

Village of Gaines
Regular Council Meeting
April 10, 2019

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 48 seconds after Roll Call), Christopher Crawford, Carol Erickson, Melissa Neal, Diane Nowak, President Sam Stiff, Treasurer Demi Manutes-Pyles, and Clerk Vicky Sandlin
Absent: Barbara Ferris

Police Report

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

Code Enforcement Report

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

The Village had four (4) complaints:

- 213 Lansing Street – Blight/junk vehicle
- 201 W Lord Street – Blight/junk vehicle
- 109 E Lord St – Junk vehicle
- 201 Walnut Street – Junk vehicle

Audience Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

- A. *Motion* Neal, *second* Erickson to approve March 13, 2019 Budget Public Hearing – Truth in Taxation minutes as presented.
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - ***Motion declared carried***
- B. *Motion* Alexander, *second* Neal to approve March 13, 2019 Regular Council meeting minutes as presented.
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - ***Motion declared carried***

Treasurer Report

- A. Bank Balance - \$282,042; Investment Balance - \$325,309.
- B. Treasurer presented 2018/2019 Year End Final report (on file).
Motion Alexander, *second* Neal to amend the budget to move funds for 'DPW Wages' from Major Streets to Local Streets as recommended by the Treasurer.
Roll Call: Ayes - Alexander, Crawford, Erickson, Neal, Nowak, Stiff
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***
Motion Neal, *second* Alexander to amend the budget to accept 2018/2019 Year End Final Report with changes.
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - ***Motion declared carried***
- C. Treasurer will be attending the Swartz Creek Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting Thursday, April 11, 2019. Shared Downtown Development Authority Act 197 of 1975 (on file).

Approval of The Bills

Motion Erickson, *second* Alexander to approve bills as presented.
Roll Call: Ayes - Alexander, Crawford, Erickson, Neal, Nowak, Stiff
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***

DPW Report

- Street Commissioner Harold DeMott was in attendance. He had no updates.

Fire Board Report

Report received prior to meeting from President Stiff and on file. Interviews for Captain promotions are being conducted.

Building Inspector Report

Building Inspector Marty Johnson did not submit a report and was unable to attend.

Steve Anderson contacted President Stiff to reiterate that he will begin work on the lumber yard once the weather breaks.

President's Report

- Gave a reminder of the ZBA meeting next Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the Village sidewalks.
- Community Easter Egg Hunt will be hosted by Faith Church (assisted by Larry Judson) Saturday, April 20, 2019. The Easter Bunny will be there at 11:30 a.m. with an Egg Hunt at noon. The Gaines Lions Club will be offering free eye checks and the Byron Lodge 80 will have a free child I.D. programs and hot dogs.
- The street light at 201 Elm Street which was out for approximately a month was replaced Friday, April 5, 2019 with a LED light. However, it went out again that night. They have repaired it again today (April 10, 2019). They also replaced street lights on the corner of Grove and Lord, and Clinton and Elms.
- Resurfacing of Genesee Street and Lord streets is scheduled to be completed sometime after the first of May.
- We plan to be starting rental inspections again this month.
- Two of the flags have been repaired at Katz Alterations.
- There was a storm sewer collapse in the island at the Library. The Genesee County Drain Commission has been out for an initial review. They hope to be out next week for further review and repair.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- A. Office Water
Motion Alexander, *second* Neal to approve the quote from Absopure Water Company for \$8.00/month for water cooler rental and \$5.95 each for 3-gallon water bottles. Note: The first two (2) months of water cooler rental and the first four (4) 3-gallon water bottles are free.
Roll Call: Ayes - Alexander, Crawford, Erickson, Neal, Nowak, Stiff
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***
- B. Street Closure of Walker Street from Walnut to Genesee and Genesee Street from Walker to Lord for Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Motion Alexander, *second* Neal to approve street closure of Walker Street from Walnut to Genesee and Genesee Street from Walker to Lord for Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - ***Motion declared carried***
- C. Street Closure of Genesee Street from Gaines Bar to Lord Street for Memorial Day Presentation Monday, May 27, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
The Village of Gaines Men's Club will be recognizing Korean Conflict veterans at the Memorial Day Presentation. They would like to set up a tent in the vacant lot next to the Village office to serve lunch.
Motion Erickson, *second* Alexander to street closure of Genesee Street from Gaines Bar to Lord Street for Memorial Day Presentation Monday, May 27, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - ***Motion declared carried***
- D. Postage for Spring Newsletter
Motion Neal, *second* Alexander to approve purchase of postage, not to exceed \$100.00, for mailing Spring Newsletter.
Roll Call: Ayes - Alexander, Crawford, Erickson, Neal, Nowak, Stiff
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***

Communications

- A. Water & Waste Meeting – Nowak attended the March 20, 2019 meeting. Report on file.
- B. Small Cities/Villages Meeting – Village of Gaines hosted the April 3, 2019 meeting. Margaret Kato/Habitat For Humanity was our speaker.
- C. Gaines Township Meeting – The Small Cities/Villages meeting was same night.

- D. TAC Meeting – Alexander attended April 4, 2019 meeting. Genesee County announced the 2019 Recycle Days (flyer on file). They are sending letters to local road agencies for 2019 48-hour traffic counts. We can submit counts for our roads if we decide to do so. They have traffic counters that can be rented for \$5/day or \$25/wk. The Alliance will assist in set-up and training.

Council Concerns

- We had twelve (12) Small Cities & Villages members attend the April 3, 2019 Small Cities and Villages dinner meeting. They each paid \$15.00 each.
- Men's Club offered to paint the benches at the gazebo at Peace Park. The Village will supply the paint.
- May 3, 2019 is the Gaines Elementary Staff vs. 5th Graders basketball game at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds go to Children's Miracle Network.

Audience Comments

Chief Schmitzer mentioned the patch on Lansing and Washington needs to be fixed again. He also requested additional participation from the Village Council the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for Coffee & Donuts with the police & fire departments at the Gaines Township Fire Department on Grand Blanc Road.

Adjournment

Motion Alexander, second Erickson to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.
*Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - **Motion declared carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Sandlin, Clerk