

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 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.

Reimink moved, Mohr seconded, to approve the agenda dated 4/11/2023 with the addition of 11D.60th St. & Cedar St Paving Bid. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Letter was received from the Allegan County Community Foundation awarding us a 2023 Legacy Grant for \$5,000 to be used for Pier Cove Park Improvements.

Public Comments- Dean Kapenga, County Commissioner updated the board on what is happening at the County level.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 3/14/23. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 03/31/2023 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 402,035.88
Ambulance Fund	107,339.82
Fire Fund	469,035.69
First Responders	20,802.81
Road Fund	256,393.25
Road CD	370,000.00
CD	196,151.35
CD	503,732.96

Hebert moved, Mohr seconded, to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

Mohr moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 04/11/2023 as presented from the following funds: General Fund- \$26,015.23; Fire Fund- \$14,808.54; First Responder Fund- \$4,416.84; Ambulance Fund- \$3,624.65. Motion carried.

Committee Reports- **Dan Diaz, Fire Chief,** Absent
AJ Broe, Cemetery Sexton, Absent

Dick Hutchins, PC Representative, reported that work continues on the Master Plan. A Public Hearing was held and final touches are being made. The decision for the new campground was postponed. The Planning Commission is requesting additional funding for updating the Zoning Ordinance once the Master Plan is finished.

Unfinished Business

Dana Burd updated the board on the Pier Cove Improvement Project. The plans are 65-75% designed and construction will likely begin early Spring of 2024.

New Business

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the Outdoor Entertainment Application from Cruz Medrano, 2186 64th St. Motion carried.

Mohr moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the Outdoor Entertainment Application from Horacio Estrada, 6511 120th Avenue. Motion carried.

Hebert offered **Resolution No. 2023-1**, Michigan Community Resolution To Manage Floodplain Development For the National Flood Insurance Program, for **Ordinance No.62**, Addressing Floodplain Management Provisions of The State Construction Code, supported by Hutchins. Motion carried by a roll call vote as follows: Hutchins-Y, Reimink-Y, Hebert-Y, Phelps-Y, Mohr-Y. (5/0).

Planning Commission request for Planner Support will be included in the 2023/2024 Budget.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, the approval of 60th St and Cedar St. paving bid from Reith-Riley Construction Co., Inc. for \$99,402 to be split with Clyde Township. Motion carried.

Public Comments- George Lucas, Berrien County, introduced himself as he will be running for State Representative in the 2024 election.

Bernie Mcloud, Transfer Station manager, announced that there was a new manager hired and that the Station would be open on Sundays.

Diane Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr-Asked if the township had purchased the property north of Pier Cove yet and had the DNR been out to look at the site.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Phelps, Ganges Twp Clerk