

VILLAGE OF GAINES
Regular Council Meeting
November 8, 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 pm with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

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

Police Report

Report received from Chief Mark Schmitzer and on file.

Audience Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Under "President's Report", first bullet - "Issues concerning the Village." Should be "No issues concerning the Village".

Motion Erickson, second Neal to accept October 11, 2017 regular council meeting minutes as presented with noted change.

All Ayes – Motion carried

Treasurer Report

A. Bank Balance - \$295,227.00; Investment Balance - \$327,699.00

B. Request for Credit Report (Cost: \$121.99)

Motion Ferris, second Nowak to approve Treasurer to request credit report using her personal credit card and reimburse her.

Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried

C. Budget Change – Under General, two sets of two different accounts are redundant and have been merged per the State of Michigan Universal Charter of Accounts and Taylor-Morgan. (1) Ordinance Violation and Mowing Ordinance Violation, and (2) Investment Income and Investment CD Merge.

Approval of The Bills

Motion Erickson, second Ferris to approve bills as presented.

Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried

DPW Report

- Received one (1) bid for sidewalk repair on Elm Street, waiting on two (2) other requested. Will begin this project in the Spring.
- Utilizing crushed asphalt leftover from street resurfacing to repair hole in alley.

Fire Board Report

Report on file.

Building Inspector Report

No report. Marty Johnson and Steve Anderson should be meeting later this month.

President's Report

- Attended Gaines Township Council Meeting Wednesday, November 1, 2017. No issues concerning the Village.
- Bancroft Veterinary Clinic re-scheduled Callie Fisher inspection for today (November 8, 2017). They will mail their report.
- The building at 120 Genesee Street has been purchased. Not sure of use at this time.
- 2017 Village Halloween Party was a success. Event information is on file.
- Organizing all Village ordinances to be codified. Once completed, all council Ordinance binders will be updated.
- We do not qualify for Par Plan Grant because it is a safety improvement, not a safety implementation.

Unfinished Business

- A. Approval of Taylor-Morgan Audit – Page #19, first paragraph, last sentence should read “... and other authorized operations to all streets classified as **major local** streets.”
Motion Ferris, second Nowak to approve the Taylor-Morgan Audit with correction.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried.
- B. Back Steel Door & Frame
Motion Neal, second Nowak to purchase new steel back door & frame from Door Mart in the amount of \$1,590.00.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried.

New Business

- A. Veteran’s Day Ceremony - Dave Aurand
New flag pole and light installed in Gaines Veteran’s Memorial Park, have plans to add two (2) benches, and still selling memorial bricks.
Gaines Veterans Park Committee honoring Vietnam Era Veteran’s (those serving 1954 – 1975) with a lapel pin, proclamation, and letter Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 1:00pm.
Gaines Color Guard will be in attendance and there will be a ‘re-enactment site’ at the end of the park with a lunch following at the Gaines Lion Club.
Motion Erickson, second Neal to have Village’s DPW raise and lower flag in Gaines Veteran’s Memorial Park and approving the closure of Lord Street (between Genesee and Washington) from 11:00am to 2:00pm and the closure of Genesee Street (between the Village Hall and Lord Street) from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.
- B. Approval of DPW Allotment (\$300)
Motion Ferris, second Neal to approve \$300.00 allotment for incidentals.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried.
- C. Clerk – Six (6) Month Raise
Motion Nowak, second Erickson second to increase Clerk’s wages to \$13/hr at 20 hours/wk.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried.
- D. Resignation of DPW Employee
Motion Erickson, second Nowak to accept resignation of DPW employee.
All Ayes – Motion carried
- E. Advertise for As-Needed DPW Employee
Motion Erickson, second Nowak to advertise for as-needed DPW employee on FaceBook and Instagram.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried.
- F. Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (GCMA) Dues
Motion Neal, second Nowak to approve \$150.00 dues to GCMA, and designate Alexander as Elected Official, Neal as the Alternate, and Valarie DeLauter as Citizen Representative.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried.
- G. Increase Internet Speed
Motion Ferris, second Nowak to approve the increase in internet speed at additional cost of \$90/month.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried.

Communications

- A. Water & Waste Meeting – Report on file. Open House re-scheduled to Monday, November 20, 2017.
- B. Small Cities/Villages Meeting – Neal unable to attend, but requested minutes. Captain Tafoya will be the speaker at the meeting the Village is hosting Wednesday, January 3, 2018 and we will be holding the meeting at Gaines Elementary.
- C. Gaines Township Meeting – President Stiff attended.
- D. TAC Meeting – Not attended.

Council Concerns

Ferris had resident complain that Council Meeting Minutes displayed in Village Hall window are over a year old. However, they are updated each month.

Audience Comments

Jodi Hall stated that she was interested in property on Lansing Street.

Adjournment

*Motion President Stiff, second Ferris to adjourn at 8:11p.m.
All Ayes – Motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Sandlin, Clerk