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GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

APPROVED

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting 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.

Reimink moved, Mohr seconded, to approve the agenda dated 09/12/2023 as presented with the addition of 11D. PA 116 Application. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Email from DK Construction requesting approval for Erosion Abatement work at 1414 and 1442 Katherine St. Email received from Jill Dunham, Broadband Project Manager for Allegan County, updating us on Broadband for residents.

Public Comments – County Commissioner Dean Kapenga gave a report on happenings at the county.

Kathy Doornbos, Apple Blossom Chapel, 2337 63rd St, reported that they would be closing at the end of the year and thanked the Township for their support. She also stated that they would continue to hold events on the weekends and hoped that there was something that the township could do to stop her neighbor from plaving loud music.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 08/09/2023 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 08/31/2023 as follows:

General Fund	\$426,494.19
Ambulance Fund	23,654.45
Fire Fund	395,351.33
First Responders Fund	77,847.21
Road Fund	232,051.11
Road CD	370,000.00
CD	503,732.96

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

Mohr moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 09/12/2023 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$50,213.37; Fire Fund - \$78,931.62; First Responder Fund - \$1,360.97; Ambulance Fund- \$3,769.64; Road Fund-\$35,048.00. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dan Diaz, Fire Chief- Reported that Truck #61 needs to be fixed and sold.

Hebert moved, Mohr seconded, to approve the Estimate in the amount of \$3,150.00 for Labor and the Invoice for parts to be paid up front totaling \$2948.90. Motion carried.

AJ Broe, Cemetery Sexton, not present, but reported that there were 2 burials last month and the Tree work at the cemeteries and the hall was complete.

Dick Hutchins, Planning Commission, reported that the Planning Commission had finalized the Master Plan and that there was a new District added named. Glenn Hamlett.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert offered Resolution 2023-3 to adopt the 2023 Master Plan, seconded by Mohr. Motion carried by a roll call vote as follows: Hutchins-Y, Reimink-Y, Hebert-Y, Phelps-Y, Mohr-Y. (5/0)

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the appointment of Pamela Jenewein to the Zoning Board of Appeals term ending 9/12/2026. Motion carried.

Hebert offered, supported by Phelps, Resolution No.2023-4 adopting the Ganges Township Early Voting Plan. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins-Y, Reimink-Y, Hebert-Y, Phelps-Y, Mohr-Y. (5/0)

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the PA 116 application submitted by Scenic View Dairy, LLC. Motion carried.

Public Comments-

Anthony Garcia, GM for Virtue Cider, reported that Gregory Hall had purchased Virtue from Anheuser and thanked the Township for support.

Diane Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr, asked if the Property sign would be moved North now that the Township had purchased the property. She also asked if there would be a fence on the South side of the property. She also reported on various happenings at the beach. She asked if we would get a security guard and if we were planning on having changing rooms, and a locking gate. Daphne Fairbanks, 2343 Lakeshore Dr, reported that she had been to many parks on lakes that had no gates and there were not any problems. She feels that owners adjacent to these parks are responsible for their own items. The maintenance plan for the Pier Cove project is still part of the plan.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelps, Ganges Township Clerk