

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
March 11, 2019**

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

Absent with notice: Osterink

Assistant Planner McKernan was present; Township Attorney Cliff Bloom joined the meeting at 7:30

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor DeWard

**2. Question of Conflict of Interest**

Trustee VanderStel declared a conflict with the Stoneco Rezoning and PUD Plan, item (a) under the Planning Department. She will recuse herself at that point in the meeting and for the public hearing.

**3. Proposed Agenda**

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

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion carried.

**4. Recognition of Individuals and/or Delegations**

- Kyle Klaas requested an update on the Living Waters situation.
- Jim McGannon spoke in favor of the Anema Farm
- Doretta Anema and Jenny Ike spoke about concerns with the StoneCo mining operation

**Public Hearing – StoneCo rezoning and Planned Unit Development**

Trustee VanderStel stepped down from the Board and joined the audience.

Motion by Fryling and supported by Haagsma to open the public hearing at 7:20.

Ayes: Fryling, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma. Nays: none. Motion carried.

- Gary Gorski, Lizzie Anema, Robert VanderMeer, Jamie Dunbar, Tim Bradshaw, and Lynn Gorski spoke about concerns with the StoneCo mining operation

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Burnside to close the public hearing at 7:45.

Ayes: Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, Fryling. Nays: none. Motion carried. Trustee VanderStel rejoined the Board.

- Kathy VanderStel, Township Trustee, had a proposal for the Board about moving her house (the old schoolhouse on 100<sup>th</sup> & Kalamazoo) to Township park property to preserve it
- Dana Lehmann, Chairman of Parks Committee supported Kathy's plan
- Krystal Stuart, Community Policing Officer - Update from February; announced that she taking a new position at the Kent County Sheriff's Department
- Fire Chief Paul Sheely – update regarding training with Amazon and neighboring departments

**5. Consent Agenda**

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Motion by VanderStel and supported by Fryling to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for 2/1/19 through 2/22/19 in the amount of \$213,251.88.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion carried.

## 6. Department/Office Reports

- A. Clerk's Office - none
- B. Planning Department

### 1) Stoneco – Review of Preliminary PUD Plan & Rezoning Request

Trustee VanderStel stepped down from the Board and joined the audience.

Motion by Fryling and supported by Haagsma to send the the rezoning and Planned Unit Development requests of StoneCo of Michigan back to the Planning Commission, in light of all the public comment that wasn't heard at their public hearing.

Township Attorney Cliff Bloom advised the Board and the audience that there must be compelling, proven detriment to the environment or surrounding properties for mining operations to be denied.

Ayes: DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, Fryling, Burnside. Nays: none. Motion carried. Trustee VanderStel rejoined the Board.

- C. Treasurer's Office - none
- D. Assessing Department - none
- E. Water and Sewer Department - none

7. Recognition of individuals and/or delegations - No one wished to comment.

## 8. Supervisor's Office

### A. Liquor License Renewals

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Applebee's Restaurant.

Ayes: Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel, Burnside, DeWard. Nays: Fryling. Motion carried.

Motion by Burnside and supported by VanderStel to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Briarwood Golf Course.

Ayes: Haagsma, VanderStel, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke. Nays: Fryling. Motion carried.

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Carmelo's Restaurant.

Ayes: VanderStel, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma. Nays: Fryling. Motion carried.

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Celebration Cinema.

Nays: Fryling. Ayes: Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel. Motion carried.

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Grinning Mitten – Microbrewer License.

Ayes: Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel. Nays: Fryling. Motion carried.

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Grinning Mitten – Small Winemaker’s License.

Ayes: DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel, Burnside. Nays: Fryling. Motion carried.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Logan’s Roadhouse.

Ayes: VanderStel, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma. Nays: Fryling. Motion carried.

Motion by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Peppino’s Restaurant.

Ayes: Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel, Burnside, DeWard. Nays: Fryling. Motion carried.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Watermark – Stonewater County Club.

Ayes: Haagsma, VanderStel, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke. Nays: Fryling. Motion carried.

#### **B. Crystal Springs Homeowner’s Association – Request for Fireworks permit**

Motion by Fryling and supported by Burnside to approve the permit for Crystal Springs Homeowner’s Association for Fireworks on July 3, 2019 at the Stonewater Country Club.

Ayes: Fryling, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel. Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### **C. Replacement of condensing unit #2 at Township Office**

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Burnside to approve the replacement of condensing unit #2 of the Township Office air conditioning system, for approximately \$12,000.00.

Ayes: Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel, Fryling. Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### **D. Proposed 2019 Road Projects from Kent County Road Commission**

Motion by Lemke and supported by Burnside to approve the 2019 road projects proposed by the Kent County Road Commission in the Crystal Springs neighborhood, at a cost of \$249,500.00.

Ayes: DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel, Fryling, Burnside. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**E. Cutlerville Fire Committee** – recommendation of candidate for full-time fire fighter position

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Burnside to approve the hiring of Eric Wierenga as a full-time fire fighter at Cutlerville Fire Department, effective March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ayes: Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel, Fryling, Burnside, DeWard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**F. Cutlerville Fire Committee** – recommendation of candidate for Deputy Chief position

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to approve the recommendation of Ken VanHall as Deputy Chief at the Cutlerville Fire Department.

Ayes: Haagsma, VanderStel, Fryling, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**G. Dutton Cemetery** – repaving of driveway

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Burnside to accept the bid for repaving of the Dutton Cemetery drive from A-1 Asphalt Inc. in the amount of \$27,520.00.

Ayes: VanderStel, Fryling, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**H. Closed Session**

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to go into closed session to discuss a privileged and confidential opinion letter from the Township Attorney regarding halfway houses pursuant to MCL 15.288(h) at 9:00.

Ayes: Fryling, Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Burnside and supported by Haagsma to return from closed session at 9:30.

Ayes: Burnside, DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel, Fryling. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Burnside and supported by Lemke to accept the Township Attorney's recommendations concerning halfway houses and Living Water ministry.

Ayes: DeWard, Lemke, Haagsma, VanderStel, Fryling, Burnside. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**9. Comments & Discussion** – The public comment regarding StoneCo was unexpected.


**10. Adjournment**

Motion by Burnside and supported by VanderStel to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned.

**APPROVED: April 8, 2019**

  
Angela Burnside, Clerk

  
Robert DeWard, Supervisor