

VILLAGE OF GAINES
Regular Council Meeting
May 9, 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 (arrived @ 7:37), Carol Erickson, Barbara Ferris, Diane Nowak, President Sam Stiff, Treasurer Demi Manutes-Pyles, and Clerk Vicky Sandlin
Absent: Melissa Neal and James Savage

President Stiff proposed to amend the agenda.

Motion Ferris, *second* Erickson to amend agenda by adding two items under "13. New Business"

C. Ordinance 92.15 - Weed & Grass Control

D. Ms. LeAnn Cross/Flowers

Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - ***Motion declared carried***

Police Report

Report received prior to meeting from Chief Mark Schmitzer and on file. Chief Schmitzer in attendance to answer any questions/concerns.

Code Enforcement Report

Report received prior to meeting from Chief Mark Schmitzer and on file. Chief Schmitzer in attendance to answer any questions/concerns.

Audience Comments

- Dave Aurrand, Grand Blanc, MI shared upcoming Gaines United Methodist Church activities (information sheet on file):
 1. Church Brochure – Mailing to village residents ASAP.
 2. Taking It To Your Streets – Saturday, May 19, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 3. Food For Friendship (Cooking Day) – Thursday, May 24, 2018, then every 3rd Thursday thereafter. Meals delivered to people in community in need of food and/or company.
 4. Free Dinner – Thursday, May 24, 2018 to launch Food For Friendship.
 5. Memorial Day Celebration – Monday, May 28, 2018 @ 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Recognizing Civil War and honoring Silas Simonson family.
 6. Children's Summer Program – Open from Monday, June 18, 2018 through Friday, August 31, 2018.
 7. Garage Sale (Summer)
 8. Summerfest(July)
 9. Mom to Mom Sale (August)
 10. Brick Sales
- Jack, Baron's Motorcycle Club
 1. Requesting street closure Saturday, July 28 & 29, 2018 for Summerfest.
 2. Family Picnic Fund Raiser Sunday, June 24, 2018 for community family to assist with son's cancer treatment (Buddy Boy). Would like to close Walker Street at the curve from Baron's "footprint", west to car lot.
 3. Offered to paint street lines on Genesee Street before Rodeo (Friday, July 20, 2018 & Saturday, July 21, 2018).
- Richard Butterfield, Lahring Road (810-288-0485)
Interested in purchasing lot next to at 110 Lansing Street that is owned by the village.

Approval of Minutes

Motion Erickson, *second* Nowak to approve April 11, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - *Motion declared carried*

Treasurer Report

- A. Bank Balance - \$251,286; Investment Balance - \$321,437
- B. Taylor Morgan conducting in-office audit May 21, 2018.

Approval of The Bills

Motion Ferris, second Erickson to approve bills as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes - Erickson, Ferris, Nowak, Stiff

Nays - None. *Motion declared carried*

DPW Report

- President Stiff said that Street Commissioner Harold DeMott reported that Delta Paving has tentatively scheduled repairs for Genesee Street sections (three-feet from curb), and possibly complete the re-surfacing Lord Street, soon after June 13, 2018.

Fire Board Report

Report received prior to meeting from Erickson and on file.

Building Inspector Report

None

President's Report

- Attended Gaines Township Meeting Wednesday, May 2, 2018.
- Attended two Gaines Township Town Hall Informational meetings (April 17 & 30, 2018).
- Depot Library sign has been installed.
- DPW part-time as needed new hire, Alan Evert, started April 23, 2018.
- Received check from the Township in the amount of \$104.50 for the Village's percentage of the building permits.
- Working on bids for Depot Library trim painting.
- Lamp post will be replaced near gazebo soon.
- 'No soliciting' signs posted at all four entrances coming into town.
- Village of Gaines Men's Club Clean-up Day is Sat, May 19, 2018.
- Land Bank stated they are working through applications, but are approximately 3-month in the rears. Directed to call back to check status next month of the vacant lot at 117/119 Genesee Street.
- Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission grant for website has been submitted.
- Please let Clerk know if you have not had a chance to get your info to Mary @ Township for ID badges.
- Council needs to decide what to do with the damaged/burnt bench in Peace Park by the gazebo. Should it be torn out or re-constructed – possibly by an Eagle Scout?
- Old Depot Library redwood sign is to be stored until it is decided what is to be done with it.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- A. Cleaning Village Office & Depot Library Windows – Three (3) quotes were obtained to clean the windows in the Village Hall and the Library.
 - Birds Beware Window Cleaning: \$258.00
 - H & B Janitorial & Window Cleaning: \$198.00
 - The Dirt Hunter: \$247.00

Motion Ferris, second Nowak to accept quote from H & B Window Cleaning to clean windows at the Village Hall and Library for \$198.00.

- Roll Call: Ayes - Erickson, Ferris, Nowak, Stiff
Nays - None. **Motion declared carried**
- B. Michigan Municipal League (MML) Dues
Motion Ferris, *second* Erickson to pay Michigan Municipal League dues in the amount of \$462.00.
Roll Call: Ayes - Erickson, Ferris, Nowak, Stiff
Nays - None. **Motion declared carried**
- C. Ordinance 92.15 - Weed & Grass Control
Motion Erickson, *second* Ferris to change grass height from 8" to 6" to be in alignment with Gaines Township.
Roll Call: Ayes - Erickson, Ferris, Nowak, Stiff
Nays - None. **Motion declared carried**
- D. Mrs. LeAnn Cross/Village Flowers
Motion Nowak, *second* Ferris to pay LeAnn Cross \$700.00 for the installation, watering, and fertilizing of flower planters at the Village Office (1) and on the nine (9) lamp posts.
Roll Call: Ayes - Erickson, Ferris, Nowak, Stiff
Nays - None. **Motion declared carried**

Communications

- A. Water & Waste Meeting – Not attended
B. Small Cities/Villages Meeting – Not attended
C. Gaines Township Meeting – President Stiff attended. The topic discussed that affects the Village is the funding for police protection in our community/township. Two possible paths were a mileage or an assessment. Will be discussed further at future meetings.
D. TAC Meeting – Not attended

Council Concerns

- Habitat for Humanity is drawing up a Quit Claim Deed for 206 W Lord Street at no cost to the Village.
- Erickson would like drivers to slow down when going through Village.
- Several comments made regarding residents cleaning up their yards/blight.

Audience Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion Alexander, *second* Erickson to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - **Motion declared carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Sandlin, Clerk