

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2016**

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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: Reimink, Hutchins, Hebert, Yonkers, Gooding.

Yonkers moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the agenda dated 08/09/16 as presented with the addition of Item 12.A. Planning Commission Recording Secretary. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jessup provided the "State of Allegan County 2016" report. He also reported that there are high lead levels in 7 of the rooms in the Youth Home which have been closed down until testing is completed and repairs can be made.

Correspondence -

Marybeth Tabler	7/19/16 email	Thank you for blight cleanup
Rudy Broekhuis	various emails	Pier Cove complaints

Public Comments -

Marge Bakker, Circuit Court Judge, provided information regarding the Allegan County Legal Assistance Center and the impact it is having.

Rob Kengis, candidate for Allegan County Prosecutor, provided his objectives and background information.

Frank Baker, candidate for Allegan County Sheriff, also provided his goals and background information.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 7/12/16 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 7/31/16 as follows:

General Fund	\$239,860.23
Road Fund	293,736.56
Ambulance Fund	7,038.63
Fire Fund	155,605.07
First Responders Checking	35,880.31
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 732,120.80

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

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 8/9/16 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$31,217.20; Fire Fund - \$3,748.09; First Responder Fund - \$1,906.55; Ambulance Fund - \$1,247.53; Road Fund - \$38,340.72. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Dan Diaz, Assistant Fire Chief, reported 5 fire calls for the month of July. He also provided graphs of call volumes from 2013 thru July 2016 as well as a break down of the calls.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 19 runs for July and presented an application for a new First Responder that will require training

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve \$3000.00 for replacement fittings for the Hurst Jaws of Life. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the application of Angelina Boyles, 6725 114th Ave, for the Ganges Township First Responder Unit, effective 8/9/16. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the training cost of \$475 plus mileage for the First Responder class in Overisel. Motion carried.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported 2 burials for July. Everything is fine at the cemeteries.

Barry Gooding reported the Continued Hearing for Virtue Holdings was held on 7/26/16. The plan was approved with the condition there would be no free range chickens; they would need to be confined. The 8/23/16 meeting will discuss the conditional rezoning request from Fenn Valley.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Carl Valentine, Valentine Excavating, provided a status report on the Banaczak property cleanup, along with pictures.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve an additional expenditure of up to \$16,900 to continue the Banaczak cleanup, per the proposal dated 8/2/16. Motion carried.

Dr. Bastow has obtained the required permits and inspections have started. To date, nothing has been done on the outside. If there is no progress by 8/12/16, the Township will complete the outside cleanup and finishing per the Planning Commission's conditions.

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded, to adopt the Relinquishment of Jurisdiction Over Road End Resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins - yes; Reimink - yes; Yonkers - no; Gooding - yes; Hebert - no (3/2).

Gooding moved, Hutchins seconded, to reject the Settlement Offer from Pat Foster dated 7/12/2016, pertaining to Case No. 16-56487-AW, Pat Foster v. Ganges Township. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Gooding - yes; Yonkers - yes; Reimink - yes; Hutchins - yes; Hebert - yes (5/0).

NEW BUSINESS –

Yonkers moved, Gooding seconded, to approve a contract with Jennifer Goodrich for the Planning Commission Recording Secretary. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Tilton, 2060 Lake Michigan Dr, commented on the poor accessibility of the 121st road end and that the Township should look into other private access points along the lake such as the trailer park.

Dan Diaz also stated the need for additional emergency access points.

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk