

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE REGULAR 7:00 PM MEETING
May 13, 2024**

Present: Supervisor DeWard, Clerk Brew, Treasurer Lemke, Trustees Fryling, Haagsma, Terpstra,
VanderStel Staff: Manager Weersing

Absent with notice: None

Opening prayer was given by Board Member Lemke and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor DeWard.

2. Question of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Review of the Consent Agenda.

None

4. Meeting Agenda

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Lemke to approve the proposed agenda.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

5. Communications ~ Non-action Informational Items

- a) April 2024 Building Department Revenue Report
- b) April 2024 Dutton Fire Run Report
- c) April 2024 Cutlerville Fire Run Report
- d) April 2024 Community Policing Officer's Report

6. Scheduled Speakers

None.

7. Recognition of Individuals and/or Delegations for agenda and non-agenda items.

A township resident spoke concerning the 92nd Street easement from the March 2024 Township Board Meeting.

8. Public Hearings

A Thornapple Farms Special Streetlighting Assessment District.

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Lemke to open the Public Hearing for the Thornapple Farms Special Streetlighting Assessment District.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

No one spoke.

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Lemke to close the Public Hearing for the Thornapple Farms Special Streetlighting Assessment District.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

9. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to approve the Consent agenda including the April 08, 2024 Township Board meeting minutes; General fund expenditures from 04/1/2024 through 04/30/2024 totaling \$110,367.25; Public Safety Special Assessment District expenditures totaling \$184,185.18; Building inspections totaling \$23,954.83; Water and sewer fund expenditures \$292,516.55; and Treasurer's report for March 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes. Motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Kent County Municipal Grant Program

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to authorize accepting the Kent County Municipal Grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes. Motion carried.

B. Parkview Estates Plat Parcel Combination Request

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Fryling to approve the Parkview Estates Plat Parcel Combination Request.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes. Motion carried.

C. Elimination of Early Start Provision for Multi-Family Projects

Motion by Board Member Fryling and seconded by Board Member Lemke to set a public hearing for June 10, 2024 to revise Chapter 22 Land Divisions, Subdivisions, and Land Development, Article V, Multiple-Family Developments, Section 22-136, Building permits, Section (B).

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

D. Cutlerville Fire Intergovernmental Agreement Termination

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the Cutlerville Fire Intergovernmental Agreement Termination as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes. Motion carried.

E. Cutlerville Fire Service Agreement

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the Cutlerville Fire Service Agreement with Byron Township as recommended by the advisory committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Brew - yes. Motion carried.

F. Gaines Charter Township Fire Department Logo

Motion by Board Member Fryling and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the logo for the Gaines Charter Township Fire Department after July 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes. Motion carried.

G. Texting Software for Elections

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Haagsma to approve the contract with TextMyGov for election texting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes. Motion carried.

H. Metro Fibernet LLC (Metronet) Metro Act Permit request

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Fryling to approve the Metro Fibernet LLC (Metronet) Metro Act Permit request.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes. Motion carried.

I. Interurban Transit (The Rapid) Contract Renewal

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to approve the approve the contract renewal with the Interurban Transit noting the increase in cost for budgetary purposes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes. Motion carried.

J. Black River Habitats Prairie Maintenance Request

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to approve the contract for one year to train and control invasive plant species in the Prairie Wolf Park prairie sections.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes. Motion carried.

K. Revised Pine Rest Water and Sewer Development Contract

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Lemke to approve the revised Pine Rest Water and Sewer Development contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes. Motion carried.

L. Charitable Gaming License Request

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to approve the charitable gaming license request for Buses by the Beach, Inc. to benefit the Phoenix Society.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Brew - yes. Motion carried.

M. Request for Temporary Fireworks Stand

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Haagsma to grant the request for a temporary fireworks stand with conditions outlined in the staff request.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - no, Board Member Brew - no, Board Member DeWard - no. Motion carried 4 yes to 3 no.

N. Little Miss Firecracker Parade Road Closure Request

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Terpstra to approve the road closure request for the Little Miss Firecracker Parade in the Crystal Spring neighborhood.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

11. Public Comments

None.

12. Manager's comments

Parking lot is finished. The cost will be \$9,500 more due to the parking lot not being in the condition Superior Asphalt expected. Additional asphalt was needed to complete the project.

Watermain break on May 4, 2024 on Brownell Street.

13. Supervisor's comments.

None.

14. Trustees comments

Areas of the parking lot that need attention.

15. Adjournment

Supervisor DeWard adjourned the meeting at 08:53 p.m.


Michael Alex Brew, Clerk


Robert DeWard, Supervisor