

Village of Gaines
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 11, 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
Others present: Attorney Chris Stritmatter (Simen, Figura & Parker, PLC Attorneys at Law)

Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Council meeting (August 14, 2024)
- Under "**New Business**: B. Office Computers" make the following changes:
Motion Nowak, *second* Roach to request a separate quote from VC3 for three computers with a minimum of 64 GB, 2 TB SSD and Intel Core i8 or Intel Core i10. Purchase of three (3) desktop computers is not to exceed \$2,500 *each*.
 - Under "**New Business**: C. Village Hall & Streets Lamps" make the following changes:
Motion Marek, *second* Nowak to accept the quote from IWT Drywall and Paint in the amount of \$4,500 to clean, replace rotted wood, and paint exterior of the Village Hall, with IWT supplying the materials and paint. *The Village will specify the historical paint colors to be used.*
Motion McGuire, *second* Nowak to approve August 14, 2024 Regular Council meeting minutes with changes.
Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - ***Motion declared carried***

Treasurer Report

- A. Report received from Treasurer and on file.
Huntington Bank Balance - \$478,584
Dort Financial Balance - \$259,957
Financial Plus Balance - \$65

Approval of The Bills

Motion DeLauter, *second* McGuire 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

There were no permits for the Village.

President's Report

Report received from President Greene. Report on file.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- A. Copier
Motion DeLauter, *second* Nowak to approve the Xerox Lease Agreement for 60 months @ \$122.12 for Xerox Color Multifunction Printer Model #C8230H.
Roll Call: Ayes – DeLauter, Marek, McGuire, Nowak, Roach, Sanborn, Greene
Nays – None ***Motion declared carried***
- B. Call For Projects - Genesee County FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Discussed the 2026-2029 TIP, but determined that the Village has no up-coming projects that met this programs requirements.

- C. **DDA (Downtown Development Authority) Luncheon**
Motion Nowak, *second* Marek to approve \$75.00 to host a DDA luncheon with Village of Gaines business owners at the Village Hall in October.
 Roll Call: Ayes – Marek, McGuire, Nowak, Roach, Sanborn, Greene
 Abstain – DeLauter
 Nays – None ***Motion declared carried***
- D. **Genese County Drain Commission CMOM Contracts**
Motion Nowak, *second* Roach to approve Resolution 2024-04 Genese County Drain Commission CMOM Contracts.
 Roll Call: Ayes – DeLauter, Marek, McGuire, Nowak, Roach, Greene
 Nays – Sanborn ***Motion declared carried***
- E. **Review of Employee Manual**
Motion Marek, *second* McGuire to table “Review of Employee Manual” for continued review in upcoming Regular Council meetings.
 Unanimous Voice Vote: All Ayes - ***Motion declared carried***

Communications

- Water & Waste Meeting – No meeting.
- Small Cities/Villages Meeting – Unable to attend.
- Gaines Township Meeting – President Greene attended. Report on file.
- Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance – President Greene attended. Report on file.

Audience Comments

Dan Archambault / 211 W Lord Street

Inquired as to who was responsible for the maintenance of Veteran’s Park. Pointed out the bricks need to be reset and that wheelchairs may have difficulty navigating the park.

Council Concerns

- Discussed flag at the Fire Hall. The tree that was interfering with the flagpole was removed, however, the top pulley is rusted. Will research repairs.
- It is proving difficult to find someone to repaint the lamp posts due to their unique paint color/pattern. It was suggested that instead of painting the entire lamp posts, just paint the bottom/base.
- Follow-up on the cemetery: According to Genesee County Treasurer’s office, since it is privately owned, if foreclosure occurs it will first be available to Gaines Township. After that, the Village, and then the public.
- McGuire said there needs to be no name calling on FaceBook. Roach said she does remove some comments and people, however, it is a huge task to monitor.

Adjournment

Motion McGuire, *second* Marek to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Sandlin, Clerk