

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE Regular MEETING
February 8, 2010**

Present: Hilton, Osterink, VanLaan, Lemke, Fouch, Fryling, Haagsma
Also present were Superintendent Tilma, Executive Secretary Lamb
Lemke offered opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hilton at 7:00 p.m.
2. Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanLaan to approve the agenda as presented.
Ayes: all
3. Persons in the audience were given opportunity to address the Board. Robin Halstead, Executive Director of the Cutlerville-Gaines Chamber of Commerce introduced herself and stated that she would be available later in the meeting for questions concerning the requests from the Chamber to the Township.
4. Motion by Lemke and supported by Haagsma to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for January 8-15, 2010 in the amount of \$ 106,812.17.
Ayes: Fryling, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, VanLaan, Haagsma
5. Treasurer Lemke presented reports of balances of the various Township funds.

6. Superintendent's Office

- **GoBus Recommendation.**

Superintendent Tilma discussed the fact that the Township would run out of funds before the end of the year's contract due to the fact that less than the requested amount was available to use due to regulations of the grant money. He presented 4 options for continuing until July of 2010.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by Hilton to immediately eliminate Saturday and Sunday services (township money) and to increase the fee charged to the resident to \$5.00 per ride (one way) and to budget up to \$3500 to fund the deficit from the General Fund.

Ayes: Fouch, Osterink, Hilton, VanLaan, Haagsma Nays: Lemke, Fryling

- **Cutlerville-Gaines Chamber of Commerce**

Superintendent Tilma presented his recommendation that the Cutlerville-Gaines Chamber of Commerce be allowed to continue utilizing office space for the remainder of 2010 with no changes to be reviewed for 2011.

A motion was made by Haagsma and supported by Fryling to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Ayes: Osterink, Hilton, Lemke, VanLaan, Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch

- **Mailbox request** made by Cutlerville-Gaines Chamber of Commerce
Superintendent Tilma presented his recommendation as to allowing the Cutlerville-Gaines Chamber of Commerce placing a mailbox along side of the Township mailbox including restrictions placed on the location.

Motion by Osterink and supported by Hilton to approve the recommendation of the Township Superintendent.

Ayes: Hilton, Lemke, VanLaan, Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch, Osterink

- **Streetlighting Contract**

Superintendent Tilma described the minor change to the Streetlighting contract and gave him recommendation that we authorize the amendment and return it to Consumers Energy.

Motion by Haagsma and supported by VanLaan to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract and enter the agreement with Consumer's Energy.

Ayes: Lemke, VanLaan, Haagsma, Fryling, Fouch, Osterink, Hilton

7. Supervisor Hilton discussed several non-action items

Motion by Fryling and supported by Fouch to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Ayes: all

The next regular meeting of the Gaines Charter Township Board will be held on March 8, 2010 in the Community room of the Township Offices. All interested persons are invited to attend and participate. Persons with disabilities needing accommodation for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Township Office at 698-6640 one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Crystal Osterink, Clerk

Don R. Hilton Sr., Supervisor