

**VILLAGE OF GAINES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**July 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,  
President Sam Stiff, Treasurer Demi Manutes-Pyles, and Clerk Vicky Sandlin  
Absent: James Savage

**Police Report**

Report received prior to meeting from Chief Mark Schmitzer and on file. Chief Schmitzer was unable to attend due to job responsibilities.

**Code Enforcement Report**

- Report received prior to meeting from Chief Mark Schmitzer and on file.

**Audience Comments**

David Lossing (211 Hickory Street, Linden, MI 48451) announced that he is running unopposed in the democratic primary for the 51<sup>st</sup> District State House seat and shared his ideas on the following issues:

- \*Promote job creation and workforce development
- \*Restore revenue sharing
- \*Invest in public schools and higher education
- \*Protect our environment

**Approval of Minutes**

Under DPW Report, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point – “grated” needs to be changed to “graded”.

*Motion Neal, second Erickson to approve June 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented with noted change.*

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

**Treasurer Report**

- A. Bank Balance - \$247,984; Investment Balance - \$320,333
- B. Audit almost complete. Requested additional information.
- C. Treasurer will check with the County regarding the discrepancy between the projected and actual Property Tax Administration Fee (under General/Revenue).

**Approval of The Bills**

*Motion Alexander, second Ferris to approve bills as presented.*

*Roll Call: Ayes – Alexander, Erickson, Ferris, Neal, Nowak, Stiff*

*Nays - None. **Motion declared carried***

**DPW Report**

Street Commissioner Harold DeMott reported:

- Purchased paint for parking lines. Jack Williams/Baron’s will be helping to complete this project.
- Streets and gutters will be cleaned prior to painting.
- Waiting on M & M Painting to get back regarding painting the road lines.

**Fire Board Report**

Report received prior to meeting from Erickson and on file.

**Building Inspector Report**

President Stiff shared that the Village received \$691.05 for building permit reimbursement from the Township for the last month.

### President's Report

- Waiting to hear back from Atty Gildner on sewer ordinance.
- Working on ordinance regarding use of Peace Park/Gazebo and Veteran's Memorial Park and an ordinance regarding commercial filming/video/still photography at parks.
- Streets were closed for the Family Picnic Fund Raiser Sunday, June 24, 2018 (Walker Street at the curve from Baron's "footprint", west to car lot).
- Still working on getting three (3) bids for Depot Library/trim painting.
- Lamp post will be replaced near gazebo soon.
- Expecting to hear back from the Land Bank regarding the vacant lot at 117/119 Genesee Street. Will contact them again if we have not heard from them by mid-month.
- McConnell Street and Elm Street were graded, but not chlorided. It was suggested that the possibility of paving the Village's dirt roads be considered.
- 110 Lansing Street has a new owner who is working on improvements.
- Early Warning Siren will be worked on in the fall. Chief Schmitzer will notify us of the dates.

### Unfinished Business

None

### New Business

- A. Bids on property on W Lansing Street (Parcel #10-31-577-041/Block 9, Lot #7 & #8). Accepting Closed Bids Starting at \$13,000 until 2:00 p.m. on August 7, 2018 Bids to be sealed and opened at August 8, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.  
*Motion Neal, second Nowak to approve extending the deadline to Tuesday, August 7, 2018 for accepting closed bids on W Lansing Street property (Parcel #10-31-577-041/Block 9, Lot #7 & #8), starting at \$13,000 until 2:00 p.m. on August 7, 2018 along with advertising.*  
Roll Call: Ayes – Alexander, Erickson, Ferris, Neal, Nowak, Stiff  
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***
- B. Stevenson Company Insurance Renewal  
*Motion Alexander, second Neal to pay Stevenson Company \$6,808.00 to renew insurance through June 20, 2019, but to research other companies for next year.*  
Roll Call: Ayes – Alexander, Erickson, Ferris, Neal, Nowak, Stiff  
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***

### Communications

- A. Water & Waste Meeting – Nowak did not attend due to no summer meetings.  
B. Small Cities/Villages Meeting – Neal did not attend due to no July meeting.  
C. Gaines Township Meeting – President Stiff did not attend due to meeting being re-scheduled at the same date and time as this meeting.  
D. TAC Meeting – Alexander did not attend due to July meeting being canceled.

### Council Concerns

- The Gaines Community Band Ice Cream Social is Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village of Gaines gazebo.
- A welcome packet for new residents should be put together that includes information on things such as yard sale permits, garbage and yard waste pick-up dates, specific ordinances, etc.
- The Township will be hiring a Code Enforcement Officer at their meeting tonight.

### 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,

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Vicky Sandlin, Clerk