew, Treasurer Lemke, Trustees Fryling, Haagsma, Terpstra, VanderStel Staff: Manager Weersing, Community Planner Wells

Absent with notice: None

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor DeWard.

**2. Question of Conflict of Interest**

None

**3. Review of the Consent Agenda.**

None

**4. Meeting Agenda**

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Haagsma to approve the proposed agenda.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

**5. Communications ~ Non-action Informational Items**

- a) May 2024 Building Department Revenue Report
- b) May 2024 Dutton Fire Run Report
- c) May 2024 Cutlerville Fire Run Report
- d) May 2024 Community Policing Officer's Report
- e) Letter from Todd Mulder

**6. Scheduled Speakers**

- a. Chief Judge Jefferey O'Hara from the 63<sup>rd</sup> district court spoke about his work helping those with alcoholism and addiction convictions. His goal is not incarceration but recovery.
- b. Dan Veldhuizen from Siegfried Crandall discussed the 2023 audit.

**7. Recognition of Individuals and/or Delegations for agenda and non-agenda items.**

Three township resident spoke concerning the private road waiver from the March 2024 Township Board Meeting .

**A Proposed change to the Gaines Charter Township Ordinance Chapter 22 Section 136 –  
Building Permits, Section B**

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to open the Public Hearing for the Proposed change to the Gaines Charter Township Ordinance Chapter 22 Section 136 – Building Permits, Section B.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

No one spoke.

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Haagsma to close the Public Hearing for the Proposed change to the Gaines Charter Township Ordinance Chapter 22 Section 136 – Building Permits, Section B.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

#### **9. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the Consent agenda including the May 13, 2024 Township Board meeting minutes; General fund expenditures from 05/1/2024 through 05/31/2024 totaling \$128,507.14; Public Safety Special Assessment District expenditures totaling \$169,840.48; Building inspections totaling \$892.07; Water and sewer fund expenditures \$397,571.86; and Treasurer's report for May 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma – yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes. Motion carried.

#### **10. New Business**

##### **A. Change to the Gaines Charter Township Ordinance Chapter 22 Section 136 Building Permits Section B**

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to adopt the change to the Gaines Charter Township Ordinance Chapter 22 Section 136 – Building Permits, Section B. Municipal Grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes. Motion carried.

##### **B. Alexander Trails Planned Unit Development Amendment – 1<sup>st</sup> read**

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and supported by Board Member Terpstra to set the Public Hearing for the regular board meeting on July 08, 2024.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

##### **C. Wolverine Fireworks Display Permit for July 3, 2024 in the Crystal Springs Development**

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Fryling to approve the fireworks display permit for July 3, 2024 at Crystal Springs by Wolverine Fireworks

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes. Motion carried.

**D. Revised Prairie Wolf Station Water and Sewer Development Contract**

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Haagsma to approve the Revised Prairie Wolf Station Water and Sewer Development Contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes. Motion carried.

**E. Assessor Request to Attend 2024 International Association of Assessing Officers Conference**

Motion by Board Member Lemke and supported by Board Member Terpstra to approve the Assessor Request to Attend 2024 International Association of Assessing Officers Conference in Denver, Colorado.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes. Motion carried.

**F. Application for Board of Review Alternate**

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Haagsma to approve Application from Mark Krier for Board of Review Alternate.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes. Motion carried.

**G. Kent County Road Commission, Deer Management Countywide Collaboration**

Motion by Board Member Lemke and supported by Board Member Haagsma to approve the Kent County Road Commission, Deer Management Countywide Collaboration for approximately \$1,000 based upon participation of other municipalities.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes. Motion carried.

**H. Revisit Private Drive Width Requirement waiver request-92nd Street from March 2024**

Motion by Board Member Fryling to revisit the private drive width waiver granted in the March 11, 2024 regular board meeting.

Motion denied due to lack of support. No vote taken.

**11. Public Comments**

Community Policing Officer Vander Molen discussed year 2023 to year 2024 statistics on the number of calls and the decrease in response time due to the additional noon to midnight shift added by the Township.

**12. Manager's comments**

Request for a meeting to discuss cemetery ordinances and ARPA funds

**13. Supervisor's comments.**

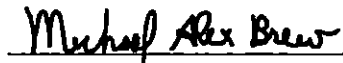
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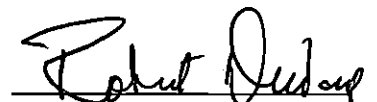
**14. Trustees comments**

None

**15. Adjournment**

Supervisor DeWard adjourned the meeting at 08:47 p.m.

  
Michael Alex Brew, Clerk

  
Robert DeWard, Supervisor