

Village of Gaines
Regular Council Meeting
October 9, 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 @ 7:06pm), Christopher Crawford, Carol Erickson, Melissa Neal, Diane Nowak, President Sam Stiff, Treasurer Demi Manutes-Pyles, and Clerk Vicky Sandlin
Absent: Barbara Ferris

President Stiff amended agenda to:

- *Add item under "14. New Business"*
D. FANG Membership Dues

Police Report

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

Chief Schmitzer reported that on September 16, 2019, on Church Street, a 54-year-old Village of Gaines resident sexually assaulted an 18-year-old Argentine Township resident resulting in her hospitalization. Resident is currently in Genesee County Jail.

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. However, Code Enforcement is still following up on the complaint for 110 Lansing Street (no inspections/occupancy permit).

Audience Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

A. *Motion Neal, second Nowak to approve September 11, 2019 Regular Council meeting minutes as presented.*
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - Motion declared carried

Treasurer Report

A. Bank Balance - \$240,725; Investment Balance - \$329,148
• Taxes are complete & turned into Genesee County.
• Date for CD to mature is January 25, 2022.

Approval of The Bills

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

DPW Report

Purchased push lawnmower (paid for out of General so it can be used toward Equipment Rental). The sprayer motor on the riding lawn mower is being repaired.

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 one (1) permit.

President's Report

- Attended the Gaines Township meeting Wednesday, October 2, 2019.
- Attended the FANG luncheon on Thursday, September 26, 2019.
- Attended the 911 Consortium on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.
- Contacted Consumers Energy regarding LED lights and correcting billing.
- Delta Paving will be prepping McConnell & Elm Friday, October 11, 2019 to begin paving Monday, October 14 and Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Residents have been notified and will be parking in the Fire Department parking lot or in the Faith Church parking lot.
- Habitat for Humanity's Wednesday, October 2nd planned workday was rained out. It has been tentatively re-scheduled for next Wednesday, October 16 or Wednesday, October 30 between the hours of 9:00am and 3:30pm. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested and which days/times you are available, by tonight/early tomorrow morning. She has to contact HFH tomorrow by 1:00pm.
- George MacEachern/HFH said they will be fixing the hall "very soon".
- Staley came in Tues, October 8, 2019 to perform fall maintenance.
- Flag lowered to half-staff:
 - Sunday, October 6, 2019, to honor National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service Day and remember those who lost their lives in the line of duty.
Michael J. Lubig of the Detroit Fire Department - November 12, 2018
Robert J. Phillips II of the Memphis Fire Department - September 23, 2018
 - Tuesday, October 8, 2019 to honor the service of Army Staff Sgt. Kelly Richards, which will coincide with his military funeral. A resident of Grayling, Staff Sgt. Richards was currently serving as a health care specialist with the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry at Fort Carson in Colorado. He was deployed to the Middle East under Operation Spartan Shield. Staff Sgt. Richards was born in Petoskey and raised in Boyne City and Grayling. He joined the army after graduating from Grayling High School in 2005.

Unfinished Business

- A. None

New Business

- A. Newsletter
Motion Nowak, *second* Alexander to mail Village of Gaines Winter Newsletter, the cost not to exceed \$75.00.
Roll Call: Ayes – Alexander, Crawford, Erickson, Neal, Nowak, Stiff
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***
- B. Depot Library Windows
Motion Nowak, *second* Erickson to accept quote from Fenton Glass to replace the two (2) windows in the Depot Library for the amount of \$269.00.
Roll Call: Ayes – Alexander, Crawford, Erickson, Neal, Nowak, Stiff
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***
MGFOA Advanced Financial Management (Public Budgeting & Forecasting)
Motion Nowak, *second* Neal to approve to pay \$120.00 to register Treasurer Manutes for the MGFOA Seminar – Advanced Financial Management (Public Budgeting & Forecasting) on Thursday, November 7, 2019.
Roll Call: Ayes – Alexander, Crawford, Erickson, Neal, Nowak, Stiff
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***
- C. FANG Membership Dues
Motion Alexander, *second* Nowak to pay 2019/2020 membership dues to FANG in the amount of \$251.98.
Roll Call: Ayes – Alexander, Crawford, Erickson, Neal, Nowak, Stiff
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***

Communications

- A. Water & Waste Meeting – Report received prior to meeting from Nowak and on file.
- A. Small Cities/Villages Meeting – Ferris was unable to attend meeting.
- B. Gaines Township Meeting – President Stiff attended the October 2, 2019 meeting as reported above.
- C. TAC Meeting – Alexander reported that we are on schedule for our 2021 federally-funded section of roads.

Council Concerns

- Discussed houses/buildings that have code/ordinance violations within the Village. Must be routed through the Building Inspector, then Code Enforcement officer can proceed.
- Gaines Elementary has Pumpkin Patch on Fridays from 3:30pm – 6:30pm. They have pumpkins, hay bales, corn, etc.
- The students at Gaines Elementary will have the Halloween parade through the Village Thursday, October 31 @ 1:30pm.

Audience Comments

- Township taxes will be reduced from 0.8277 to 0.8117 due to Headily Rollback.
- Residents are encouraged to remember to vote November 5, 2019 on the Police Assessment. If it does not pass there will be cuts.
- It was pointed out that three (3) of the workstations computers at the Gaines Township Police Department were paid for by Chief Schmitzer and he has worked over 600 hours unpaid.
- The Gaines Township Police Department is a very qualified department. Officer Covey is a certified evidence technician. Officer Mills is a CSC and domestic violence specialist and teaches at State Police Academy. Officer Pirochta has been a general detective for 30 years. Chief Schmitzer is an arson state certified and crime prevention specialist, with extensive experience in homicide & child abuse investigation.

- **Adjournment**

Motion Alexander, second Erickson to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.
*Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - **Motion declared carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Sandlin, Clerk