

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2008**

Present: Hilton, Osterink, VanLaan, Fryling, Giarmo, Pieters Absent with notice: Haagsma
Also present: Township Engineer Gritter, Fire Chief Jansen
Osterink offered opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Call to order by Supervisor Hilton at 7:00 p.m.

2. Recognition of individuals present to address the Board

Larry Harp owner of Park 'n Plug signs, Franchesca Lopipario of Carmello's Pizza and Angela DeJong of Rapid Cellular all spoke in regards to the portable sign ordinance.

3. Motion by VanLaan and supported by Pieters to approve the consent agenda including payment of the bills for April 16 through May 3, 2008 in the amount of \$159,778.34.

Ayes: Fryling, Giarmo, Osterink, Hilton, Pieters, VanLaan

4. Planning and Zoning Department

A. Kentwood Schools PUD Major Amendment

Motion by Giarmo and supported by VanLaan to table this issue until next month's regular meeting in order that the Board representative to the Planning Commission could be present to answer questions.

Ayes: Giarmo, Osterink, Hilton, VanLaan, Fryling Nays: Pieters

B. Zoning ordinance text amendment – portable freestanding sign regulations

Motion by Giarmo and supported by Hilton to adopt Ordinance 08-05 – “Section 17.9- Portable Freestanding Signs” of the Zoning Ordinance of Gaines Charter Township excluding the possibility of posting a bond.

Ayes: Osterink, Hilton, VanLaan, Fryling, Giarmo Nays: Pieters

C. Resolution 08-02- TB Fee Schedule Amendment for Planning and Zoning Department

Motion by Giarmo and supported by VanLaan to adopt resolution 08-02-TB amending the Planning and Zoning Department fee schedule for fixed application fees, escrow fees, and associated department items.

Ayes: Hilton, Pieters, VanLaan, Fryling, Giarmo, Osterink

5. Engineer's Department

Water and sewer development contract for extension of East Paris Industrial Ct.

Motion by Fryling and supported by Pieters to enter into the contract with High Grade Materials Company for the construction of water and sewer to serve newly created parcels as presented at the meeting and recommended by the Township Engineer.

Ayes: Pieters, VanLaan, Fryling, Giarmo, Osterink, Hilton

6. Treasurer's Department

Motion by Pieters and supported by Giarmo to approve the transfer of \$5000.00 from the General fund to the Vision for Division fund to pay bills received from the Kent County Road Commission for the Division Avenue streetscape project.

Ayes: VanLaan, Fryling, Giarmo, Osterink, Hilton, Pieters

7. Recognition of individuals present to address the Board

Tim Cyrus, candidate for the 72nd District Michigan House of Representatives introduced himself to the Board.

8. Supervisor's Office

A. PDR application for Gerald Kayser

Motion by Pieters and supported by Giarmo to approve the PDR application including that Township funds are not available for this purpose.

Ayes: Fryling, Giarmo, Osterink, Hilton, Pieters, VanLaan,

B. Hilton asked the Board members for input into scheduling a joint meeting with Byron Township in regards to the joint agreement for Cutlerville Fire. It was decided Hilton would try to arrange a meeting in conjunction with the special meeting scheduled for June 23, 2008.

C. Insurance Committee recommendation for 2008-09

Motion by Pieters and supported by Giarmo to approve the recommendation of the insurance committee and enroll with Blue Cross Community Blue PPO, Always Care Dental, and Guardian Life insurance for the enrollment period of June 2008-May 2009 with the following stipulations: the Medical Reimbursement will stay in place for office visit and non-generic prescriptions only, and that if there is a family continuation requested, the employee would by 50% of that amount.

Ayes: Giarmo, Osterink, Hilton, Pieters, VanLaan, Fryling

D. The Supervisor informed the Board that an appraiser may need to be hired within the next month in order to do an appraisal on the apartments in the Township.

9. Motion by Pieters and supported by Fryling to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Ayes: all

The next regular meeting of the Gaines Charter Township Board will be held on June 9, 2008 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.

Don R. Hilton Sr., Supervisor

Crystal Osterink, Clerk