

*Village of Gaines*  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**September 11, 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: Christopher Crawford, Barbara Ferris, Melissa Neal, Diane Nowak, President Sam Stiff, Treasurer Demi Manutes-Pyles(left @ 7:07pm), and Clerk Vicky Sandlin(arrived @ 7:10pm)  
Absent: Emily Alexander and Carol Erickson

*President Stiff amended agenda to:*

- *Remove item under "14. New Business"*  
*A. Sidewalks*

**Police Report**

Report received prior to meeting and on file. Chief Schmitzer was in attendance to answer any questions/concerns. Mentioned that Gaines Township is considering an ORV ordinance.

**Code Enforcement Report**

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

- The Village did not have any complaints.

**Audience Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

A. *Motion Crawford, second Nowak to approve August 14, 2019 Regular Council meeting minutes as presented.*  
*Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - Motion declared carried*

**Treasurer Report**

A. Bank Balance - \$250,324; Investment Balance - \$328,253  
• Next call for CD is schedule for October.

**Approval of The Bills**

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

**DPW Report**

Diesler Electric completed installation of lamp posts on Genesee Street. All the downtown lampposts now have LED lights.

**Fire Board Report**

Report received prior to meeting from Erickson and on file.

**Building Inspector Report**

Building Inspector Marty Johnson was unable to attend, but did submit a Village of Gaines Permit List (on file). The Village had two (2) permits.

**President's Report**

- Attended the Gaines Township meeting Wednesday, September 4, 2019. Discussed round-about at Morrish and Grand Blanc delayed for one (1) year due to right-of-way issues.
- Results came back from water testing done on August 15, 2019. Negative for both coliforms and E. Coli.
- Library interior doors painted Tuesday, August 20, 2019 by AllPro Painting
- We will be getting bids for two (2) of the Depot Library Windows that have broken seals.
- The dead tree at 610 Genesee was removed August 22, 2019.
- Deisler Electric replaced street lights Tuesday, September 3 and Wednesday, September 4, 2019. Ordered new outlets.
- Basket/flowers were taken down for the year due to lamp posts being replaced.

- Habitat For Humanity / 206 W Lord Street Home Dedication Ceremony for Stephanie Saintmarie was Friday, September 6, 2019 at 3:00pm.
- Genesee County Road Commission put in posts at Ray & Symons, Ray & Markley on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Reminder placed on website (villageofgaines.net) for residents to keep their vehicles locked.
- Placed banner with website in window
- The Clerk and Treasurer have new email addresses due to security reasons. The new email addresses are:  
[clerk@villageofgaines.net](mailto:clerk@villageofgaines.net)  
[treasurer@villageofgaines.net](mailto:treasurer@villageofgaines.net)
- Delta Asphalt will be contacting us approximately one (1) week prior to beginning project on McConnell and Elm so we can notify residents.
- Flags lowered to half-staff Fri, Aug 16, raised Sat, Aug 17 to honor Norman Edward Klenow who served in the U.S. Navy for three years and served as a volunteer firefighter for over 50 years at the East Tawas Fire Department.
- Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has ordered U.S. and Michigan flags within the State Capitol Complex and on all state buildings to be lowered to half-staff on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 to remember those who lost their lives during the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001.

### **Unfinished Business**

- A. None

### **New Business**

- A. ~~Sidewalks~~
- B. Village Halloween Party  
Alexander volunteered to organize Halloween party.  
[Motion Neal, second Ferris to host a Village of Gaines Halloween party at the Village Hall on October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.](#)  
[Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - Motion declared carried](#)
- C. Habitat For Humanity (Tentative Date: Tues, Oct 1–Sat, Oct 5, 2019 8:00am-5:00pm)  
Matt from Habitat for Humanity has confirmed the added dates for volunteering on the shed project at 206 Lord are Tuesday, October 1 thru Saturday, October 5 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Those interested are to contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

### **Communications**

- A. Water & Waste Meeting – Nowak was unable to attend the meeting.
- B. Small Cities/Villages Meeting – Neal was unable to attend meeting.
- C. Gaines Township Meeting – President Stiff attended the September 4, 2019 meeting.
- D. TAC Meeting – Alexander was unable to attend meeting

### **Council Concerns**

- A reminder has been posted on the website for residents to lock their vehicle doors, due to concerns over individuals going through village with flashlights looking for valuables in vehicles.
- Discussed steps that can be taken regarding the cats roaming through the Village.
- Reviewed chain of command when reporting an issue regarding the Village, Village employees, or Village residents.
- Mentioned traffic on Symons/Park Street not slowing down and this is a danger to young children in the area. Chief Schmitzer stated that they do patrol the area, but will look into different timeframes.

### **Audience Comments**

- Chief Schmitzer announced that President Stiff completed the LEAN Security Awareness Training and passed the test.
- At the Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication Friday, September 6, 2019 Habitat for Humanity presented a plague (made from the lumber of the Flint 2014 Silver Bells in the City Christmas Tree) to the Village of Gaines to thank them for their partnership.

### **Adjournment**

[Motion Ferris, second Neal to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.](#)  
[Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - Motion declared carried](#)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Vicky Sandlin, Clerk