MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE REGULAR 7:00 PM MEETING
October 14, 2024

Present: Supervisor DeWard, Treasurer Lemke, Trustees Fryling, Haagsma, Terpstra, Vander Stel Staff: Manager Weersing, Community Planner Wells

Absent with notice: Clerk Brew

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Board Member DeWard.

2. Question of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Review of the Consent Agenda.

None

4. Meeting Agenda

A. Remove Columbarium purchase from the table

<u>Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Haagsma to remove the purchase of a columbarium for Blain Cemetery from the table.</u>

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

<u>Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the proposed agenda.</u>

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

5. Communications ~ Non-action Informational Items

- **a) September 2024 Building Department Revenue Report**
- **b) September 2024 Dutton Fire Run Report**
- **c) September 2024 Cutlerville Fire Run Report**
- **d) September 2024 Community Policing Officer's Report**
- **e) 2024 3rd Qtr. Sheriff Dept, Activity Report vs. 2023 3rd Qtr.**
- **f) Residents comments and pictures regarding SURF Internet**

6. Scheduled Speakers

None.

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

Mathew DeLange, candidate for probate judge / family court spoke.

Two residents spoke pertaining to SURF internet running cables through neighborhood.

8. Public Hearings

A. **Dutton Center Planned Unit Development (PUD)**

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to open the Dutton Center Planned Unit Development (PUD) public hearing.

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

Mike West, Allen Edwin homes spoke. Steve Tjapkes, Foster Swift, spoke on behalf of the Post entities.

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and seconded by Board Member Lemke to close the Dutton Center Planned Unit Development (PUD)public hearing.

VOICE VOTE: 5 Aye. 1 Nay. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. **Dutton Mill Village Major Amendment**

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to open the Dutton Mill Village Major Amendment public hearing.

VOICE VOTE: 5 Aye. 1 Nay. Motion carried by voice vote.

No one spoke

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to close the Dutton Mill Village Major Amendment public hearing.

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

9. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the Consent agenda including the September 9, 2024 and September 23, 2024 Township Board meeting minutes; General fund expenditures from 09/01/2024 through 09/30/2024 totaling $112,539.90; Public Safety Special Assessment District expenditures totaling $210,211.20; Building inspections totaling $51,052.73; Water and sewer fund expenditures $402,726.31; and Treasurer's report.

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

10. New Business

A. Cooks Enclave

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Lemke to approve the Cooks Crossing Enclave final condominium plan.

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

B. Dutton Center PUD Amendment

Motion by Board Member Terpstra and seconded by Board Member Haagsma to adopt the resolution for the Dutton Center PUD Amendment.

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

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to adopt the ordinance for the Dutton Center PUD Amendment.

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

C. Dutton Mill Village PUD Marathon Amendment

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to adopt the resolution for the Dutton Mill Village PUD Marathon Amendment.

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

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to adopt the ordinance for the Dutton Mill Village PUD Marathon Amendment.

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

D. Hoffman Meadows Phase II Final Plat

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the Hoffman Meadows Phase II Final Plat with conditions outlined by the Planning Department.

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

E. Thornapple Farms Phase I Final Plat

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the Thornapple Farms Phase I Final Plat with conditions outlined by the Planning Department.

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

F. Thornapple Farms Phase II Final Plat

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the Thornapple Farms Phase II Final Plat with conditions outlined by the Planning Department.

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

G. Change Fire Department Data Software

Motion by Board Member Terpstra and seconded by Board Member Haagsma to approve the change of the Fire Department Data Software to First Due

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

H. Changes to Platform Truck on order

Motion by Board Member Haagsma seconded by Board Member Fryling to add $41,177.21 to the new platform engine currently being built.

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

I. Proposed extension and changes to firefighter's Union Agreement

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the proposed extension and changes to the firefighter's Union Agreement including wage increases.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - 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.

J. Blendon Township joining Grand Valley Metro Council (GVMC)

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to approve the addition of Blendon Township to the Grand Valley Metro Council.

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

K. Streetlight special assessment rate – lower

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Fryling to lower the streetlight special assessment rate due to savings using LED bulbs.

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

L. Railtown request for additional liquor license – set public hearing

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to set a Public Hearing for November 11, 2024 pertaining to the Railtown request for an additional liquor license.

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

M. Renewal of Comcast Franchise Agreement

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Fryling to approve the renewal of the existing Comcast Franchise Agreement at 5% for the franchise fee and 1% for the PEG fee.

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

N. 1st Read and set public hearing Cemetery Ordinance

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to set the Public Hearing for November 11, 2024 for the revised Cemetery Ordinance.

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

O. 1st Read and set public hearing for proposed 2025 budget

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to set the Public Hearing for November 11, 2024 for the proposed 2025 budget.

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

P. ARPA Final Allocation

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to allocate $200,000.00 to Public Safety fund and $100,007.24 to the General Fund for road improvements from ARPA dollars.

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

Q. Columbarium

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to purchase a rectangular columbarium for Blain Cemetery.

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

11. Public Comments

No one spoke.

12. Manager's comments

None

13. Supervisor's comments.

None

14. Trustees comments

Question on fire department wash machine.

Question on Township Office HVAC unit creating a very high electric bill. Independent contractor will coming in to make recommendations.

Comments on the Sherrif statistics in the consent agenda.

Discussion of complaints against SURF Internet. Improvements are being noticed.

15. Adjournment

Supervisor DeWard adjourned the meeting at 08:40 p.m.

Michael Alex Brew

Michael Alex Brew, Clerk

Robert DeWard, Supervisor