

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
June 28, 2021**

Present: DeWard, Brew, Lemke, Fryling, Haagsma, Terpstra, Vander Stel
Absent with notice: None
Township Manager Jonathan Seyferth was also present
Opening prayer was given by Fryling and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor DeWard

2. Question of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Proposed Agenda

Motioned by VanderStel and supported by Haagsma to approve the agenda.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Recognition of Individuals and/or Delegations.

None.

5. Department / Office Reports

A. Planning Department

1) Tax Rate Request

Motion by Haagsma and seconded by VanderStel to accept the Assessing Department Tax Rate Request of 0.8364 mills.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Brew - yes, VanderStel - yes, Terpstra – yes, Lemke - yes, Haagsma – yes, Fryling - yes, DeWard - yes Motion carried.

2) Professional Development Request for Assessor VanHoose, Assistant Assessor Zenas, and Assessing Technician Gehrls

Motion by Haagsma and seconded by Lemke to approve the professional development requests for the Assessing Department to attend the Michigan Assessors Association Summer Conference.

ROLL CALL VOTE: DeWard – yes, Brew - yes, VanderStel - yes, Terpstra – yes, Lemke - yes, Haagsma – yes, Fryling - yes, Motion carried.

6. Recognition of individuals and/or delegations

None

7. Supervisor's Office

A. Township Manager Professional Development Request

Motioned by Lemke and supported by Fryling to approve the Professional Development Request for Township Manager Seyferth to attend the Michigan Municipal Executives and International City/County Manager Association conferences.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Fryling - yes, DeWard – yes, Brew - yes, VanderStel - yes, Terpstra – yes, Lemke - yes, Haagsma – yes Motion carried.

B. Executive Secretary Professional Development Request.

Motioned by Lemke and supported by Haagsma to approve the Professional Development Request for Executive Secretary Triplett to attend Skill Path training.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Haagsma – yes, Fryling - yes, DeWard – yes, Brew - yes, VanderStel - yes, Terpstra – yes, Lemke - yes, Motion carried.

C. Crystal Springs Fireworks Permit Application

Motioned by Haagsma and supported by VanderStel to approve the Crystal Springs Fireworks Permit Application.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

D. Crystal Springs Kids Parade Street Closure.

Motioned by Lemke and supported by VanderStel to approve the Crystal Springs Kids Parade street closure request.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

E. Special Assessment Amended Timeline

Motioned by Haagsma and supported by Brew to cancel the July 12, 2021 Special Assessment Public Hearing pending attorney review.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried

8. Comments & Discussion

Trustee Fryling asked about voting procedures during meetings pertaining to roll call votes verses voice votes.

Trustee Fryling wondered if the barns could be used for community events. He also asked for an update on a community center in Prairie Wolf Park.

Trustee Fryling noted the black lettering is hard to read against the red paint on the fire trucks.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Lemke to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Michael Alex Brew
Michael Brew, Clerk

Robert DeWard
Robert DeWard, Supervisor