

Village of Gaines
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Constance Greene at the Village of Gaines Office, 113 Genesee Street at 7:01 p.m. with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present: Valerie DeLauter, Taunya Marek (*had to leave for an emergency @ 7:21pm*), Wayne McGuire, Diane Nowak, Ronda Roach, Mark Sanborn, President Connie Greene, and Clerk Vicky Sandlin

Absent: None

Others present: Attorney Chris Stritmatter (Simen, Figura & Parker, PLC Attorneys at Law)

Motion Nowak, second Marek to amend agenda to add items under "11. New Business"
G. Approval of 2024 L-4029
H. BS&A Direct Pay

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Council meeting (May 8, 2024)
Motion DeLauter, second Nowak to approve May 8, 2024 Regular Council meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer Report

A. Report received from Treasurer and on file.
 Huntington Bank Balance - \$444,209
 Dort Financial Balance - \$253,548
 Financial Plus Balance - \$65

Approval of The Bills

Motion McGuire, second Marek to approve bills.
 Roll Call: Ayes – DeLauter, Marek, McGuire, Nowak, Roach, Sanborn, Greene
 Nays – None *Motion declared carried*

DPW Report

Report received from McGuire prior to meeting. Report on file.

Fire Board Report

Report received from Roach and on file.

Building Inspector Report

Permit List received from Gaines Township/Building Inspector Marty Johnson. The Village had three (3) permits. Report on file.

President's Report

Report received from President Greene. Report on file.

Unfinished Business

- A. Wage Scale
Motion Nowak, second McGuire to approve Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Wage Scale.
 Roll Call: Ayes – DeLauter, Marek, McGuire, Nowak, Roach, Sanborn, Greene
 Nays – None *Motion declared carried*
- B. Xerox Copier
Motion DeLauter, second McGuire to approve the Xerox Lease Agreement for 60 months @ \$122.12 for Xerox Color Multifunction Printer Model #C8130H.
 Roll Call: Ayes – DeLauter, Marek, McGuire, Nowak, Roach, Sanborn, Greene
 Nays – None *Motion declared carried*

New Business

- A. VC3 / Microsoft 365
Motion Nowak, second Roach to approve the quote from VC3 for a monthly fee of \$130.50 and a one-time set-up fee in the amount of \$2,669 for Office 365 Exchange Online.

Roll Call: Ayes – McGuire, Nowak, Roach, Sanborn, Greene
Nays – DeLauter **Motion declared carried**

B. Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (Paser) Program

Motion McGuire, *second* Roach to approve payment to Sanborn at \$20/hr for 9 hours for attendance to the PASER training/certification.

Roll Call: Ayes – DeLauter, McGuire, Nowak, Roach, Sanborn, Greene
Nays – None **Motion declared carried**

C. Village Downtown Trash Can

Motion Nowak, *second* DeLauter to approve to purchase three 38-gallon stainless steel trash can with bonnet in the amount of \$498.85 plus shipping from Home Depot

Roll Call: Ayes – DeLauter, McGuire, Nowak, Roach, Sanborn, Greene
Nays – None **Motion declared carried**

D. AED Training Dates

Confirmed the following dates for the AED training:

- Saturday, June 22, 2024 @ 10:30am
- Saturday, August 24, 2024 @ 2:00pm

E. AED Placement

The AED will be placed in the Gaines Bar since it is open more than any other business in the Village.

F. Gaines Village Farmer's Market

The Gaines Village Farmer's Market will be held on the second Thursday of each month 5pm to 8pm (July – October 2024).

G. Approval of 2024 L-4029

Motion Nowak, *second* DeLauter to approve Millage (2024 L-4029) upon verification from Genesee County Equalization Department:

General: 10.1666
Fire: 2.9864
Roads: 1.1360
Total: 14.2890

Roll Call: Ayes – DeLauter, McGuire, Nowak, Roach, Sanborn, Greene
Nays - None. **Motion declared carried**

H. BS&A Direct Pay

Motion Nowak, *second* Roach to approve VC3 to add link to website for BS&A online payment software .

Roll Call: Ayes – DeLauter, McGuire, Nowak, Roach, Sanborn, Greene
Nays - None. **Motion declared carried**

Communications

- Water & Waste Meeting – Nowak attended. Definition of PFAS on file.
- Small Cities/Villages Meeting – Marek was unable to attend.
- Gaines Township Meeting – President Greene attended. Report on file.
- TAC Meeting – President Greene unable to attend. Report on file.
- Metro Alliance – Meeting later this month (June 26, 2024).

Audience Comments

Anonymous resident ("Gaines Village Property Owner and Taxpayer) mailed complaint regarding the noise level of the "biker gang". (Letter on file)

Council Concerns

- Sanborn pointed out that we will have the 2-year term Council President's seat, three 4-year term Council seats, and one 2-year term Council seat on the November ballot. Council decided to put this information along with the application process in the office window, on the website, and on FaceBook to encourage residents to run.
- Drain on Lansing Street seems to no longer be an issue since the hole was filled in. Will continue to monitor after hard rains.
- Council may want to consider an increase in pay for the Council President, to compensate for the Code Enforcement duties.
- Council would like to review the files regarding the McNeil issues, including police reports, court dates/paperwork, attorney fees, etc.
- Spreadsheet requested for cost of attorney attending Regular Council meetings.
- McGuire let the council know that the Baron's may replace the mulch/wood chips in Veteran's Park with rock and updated that Devon Walker is doing a great job on the Summer DPW program.

Adjournment

Motion McGuire, second Roach to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - ***Motion declared carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Sandlin, Clerk

