

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE REGULAR 7:00 PM MEETING
September 09, 2024**

Present: Supervisor DeWard, Clerk Brew, Treasurer Lemke, Trustees Fryling, Terpstra, Vander Stel Staff: Manager Weersing

Absent with notice: Trustee Haagsma

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Board Member DeWard.

2. Question of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Review of the Consent Agenda.

None

4. Meeting Agenda

Add Fire Marshall Vehicle to the agenda

Add Fraud Protection to the agenda

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to approve the proposed agenda.

VOICE VOTE: 6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

5. Communications ~ Non-action Informational Items

- a) August 2024 Building Department Revenue Report
- b) August 2024 Dutton Fire Run Report
- c) August 2024 Cutlerville Fire Run Report
- d) August 2024 Community Policing Officer's Report

6. Scheduled Speakers

None.

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

None.

8. Public Hearings

Public Safety Special Assessment District rate

Motion by Board Member Terpstra and seconded by Board Member Lemke to open the Public Safety Special Assessment District public hearing.

VOICE VOTE: 6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried by voice vote.

No one spoke

Motion by Board Member Terpstra and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to close the Public Safety Special Assessment District public hearing.

VOICE VOTE: 6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to approve the Consent agenda including the August 12, 2024 Township Board meeting minutes; General fund expenditures from 08/01/2024 through 08/31/2024 totaling \$330,072.49; Public Safety Special Assessment District expenditures totaling \$266,994.15; Building inspections totaling \$16,800.71; Water and sewer fund expenditures \$877,661.17; and Treasurer's report for August 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Lemke yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

10. New Business

A. Special Events Liquor License Request – Grace and Truth, No More Sidelines

Motion by Board Member Terpstra and seconded by Board Member Lemke to approve the special events liquor license request.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

B. Alexander Trails Phase I Plat

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to approve Alexander Trails Phase I Plat including the four staff conditions.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Fryling - no. Motion carried by roll call vote.

C. Alexander Trails Phase II Plat

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to approve Alexander Trails Phase II Plat with five conditions outlined.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Fryling - no, Board Member DeWard - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

D. Dutton Center Planned Unit Development – 1st Read

Motion by Board Member Terpstra and seconded by Board Member Lemke to set a public hearing for Dutton Center Planned Unit Development on October 14, 2024.

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

E. Dutton Mill Village Major Amendment – Marathon Gas 1st Read

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to set a public hearing for Dutton Mill Village Major Amendment – Marathon Gas on October 14, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

F. Adopt Millage Rate

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to adopt the 2024 operating millage rate at .8048 mils.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

G. Adopt Public Safety Special Assessment District Rate for 2024

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to set the Public Safety Special Assessment District Rate at 1.25.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

H. Water and Sewer 1470 68th St SE – Variance Request

Motion by Board Member Fryling seconded by Board Member Terpstra to grant the Water and Sewer variance request for 1470 68th Street Southeast.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

I. Appendix D to Water and Sewer Ordinance

Motion by Board Member Terpstra and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to approve change to Appendix D Water and Sewer Ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

J. Purchase of Columbarium

Motion by Board Member Fryling and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to table the purchase of a columbarium for Blain Cemetery pending more information.

VOICE VOTE: 6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried by voice vote.

K. Purchase of Stand on Leaf Blower

Motion by Board Member Terpstra and seconded by Board Member Lemke to purchase a stand on leaf blower for the cemeteries at a cost of \$10,799.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

L. Purchase Agenda Software

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to approve the acquisition of agenda software at a cost of \$4000 per year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

M. Deputy Chief Fire Marshal Vehicle

Motion by Board Member Terpstra and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the purchase of a Deputy Chief Fire Marshall vehicle with modifications up to \$20,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

N. Identity Theft Protection

Motion by Board Member Brew and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to provide identity theft protection as an additional benefit at the cost of \$5,000 per year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

11. Public Comments

Shirley Bruursema spoke of the upcoming heritage festival on October 12, 2024.

Don Hilton spoke about installing a fishing dock on the ponds on township property.

12. Manager's comments

Cemetery Ordinance will be coming out soon for review.

New community policing officer introduced as Jeff Bylsma.

13. Supervisor's comments.

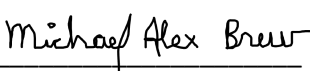
County Supervisor's meeting was held to discuss Kent County deer problem. Also discussed the solid waste issues in the county now that the sustainable waste project lost partners.

14. Trustees comments

None.

15. Adjournment

Supervisor DeWard adjourned the meeting at 09:02 p.m.



Michael Alex Brew, Clerk



Robert DeWard, Supervisor