

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2023**

APPROVED

Supervisor Hebert called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 P.M. 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, and Mohr.

Public Comments – None

Supervisor Hebert presented the Proposed Property Tax Millage Rates for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. Hebert explained the rates to be levied, and asked for questions and comments though none were received.

Hebert then reviewed the proposed 2023/2024 General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Ambulance Fund, and First Responder Fund budgets with no questions asked by the audience.

Hebert closed the Public Hearing and opened the Regular meeting at 7:05 pm.

County Commissioner Dean Kapenga updated the audience on things happening at the county level.

Reimink moved, Mohr seconded, to accept the agenda dated 6/1/2023. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Email received from Michael O'Connor asking for private security at Campit.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 05/16/23 as presented. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Mohr seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 05/31/23 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 5/31/23 as follows:

General Fund	\$625,110.49
Ambulance Fund	34,528.40
Fire Fund	461,697.17
First Responders Fund	86,698.52
Road Fund	275,891.83
Road CD	370,000.00
CD	503,732.96

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Mohr seconded, to approve the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year Budget ending June 30, 2023 as follows: **General Fund**-Increase Township Board \$4,321.00, Increase Treasurer Expenses \$1,137.00, Increase Zoning Administration (MTS) Salary \$149.00, Increase Planning Commission \$4,784.00, Increase Insurance \$947, and Decrease in Contingency \$11,338.00. **Fire Fund**-Increase Operating Supplies \$1,561.00, Increase Contracted Services \$300.00, Increase in Equipment Repair/Maintenance \$3,794.00, and Decrease Building/Land Improvement \$5,655.00. Motion carried.

Mohr moved, Hebert seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 6/13/23 from the following funds: General Fund - \$49,032.42; Fire Fund - \$11,844.77; First Responder Fund - \$1,147.25; Ambulance Fund - \$3,624.65. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dan Diaz, Fire Chief, reported that the Ferrara Fire Truck will be done by July meeting. Should have new air packs by July 1.

A J Broe, Cemetery Sexton- Absent. Hebert reported 2 burials for the month of May.

Dick Hutchins, Trustee Planning Commission reported that PC continues to work on the Master Plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded to appoint Huntington Bank, First National Bank, and Macatawa Bank as the 2023/2024 fiscal year depositories. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to appoint Siegfried Crandall PC, as the Ganges Township auditors for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Mohr seconded to approve the contract with Michigan Township Services, Allegan, for zoning administration, building official,

land divisions and enforcement for the 2023/2024 fiscal year, at the rates set forth in the contract. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to appoint Dickinson Wright, Grand Rapids as Ganges Township's attorneys for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Phelps moved, Reimink seconded to approve the regular monthly meetings of the Ganges Township Board during the 2023/2024 fiscal year be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm unless that day falls on a holiday or election day, in which case the meeting will be held on the following day, which would be Wednesday at 7:00pm. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Mohr seconded to set the mileage reimbursement rate at 0.655/mile effective July 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Mohr moved, Reimink seconded to adopt the proposed General Fund 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/13/23 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded to adopt the proposed Fire Fund 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/13/23 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded to adopt the proposed Road Fund 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/13/23 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded to adopt the proposed Ambulance Fund 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/13/23 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Mohr seconded to adopt the proposed First Responders Fund 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/13/23 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2023. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Maureen Lewandowski, 76720 13th Ave, South Haven representing the Dark-Sky Association reported on and handed out brochures about Light Pollution.

Diane Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr, asked if the Township had made an offer on the Trull Property.

Dean Thayer, 1798 Morning Glory Lane, read a letter about he and his wife's concerns regarding the communication being used by Conklin Real Estate in selling properties on 118th Avenue.

Dan Closson, 1800 Morning Glory, asked for a clarification on the Master Plan from the page involving recreation at the end of 118th Avenue.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelps, Clerk
Ganges Township