

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2020**

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, Gooding.

County Commissioner Tom Jessup- Not in Attendance

Public Comments – Mary and Rodney Mellon, 6006 122nd Ave: Asked for the board to help with unresolved issues regarding the Morse family putting in Harmony Lane. The road has not been improved and their property is damaged from heavy traffic use.

Diane Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr: Concerned about the reopening of Pier Cove and the number of visitors. Asked how will the board police Covid-19 regulations. Also, questioning the safety of the beach due to erosion.

Rudy Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr: Before opening Pier Cove, would like us to have a collaborative effort with the ADA.

Supervisor Hebert opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Millage Rates and Budgets for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year. Hebert explained the rates to be levied, and asked for questions and comments though none were received.

Hebert then reviewed the proposed 2020/2021 General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Ambulance Fund, and First Responder Fund with no questions asked by the audience.

Hebert move, Phelps seconded, to close the Public Hearing at 7:25pm. Motion carried.

Hebert opened the Regular Meeting.

Reimink moved, Gooding seconded, to accept the agenda dated 6/9/2020 as presented with addition of 16. J 114th Beach Access Proposal. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Emails received from: Eric Biegansky, Ravine Trail in Pier Cove, requesting to open Pier Cove Park.
Vicky Amber, 7018 114th Ave, requesting that the board collaborate with the ACRC to repair the public beach access at 114th Ave and Fabun Rd.
Louis Diamond, Glenn, concerned about the danger of the Glenn Beach access.

Thank you card received by Jane Nally, 122nd Ave, thanking the Ganges Fire Dept and First Responders, and other Ganges Township residents for the Birthday Car parade for her 80th Birthday at Golden Orchards in Fennville.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 5/12/20 as presented. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 5/26/20 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 5/31/20 as follows:

General Fund	\$310,657.21
Ambulance Fund	12,411.75
Fire Fund	142,795.92
First Responders Fund	31,616.59
Road Fund	455,966.55
CD	190,000.00

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

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the 2019/2020 Fiscal Operating Budget amendments to the General Fund as follows: Increase Township Board Expense by \$5,717.00, Increase Transfer Station Expense by \$2,470.00, Increase Park Maintenance by \$876.00. Decrease Contingency by \$9,063. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the 2019/2020 Fiscal Operating Budget amendments to the Fire Fund as follows: Increase Operating Supplies by \$632, Increase Contracted Services by \$2156, Increase Social Security by \$140, Increase Equipment Repair/Maintenance by \$1,637, Decrease Contingency by \$4565. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the 2019/2020 Fiscal Operating Budget amendments to the First Responders Fund as follows: Increase Station 1 Electric by \$145, Decrease Contingency by \$145. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Hebert seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 6/09/20 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$16,246.36; Fire Fund - \$6426.05; First Responder Fund - \$11,549.97; Ambulance Fund - \$1,240.39. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A J Broe, Cemetery Sexton, reported no burials for the month. Trees have been removed on the North property line. More trees need to be removed on the East line. Driveway post was stolen from Plummerville so had to replace. Js Disposal reported that there has been lots of

personal trash in the trash bins.

Barry Gooding reported on May 26 Planning Commission meeting. Permission was given to Craycraft to build another storage building with no access to 64th Street and the pond must be fenced in. Meeting June 23rd has been cancelled. July 28th is the next scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded to approve Accountant Contract with SKV & Associates LLC for help with payroll taxes. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded to change garbage service from 1- 2yd dumpster from Republic at Station 1 to 1 curbside at Station 1 and 1 curbside at Station 2 from J's Disposal. J's Disposal will begin July 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to approve contract/agreement with Tammy Scholten and Ina Baukema to instruct First Responder classes for no more than \$4400. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded to reopen Pier Cove Park contingent upon scheduling Reserve Deputy, Portable restroom facility and signage encouraging social distancing. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded to approve a 3 year contract with Life EMS beginning Aug. 1, 2020. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Phelps moved, Gooding seconded to approve the National Hose Testing contract for 2020. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to approve the reappointment of Charles Hancock to the Planning Commission for a 2 year term ending June 8, 2022. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded to appoint Chemical Bank Shoreline, Huntington Bank, First National Bank, and Macatawa Bank as the 2020/2021 fiscal year depositories. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to appoint Campbell, Kusterer & Company from Bay City, as the Ganges Township auditors for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded to approve the contract with Michigan Township Services, Allegan, for zoning administration, building official, land divisions and enforcement for the 2020/2021 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 2020/2021 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Phelps moved, Hutchins seconded to approve the regular monthly meetings of the Ganges Township Board during the 2020/2021 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, Reimink seconded to set the mileage reimbursement rate at 0.575/mile effective July 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded to adopt the proposed General Fund 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/09/20 as presented with amendment to Future Road Development effective date of July 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded to adopt the proposed Fire Fund 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/09/20 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded to adopt the proposed Road Fund 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/09/20 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded to adopt the proposed Ambulance Fund 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/09/20 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded to adopt the proposed First Responders Fund 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/09/20 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded to approve the coordination with the Allegan County Road Commission to fix 114th Beach access for no more than \$500. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Rudy Broekhuis would like to see Michigan State Police increase patrols at Pier Cove, particularly at sunset.
Diane Broekhuis asked if the gate at Pier Cove would be locked at night when the park is closed.

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelps, Clerk
Ganges Township