

VILLAGE OF GAINES
Regular Council Meeting
March 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 p.m. with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: *Present:* James Savage, Barb Ferris, Emily Alexander, Melissa Neal, Diane Nowak, President Sam Stiff & Treasurer Demi Manutes-Pyles.

Absent: Carol Erickson

Police Report: Received and on file.

Audience Comments: None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion Alexander, second Ferris approve February 8, 2017 budget workshop & regular council meetings as presented.

All Ayes – Motion Carried

Treasurer Report: A. Huntington Banking Issues: Huntington Bank does not allow Treasurer when making deposit of Act 51 monies to split the check into the necessary two accounts, Major & Local Streets. Previous banks for Village of Gaines have always allowed this. Act 51 monies are designated only for Major & Local Streets. Treasurer Manutes-Pyles has explained this to bank & if can't be resolved will have to change Village of Gaines funds to a new bank. This change needs to happen within a month because of future Act 51 monies coming in. President Stiff recommended a motion to change banks if Huntington won't comply with Village of Gaines needs. Neal suggested investigating if other municipalities are having this problem & who they are banking with & call a special meeting to decide what bank to use and information on banking fees, charges, etc.

B. I.T.RIGHT Internet Upgrade: A letter from I.T.RIGHT was received on why a quick internet connection is necessary: data backup, software updates, email attachments, support from tech service, etc. To make work more efficient, a quicker connection is necessary.

Motion Neal, second Ferris to increase internet speed with Charter at additional cost of \$30.00 which will also provide unlimited phone calls.

Roll Call: All Ayes – Motion Carried

C. First Merit/Huntington – Bank balance: \$244,651.68 (six accounts); investments: \$330,399.44

Approval of Bills:

Motion Alexander, second Stiff pay bills as presented.

Roll Call: All Ayes – Motion Carried

A. Xerox Contract: Service contract is up for yearly renewal & bill needs to be paid.

Motion Neal, second Savage to renewal service contract with name change on mailing address.

Roll Call: All Ayes – Motion Carried

DPW Report: DPW worker McGuire said tree at Grove & Walker Street has fallen down today due to high winds & needs removing. Need a new stop sign pole installed by County too as this was damaged by that tree. Clear View Tree Service stated could do approximately \$800.00.

Motion Neal, second Alexander to have Clear View Tree Service cut & remove fallen tree at Grove & Walker Streets.

Roll Call: All Ayes – Motion Carried

Building Inspector Report: Report of lumber yard building inspection on March 2, 2017 by President Sam Stiff, Gaines Township Fire Chief Joe Hyrman, Gaines Township Police Chief Mark Schmitzer, Gaines Township & Village Building Inspector Marty Johnson & owner Steve Anderson. Fire Chief Hyrman requested fire extinguishers be place within building during renovation. Owner Anderson agreed. Lack of renovation to building as owner was out of town on business for almost a month.

Fire Board Report: Received & filed.

President's Report: The demolition company will deliver salvaged bricks, keystone & window arch with corner blocks on a pallet to DPW building for storage.

A. Selling Village Vacant Property: A resident (Hall) living next to lots 7 & 8 block 9 Lansing Street would like to purchase them. Mr. Hall has been mowing these lots for about 20 years not aware that he did not own. There is also other vacant property own by Village.

Motion Alexander, second Stiff to contact Village lawyer regarding Village property to sell & pay any fees applicable.

Roll Call: All Ayes – Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. *CDBG Project:* As the previous projects for smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors & repaint/replace the library sign are ineligible, a new project for Genesee County 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) Application must be chosen from list created at CDBG Public Hearing meeting of November 9, 2016.

Motion Neal, second Ferris to approve spending 100% of 2017 GDBC for removal of dangerous trees.

Roll Call: All Ayes – Motion Carried

B. *Ordinance 01-17 Public Parking:* Discussion that there would have to be many provisions made to accept this ordinance. Some residences do not have driveways. The layout of the streets does not conform to the way it was platted.

Motion Neal, second Alexander to deny this ordinance.

Roll Call – Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval 2017-2018 Budget

Motion Savage, second Ferris approve budget as presented at workshop. General: Revenue - \$111,552, Expense - \$97,781; Fire: Revenue - \$16,766, Expense - \$14,255; Equipment Replacement: Revenue - \$14,000, Expense - \$11,500; Major Street: Revenue - \$80,800, Expense - \$61,210; Local Street: Revenue: \$38193, Expense - \$37,865; Sewer: Revenue - \$94,043, Expense - \$100,866; Streets: Revenue - \$6,052, Expense - \$20,000.
Roll Call: All Ayes – Motion Carried

B. Gazebo Rental Contract: An increase in deposit is requested by Harold DeMott due to last rental clean up hours DPW had to work.

Motion Savage, second Neal to increase gazebo rental deposit fee from \$25.00 to \$100.00.
Roll Call - Motion Carried

Insurance coverage will be reviewed if Village's insurance does cover rentals at our gazebo. Wright's name will be removed from contract.

C. 2017 Law Day Proclamation: Neal suggested having a meet/greet for Village Officials on this day (May 1, 2017). Not enough time this year; plan for 2018 & adjust budget to reflect this event.

Motion Savage, second Neal to sign 2017 Law Day Proclamation.
All Ayes – Motion Carried

D. 911 Operational Surcharge Increase: A ballot proposal on May 2, 2017 which seeks to increase the monthly 911 operational surcharge from \$1.24 to \$1.86 per month was discussed. This increase will be used for radio equipment & to hire, train and equip additional 911 dispatchers.

Motion Neal, second Alexander to approve Resolution 2017-01 to support this increase.
Roll Call: All Ayes – Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Water & Waste meeting: Next Wednesday is schedule meeting.

B. Small Cities/Village Meeting: Neal & Alexander attended. Judges from 6th & 7th District talked about their drug, alcohol & juvenile courts. The juvenile courts they work with offenders on a probationary case instead of sending them to jail. This procedure is rehabilitating offenders four times better than prison.

C. Gaines Township Meeting: Approved their new budget.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

A. Neal shared social media update. Has created "twitter" account - @village of gainses & Alexander has created "snapchat" account – gainesvillage & will provide the Village Office with

log on & passwords. Got notification Facebook page was already done by Village Office; confused as thought motion made last meeting for her to do. After thought, President wanted setup to come from Village Office as didn't want issues with this page if someone should resign. Also wanted control of postings so wouldn't be a gossip site but informational. Neal is willing to make sure this is done & will post on regular basis. Neal will be given the sign on & password used to set up this account & handle.

B. Neal has list of sidewalks needing repairs. She will share this list with DPW DeMott. Residents questioning why no sidewalk by DPW building for children to walk to school. President said no place to install a sidewalk.

C. Neal feels the ~~drains~~ curbs need to be cleaned in Village. Our DPW does this. Ferris feels need to be done at least twice a year.

D. Neal asked about new flag at Peace Park. This is being addressed.

E. Neal asked for better communications with board on meeting times if different than usual at least 24 hour notice. Suggest having comment cards for residence at Village to fill out. Residents are free to come in at any time with their concerns.

F. Neal would like a quarterly newsletter to reflect any changes implemented at our meetings residents be made aware of delivering door to door. A spring newsletter is being planned.

G. Ferris commented had reported before globe on light near gazebo is off hanging & still not fixed. Nowak reported this info was given to DPW when reported. This will be looked into.

H. Alexander handed out sheet of her concerns & others for community action on increasing participation by the council in the community improve level of communication with council & Village, participation of residents in Village affairs & increase attracting new residents & businesses.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

A resident questioned right-of-way from center of road? It is 30 feet from center of road. Questioned sidewalk repair. Village owns sidewalks.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Ferris, second Alexander to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.
All Ayes – Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane S. Nowak, Recording Secretary