

*Village of Gaines*  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**December 11, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Sam Stiff at the Village of Gaines Office, 113 Genesee Street at 7:02 p.m. with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call**

Present: Emily Alexander (arrived @ 7:24pm), Christopher Crawford, Carol Erickson, Barbara Ferris, Melissa Neal, Diane Nowak, President Sam Stiff, Treasurer Demi Manutes-Pyles, and Clerk Vicky Sandlin

**Police Report**

Report received prior to meeting and on file. Chief Schmitzer was not in attendance.

**Code Enforcement Report**

Report received prior to meeting and on file.  
The Village had no complaints.

**Audience Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

A. *Motion Erickson, second Neal to approve November 13, 2019 Regular Council meeting minutes as presented.*  
*Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - Motion declared carried*

**Treasurer Report**

A. Bank Balance - \$262,710; Investment Balance - \$329,623

**Approval of The Bills**

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

**DPW Report**

Installed two (2) “35 mph” signs (on Ray Road and Symons Road). Also, cleaned street gutters and drains.

**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, December 4, 2019
- Attended the 911 & Executive Committee meetings yesterday (Tuesday, December 10, 2019). Resolution presented to Exec Board regarding the 911 protocol.
- Budget Meetings are scheduled for:
  - Wed, Jan 8, 2020 @ 6:00pm
  - Wed, Feb 12 (if needed)
  - Wed, Mar 11, 2020 @ 6:45pm
- DPW cleaned leaves out Village gutters Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Filled the gator 12 times.
- “No Parking” signs will be put on DPW, by the doors at Walker & Elm.
- A 55mph speed limit sign has been placed on Duffield Rd, north of Baldwin.
- 2020 Waste Management schedule is on website.
- Flags lowered
  - Friday, December 6, 2019 – Detroit Police Officer Rasheen McClain killed in line of duty.
  - Saturday, November 16, 2019 – Army Private Connie Cagle
  - Thursday, November 14, 2019 – Sergeant Walter Tobin, Jr

- o Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Former Congressman Bob Traxler

### **Unfinished Business**

- A. BS&A Software Annual Service/Support Contract  
It was determined that we do not utilize the "Delinquent Personal Property System" at this time.

### **New Business**

- A. Property Foreclosures  
*Motion* Neal, *second* Ferris to approve for the Village to take possession of 106 East Lord Street / Parcel #10-31-577-086  
Roll Call: Ayes – Alexander, Crawford, Erickson, Ferris, Neal, Nowak, Stiff  
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***
- B. Treasurer Position  
*Motion* Neal, *second* Ferris to allow Treasurer to work from home and provide a \$1,856.00 computer connection with firewall  
Roll Call: Ayes – Crawford, Erickson, Neal  
Nays – Alexander, Erickson, Nowak, Stiff. ***Motion denied***
- C. MML Workers' Compensation Fund  
*Motion* Ferris, *second* Neal to approve supplemental payment to MML in the amount of \$175.00 for Payroll Audit of our MML Workers' Compensation Fund.  
Roll Call: Ayes – Alexander, Crawford, Erickson, Ferris, Neal, Nowak, Stiff  
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***
- D. Depot Library Windows  
*Motion* Neal, *second* Alexander to table Depot Library windows until additional quotes can be obtained.  
Roll Call: Ayes – Alexander, Crawford, Erickson, Ferris, Neal, Nowak, Stiff  
Nays - None. ***Motion declared carried***

### **Communications**

- A. Water & Waste Meeting – Report received prior to meeting from Nowak and on file.
- B. Small Cities/Villages Meeting – Ferris was unable to attend meeting.
- C. Gaines Township Meeting – President Stiff attended the December 4, 2019 meeting.
- D. TAC Meeting – Meeting canceled

### **Council Concerns**

Nowak will not be able to complete Christmas decorations at the Depot Library this year. Will contact DPW to complete.

### **Audience Comments**

None

### **Adjournment**

*Motion* Alexander, *second* Erickson to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.  
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - ***Motion declared carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

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Vicky Sandlin, Clerk