

*Village of Gaines*  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**July 10, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Constance Greene at the Village of Gaines Office, 113 Genesee Street at 7:00 p.m. with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present: Valerie DeLauter, Taunya Marek, Wayne McGuire, Diane Nowak, Ronda Roach, Mark Sanborn, President Connie Greene, and Clerk Vicky Sandlin  
Absent: None

*President Greene amended agenda to add items under "11. New Business"  
H. Village Hall & Street Lamp Posts*

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. Public Hearing – Truth in Taxation (June 12, 2024)  
*Motion Nowak, second McGuire to approve June 12, 2024 Public Hearing – Truth in Taxation minutes as presented.  
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - **Motion declared carried***
- B. Regular Council meeting (June 12, 2024)  
*Motion McGuire, second Marek to approve June 12, 2024 Regular Council meeting minutes as presented.  
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - **Motion declared carried***

**Treasurer Report**

- A. Report received from Treasurer and on file.  
Huntington Bank Balance - \$435,765.85  
Dort Financial Balance - \$259,263.32  
Financial Plus Balance - \$65

**Approval of The Bills**

*Motion DeLauter, second Nowak to approve bills with correction.  
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. Discussion was had regarding AED maintenance.

**Building Inspector Report**

There were no permits for the Village.

**President's Report**

Report received from President Greene. Report on file.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

- A. L-4029 Approval  
*Motion Nowak, second DeLauter to approve the 2024 L-4029 Property Tax Millage Rate:*
- General: 10.2312
  - Fire: 2.9864
  - Roads: 1.1360
  - Total: 14.3536
- Roll Call: Ayes – DeLauter, Marek, McGuire, Nowak, Roach, Sanborn, Greene  
Nays – None **Motion declared carried**

- B. Street Closure for SummerFest (Sat, July 27 & Sun, July 28, 2024)  
*Motion Marek, second Roach to approve street closure of Walker (from Walnut to Genesee) and Genesee (from Walker to Lord) for Baron's SummerFest on Saturday, July 27 & 28, 2024 from 11am to 6pm.*  
*Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - Motion declared carried*
- C. Blight Conditions  
 Discussed blight in the Village, with President Greene requested a clearer definition of "blight". Nowak will research further.
- D. ORV Ordinance  
 Reviewed current ORV ordinance.
- E. Bricks  
 Discussed possible uses of bricks from demolished store/bakery next door to the Village Hall (i.e. use for a fund-raiser).
- F. Website Calendar  
 Discussed putting dates and events that are on the Newsletter on the website, and the need to update hyper-links and other information.
- G. Oakwood Cemetery  
 Private company owned the cemetery until 2014. The property has now reverted to Gaines Township.
- H. Village Hall Exterior & Lamp Posts  
 Need to provide specs and gather quotes to scrap, prime, caulk, and paint the exterior of the Village Hall and the lamp posts.

### **Communications**

- Water & Waste Meeting – No meeting.
- Small Cities/Villages Meeting – No meeting.
- Gaines Township Meeting – President Greene attended. Report on file.
- TAC Meeting – No meeting.
- Metro Alliance – President Greene attended. Report on file).

### **Audience Comments**

None

### **Council Concerns**

- AED training scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2024 is **free** to Village residents. This is wonderful training for parents, school worker, etc. This training would cost approximately \$200 elsewhere.
- Reviewed invoices for attorney fees from 2020 – June 2024. Going forward, council will only request attorney's presence at Regular Council meetings if there is a legal agenda item that they may need legal advice on.

### **Adjournment**

*Motion Sanborn, second Marek to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.*  
*Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - Motion declared carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Vicky Sandlin, Clerk