

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2023**

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Ganges Township Hall located at the corner of 119th Ave and 64th St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Hutchins, Reimink, Hebert, Phelps. Mohr absent.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the agenda dated 01/11/2023 as presented with the removal of Cemetery Ordinance Approval and the addition of Insurance Policy Renewal to 11 F. Motion carried.

Correspondence – None

Public Comments- County Commissioner, Dean Kapenga reported on last year and the coming year.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12/13/2022. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 12/31/2022 as follows:

General Fund	\$322,086.46
Ambulance Fund	\$19,986.90
Fire Fund	\$241,500.83
First Responders	\$27,654.25
Road Fund	\$8,723.03
Road CD	\$370,000.00
CD	\$196,151.35
CD	\$500,000.00

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded, to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented with the amendment of .01 to the Ambulance Fund. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 01/11/2023 as presented from the following funds with the addition of McKenna bill from General Fund for \$1,600.00: General Fund-\$22,445.89; Fire Fund- \$17,203.63; First Responder Fund- \$4,276.49; Road Fund-\$47,086.97. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Fire Chief, Dan Diaz, reported that new hire Justin Denbow would be starting fire academy. Kevin Stevens will have Ferrara Truck ready by mid-February. The parts truck will continue to be stored outside at Stevens Diesel shop.

Cemetery Sexton, AJ Broe, reported 2 burials. Damage was found at Taylor Cemetery. Tree cutting service hired by Consumers Energy, was found to have done this damage. Clerk Phelps contacted CE and the company hired will be taking care of the damage.

Planning Commission Rep, Dick Hutchins reported that there was no meeting in December. The new Masterplan will be part of the agenda for the January meeting. They have received close to 200 responses to the survey.

Unfinished Business

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to accept the proposal from Southwest Lawn Care for mowing at the hall, cemeteries in addition, snow removal at both fire stations. Motion carried.

New Business

Hutchins moved, Hebert seconded, to accept the recommendation from the ACRC for the 2023 gravel program which is 120th Ave 64th St to 62nd St, and 121st Ave Blue Star Hwy to 66th St. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the 2023 Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded, to accept proposal from Septic Tank Systems as presented. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Hebert seconded, to accept the new rate of \$55.00/hr. from Michigan Township Services. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the insurance renewal from Trident presented by HUB for \$31,480.00. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded, to approve the Outdoor Entertainment Permit for 2023 for Virtue Cider. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve applying for the Allegan County Community Foundation Grant. Motion carried.

Public Comments- Diane Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr, spoke with the police about graffiti found in the culvert at Pier Cove. She also inquired about how much money the township has raised for the match for the grant.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Phelps, Ganges Twp Clerk