

Village of Gaines
Regular Council Meeting
April 13, 2022

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Samuel 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: Valerie DeLauter, Wayne McGuire, Diane Nowak, Donald Sitko, Deborah Stiff,
President Samuel Stiff, Treasurer Renee Dugas and Clerk Vicky Sandlin
Absent: Carol Erickson

Audience Comments

- Patty Hagler / Duffield Road and Crystal Kujacznski / Grand Blanc Road
Both individuals are concerned parents of children in the Gaines Elementary school. Hagler is the point-person of a community-lead effort to keep the elementary open and Kujacznski is the Gaines Elementary PTO President. They outlined where the situation stood and presented some suggestions/events they are considering to bring awareness to this issue and to garner more support. They presented a report laying out this information and it is on file.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Public Budget Hearing (March 16, 2022)
Motion Nowak, second McGuire to approve March 16, 2022 Public Budget Hearing minutes as presented.
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - Motion declared carried
- B. Regular Council Meeting (March 16, 2022)
Motion Nowak, second McGuire to approve March 16, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - Motion declared carried

Treasurer Report

- A. Bank Balance - \$483,041.73; Investment Balance - \$331,353.48
Per the council's decision, Treasurer Dugas moved investment balance from Multi-Bank Securities to Huntington Bank/General Fund in preparation for our financial institution change. So now our total balance is \$814,395.21.
Council discussed that financial institutions will only insure up to \$250,000 per establishment, per business. Dugas shared her research and conversations with other surrounding/same-sized municipalities to this point. Once several options were discussed for placing of finances. It was agreed that Dugas would continue research and it will be brought to discussion again.

Approval of The Bills

Motion McGuire, second D Stiff to approve bills as presented.
Roll Call: Ayes – DeLauter, McGuire, Nowak, Sitko, D Stiff, S Stiff
Nays - None. Motion declared carried

DPW Report

McGuire shared:

- Patched potholes in Village. Approximately 4,400 tons of asphalt was utilized.
- Having issues with one of the furnaces in the DPW garage.
- Installation of the remaining flashing lights scheduled in next few weeks.

Fire Board Report

Report received from Stiff prior to meeting and on file.

Building Inspector Report

Building Inspector Marty Johnson was unable to attend, and did not submit a Village of Gaines Permit List since the Village had no permits.

President's Report

- Been getting estimates for resurfacing a number of Village streets (including proposed parking lot). Still waiting for two more bids for two more streets.
- Spring newsletter will be sent out shortly to Village residents

- Attended April 12, 2022 911 Executive Board meeting. Very short meeting. Still working on CAD dispatching process for ambulance response.
- Our grant request for an AED was made to Medstar. Request was granted. AED will be in Village office.
- Spoke with a law enforcement officer about any contact they may have to an officer who would be interested in doing code enforcement and rental inspections for the Village. Hope to have positive response.
- Last order of solar flashing lights have been received. Installation will be performed in the next week.
- Radar speed signs have been ordered. Village should receive signs by late May, early June.
- Electric eyes have been replaced in two other locations.
- Will investigate “No truck” signs to post where truck route arrow signs are posted. Truck drives may identify with a picture sign rather than a sign with words.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- A. Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance
Nowak volunteered to be the alternate and the council will continue to seek a Citizen Representative.
- B. Genesee County Small Cities & Villages
Decided at this point, this year we will just not have an alternate.
- C. QuickBooks
Motion Nowak, second D Siff to approve to table QuickBooks until next month’s meeting.
Roll Call: Ayes – DeLauter, McGuire, Nowak, Sitko, D Stiff, S Stiff
Nays - None. **Motion declared carried**

Communications

- Water & Waste Meeting – Nowak shared last meeting.
- Small Cities/Villages Meeting – DeLauter was unable to attend.
- Gaines Township Meeting – President Stiff attended April 6, 2022. Notified that they approved graveling some roads and were looking at ditches throughout the township.
- TAC Meeting – President Stiff unable to attend.

Council Concerns

- Confirmed the fact that the Village is not allowed to utilize tax payers money to sponsor events like a 5K color run and went over other events (i.e. farmer’s market, yard clean-up assistance) that were proposed during Audience Comments and how the council/Village could assist.
- Discussed issues with getting website “bugs” worked out with new hosting company.
- Mentioned how much President Stiff does for the day-to-day operations of the office.

Adjournment

Motion McGuire, second D Sitko to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - **Motion declared carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Sandlin, Clerk