

VILLAGE OF GAINES
Regular Council Meeting
July 12, 2017

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Sam Stiff at the Village of Gaines Office, 113 Genesee Street at 7:00 p.m. with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Emily Alexander, Carol Erickson, Barbara Ferris, Diane Nowak, James Savage, President Sam Stiff, Treasurer Demi Manutes-Pyles, and Clerk Vicky Sandlin.
Absent: Melissa Neal

Police Report

Report received from Chief Mark Schmitzer and on file.
Chief Schmitzer addressed council concerns that curfew is not being followed.

Audience Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion Nowak, second Erickson to approve June 14, 2017 regular council meeting minutes as presented.

All Ayes – Motion carried

Treasurer Report

- A. Bank Balance - \$264,096.99; Investment Balance - \$328,214.56 (CD expires June 27 so \$40,000.00 will be transferred Major Roads).
- B. *Membership Approval*
- C. *Motion Alexander, second Nowak to approve Michigan Government Finance Officers Association annual membership fee in the amount of \$120.00 for the Treasurer.*
Roll Call: All Ayes - Motion carried
- D. Tax Roll Update – Tax Roll is completed.
- E. Follow-up on UIA (Unemployment) – Former Clerk was approved for unemployment.

Approval of The Bills

Motion Ferris, second Alexander to approve bills as presented

Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried

DPW Report

- Harold DeMott stated that Delta Paving will be paving Walker Street and Elm Street beginning June 13, 2017.
- Received no responses on painting of the exterior of Office & Library. However, Clerk and Deputy Clerk have been in contact with a few individuals for quotes.
- Purchased carburetor for golf cart and a battery for the lawnmower.

Fire Board Report

Erickson shared agenda from meeting. Report on file.

Building Inspector Report

Report received from Building Inspector Marty Johnson and on file.

President's Report

- President Sam Stiff contacted Faith Finholm at the Land Bank to let her know that the vacant lot (117/119 Genesee Street) has not been landscaped or seeded, but the stump has been removed for \$150. We have an estimate for a lamp post that is similar to our current lamp posts. We are waiting on quotes for installation of the new lamp post in the park by the gazebo, and re-locating the lamp post that is currently there to replace the damaged lamp post in front of the vacant lot. We will contact Ms Finholm when completed.
- Received an estimate in the amount of \$8,300.00 for nine (9) LED fixtures for our street lights (this does not include installation). The current lights utilize 400-500 watts. The LED lights will utilize 25-35 watts. Will contact Consumers to verify savings.

- During the Community Clean-up, the Men's Group put up new Community Organization Boards coming into the Village. The wooden trim needs to be painted.
- Contacted Dan Hudson with the Genesee County Road Commission. They will be grading and chloriding McConnell Street the week of June 16, 2017.

Unfinished Business

- A. MTA Seminar
Motion Alexander, second Erickson to approve \$20 for the late registration fee for the MTA Planning & Zoning seminar to be attended by President Sam Stiff.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried
- B. New Steel Back Service Door & Frame – Still waiting on quotes.
Motion Nowak, second Erickson to table until next month.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried
- C. Amend Budget - Workers' Comp
Motion Alexander, second Nowak to add a line "Workers' Comp" to Major Roads and Local Roads on the budget.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried

New Business

- A. Register of Deeds - Need to have deeds on file. The cost at the Register of Deeds is \$1.00 per page, anything prior to 1998 it is an additional \$1.00.
Motion Erickson, second Ferris to purchase needed deeds for each properties the Village owns, not to exceed \$100.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motioned carried
- B. Adopting Township Solicitation Ordinance as Village Resolution 2017-02 –
Motion Savage, second Alexander to adopt Township Solicitation Ordinance as Village Resolution 2017-02, with noted correction.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motioned carried

Communications

- A. Water & Waste Meeting - Nowak shared agenda from meeting. Report on file.
- B. Small Cities/Villages Meeting – Not attended
- C. Gaines Township Meeting – Not attended
- D. TAC Meeting – Canceled

Council Concerns

- A. Response to Clerk training - Checked past minutes for approval of monies for Clerk training. The only thing that was approved was membership to the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.
- When not able to attend Council Meetings, please contact the President and the Clerk.

Audience Comments

- Chief Schmitzer shared that he was made aware that our insurance company does allow for \$5,000 Risk Management Grants that are available in the Spring and Fall. He suggested the Council apply this Spring for repairs to the sidewalks and for the upgrading of the street lights to LED lights in the Fall. Treasurer has requested information and link from Insurance Company.
Motion Ferris, second Alexander to proceed with applying for the Risk Management Grants.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motioned carried

Adjournment

Motion President Stiff, second Alexander to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.
All Ayes – Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Sandlin, Clerk