

VILLAGE OF GAINES
Regular Council Meeting
April 11, 2018

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, Melissa Neal, Diane Nowak, James Savage, President Sam Stiff, Treasurer Demi Manutes-Pyles, and Clerk Vicky Sandlin

President Stiff amended the agenda by adding two items under "13. New Business"
H. Baron's Benefit/Fund Raiser
I. Men's Club Work Day

Police Report

Report received prior to meeting from Chief Mark Schmitzer and on file. Chief Schmitzer shared that it is the responsibility of the resident to notify their phone carrier of their new address. Otherwise, when they call 9-1-1, their prior address may show up instead of their current address and assistance will be sent to their prior address.

Audience Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion Alexander, second Nowak to approve March 14, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes and March 14, 2018 Public Hearing minutes as presented.
All Ayes – Motion carried

Treasurer Report

A. Bank Balance - \$261,923.00; Investment Balance - \$322,341.60

Approval of The Bills

Motion Alexander, second Ferris to approve bills as presented.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried

DPW Report

- Street Commissioner Harold DeMott reported that some residents are doing an excessive amount of cutting/clearing of brush. Requested that the following requirements will be posted in Village Hall window and placed in the Village newsletter as a reminder to residents: brush must be in uniform bundles, branches are to be no larger than 3 inches in diameter, cut into 4 foot lengths, no stumps, butt-ends facing out. The bundles should not be placed at the curb until the day before pick-up and the DPW department has the right to refuse to pick-up brush if not adhering to these standards.
- Delta Paving should be able to fix Genesee Street and Lord Street by the end of May.
- DeMott and Wayne McGuire (DPW) have inspected/marked the sidewalks. The cost of renting a grinder is \$150/day for electric, \$360/day for gas. DeMott is going to reach out to surrounding small cities regarding equipment sharing.
- Waiting on CN to clear up RR property.

Fire Board Report

Report received prior to meeting from President Stiff and on file.

Building Inspector Report

None

President's Report

- Village will be receiving a \$300.00 rebate from Consumer for the furnace.
- Still waiting to hear back from Attorney Gildner regarding ordinances.
- Still waiting to hear back from Land Bank regarding the lot at 117/119 Genesee Street.
- Attempting to receive bids for gutter/ledge on the back of the Village Hall.
- Construction has begun of the Village website: villageofgaines.net.
- Attorney Gildner reviewed the information we received from Legal Services of Eastern Michigan regarding reasonable accommodations for handicapped and determined that they do not concern us.
- Attended Gaines Township council meeting Wednesday, April 4, 2018 and the Fire Protection Agreement was accepted with the amendment to have use of all three bays, instead of just two.
- Met with Derek Bradshaw from the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission regarding a community grant office survey for what was needed to make grants more accessible. They are offering nine \$1,000 grants toward website improvements. He is sending us the information to apply.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- A. Village/Township Fire Protection Agreement - Township requested use of all three bays instead of just two. After discussion with DeMott, it was determined that the Village did need have a need for it.
Motion Alexander, second Nowak to accept 2018-2023 Gaines Township/Village of Gaines Fire Protection Agreement, with the amendment to use three bays instead of two.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried
- B. Genesee District Library Lease and Service Agreement – Attorney Michael Gildner has reviewed and approved the Agreement. Neal stated that at the Small Cities and Villages meeting the Genesee District Library representative had mentioned they are reviewing the possibility of adding Wednesday hours to the Village Depot Library.
Motion Nowak, second Ferris to accept the Genesee District Library Lease and Service Agreement.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried
- C. Village of Gaines Yard Sale Proposed Dates (June 14-17) – Dates chosen for Village yard sale to correspond with dates of St Joseph's sale.
Motion Ferris, second Alexander to approve Thursday, June 14, 2018 through Sunday, June 17, 2018 for the Village Yard Sale.
All Ayes – Motion carried
- D. Zoning Board of Appeal Meeting Dates
Village of Gaines Zoning Board of Appeals meeting dates are the third Wednesday of each quarter at 7:00pm. The dates of the meetings for this fiscal year are: April 18, 2018, July 18, 2018, October 17, 2018, and January 16, 2019.
- E. ID Badges - The Gaines Township Police Department is making ID badges with pictures for each council member.
- F. Review Application of As-needed Part-Time DPW Employee
Motion Alexander, second Neal to hire Alan Evert for As Needed Part-Time DPW Employee at \$10.00/hr, contingent upon passing a drug screening.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried
- G. Ordinance #66 – Genesee Street Seasonal Parking
Motion Nowak, second Erickson to change Ordinance #66-Genesee Street Seasonal Parking to a Municipal Civil Infraction.
Roll call: All Ayes – Motion carried

- H. *Baron's Benefit/Fund Raiser*
Motion Alexander, second Nowak to close Walker Street between Genesee and Walnut on either Thursday, May 17, 2018 or Thursday, May 24, 2018 for a fund raiser to help cover the expenses of treatment for a child that has a brain tumor.
All Ayes – Motion carried
- I. *Men's Club Work Day*
Dave Aurrand from the Gaines Community Men's Club notified President Stiff that they will be having a Clean-Up Day sometime in May. They plan on cleaning-up the cemetery, the cemetery building, Memorial Park, Peace Park/gazebo, and around the Depot Library. They will also be performing some maintenance on a Village residence. Mr. Aurrand asked if there are any clean-up requests from the Village Council.
Motion Alexander, second Neal to request the Gaines Community Men's Club clean-up the area behind the Village Hall and plant flowers in the gazebo barrels.
All Ayes – Motion carried

Communications

- A. Water & Waste Meeting – Nowak attended, presented report at meeting, and report on file.
- B. Small Cities/Villages Meeting – Neal attended, presented report at meeting, and report on file.
- C. Gaines Township Meeting – President Stiff attended. Topic that affects the Village are the Gaines Township Town Hall meeting on April 17, 2018 and April 30, 2018 at 7:00pm at Gaines Township Hall regarding funding police protection in our community.
- D. TAC Meeting – Alexander attended.

Council Concerns

- Nowak requested an update on the "Fun Run" to be scheduled for the Saturday morning of the 2018 Gaines Rodeo (July 21, 2018). Neal has contacted Bauman's and waiting to hear back from them. She is also looking at various issues, such as permits, recruiting volunteers, obtaining insurance, ordering t-shirts, cost of applications to race, setting up a FaceBook Event for people to register, etc. It was discussed that this will require a separate account of donated, private funds as it is not a Village-funded event.
- The Village of Gaines Facebook Group has been shut down due to the name being changed to include Gaines Township and some controversy/drama surrounding post(s). Council will consider re-engaging on FaceBook once it has researched and educated itself further.

Audience Comments

Chief Schmitzer has requested again for prior notification to events in order to schedule adequate coverage.

Adjournment

Motion Erickson, second Alexander to adjourn at 8:03p.m.
All Ayes – Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Sandlin, Clerk