

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2021**

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.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the agenda dated 10/12/2021 as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence - Received a number of emails regarding the Pier Cove property acquisition. Received a number of emails from Sara Cullen regarding a charette.

Public Comments – Tom Jessup, County Commissioner reported that the 2.3 million dollar improvements at the County Courthouse will be finished by the end of the year. Discussed ARPA funding and how the County is looking into making Broadband and Water priorities in their spending. He also discussed redistricting and that he would no longer be our commissioner with the changes.

Andy Murch, 2384 Lakeshore Drive, asked the board to not wait to start planning improvements to Pier Cove Park if we acquire the additional property. He also asked that the board step up and make it useful for the entire population.

Steve Nye, 6526 119th Avenue, asked when the rest of 119th between 66th and 64th Streets would be paved.

Russell Nally, 5560 122nd Avenue, asked why we have lost 3 members of the fire department.

Jacob Petkus, 2295 Lakeshore Dr, asked if we are protected if we've lost 3 firefighters.

Jordan Petkus, 2295 Lakeshore Dr., asked why the Township is spending money on Pier Cove if we've lost these firefighters.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the public hearing and regular meeting minutes of 09/14/2021 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 09/30/2021 as follows:

General Fund	\$430,090.70
Ambulance Fund	9,689.79
Fire Fund	105,497.60
First Responders Fund	12,079.98
Road Fund	646,864.79
CD	194,234.20

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

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 10/12/2021 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$28,885.85; Fire Fund - \$14,949.34 First Responder Fund - \$4,946.20. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Dan Diaz, Fire Chief, not present.

Cemetery Sexton, not present, but Hebert reported 2 burials for the month.

Barry Gooding reported that the Planning Commission met Sept. 28. to discuss Zoning Ordinances, Private roads and signs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert offered up, Hutchins supported, Resolution No. 2021-5, to submit the Pier Cove DNR Trust Fund Acquisition Grant Application. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins-Y, Reimink-Y, Hebert-Y, Phelps-Y, Gooding-Y. (5/0)

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize payment of \$290 for 3 Planning Commission members to virtually attend MTAs Planning & Zoning Team Retreat. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Diane Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr, Asked for a report on fundraising for Pier Cove Park.

Andy Murch, 2384 Lakeshore Dr, expressed appreciation to the township for purchasing the Solar Speed limit signs and asked that the township encourage the Allegan County Road Commission to put speed limit signs on top of the digital sign stating what the speed limit is.

Diane Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr., stated that there are a lot of after hours activities at Pier Cove Park. Asked if we could lock the gate.

Jacob Petkus, 2295 Lakeshore Dr., asked if the Township looked into hiring a Township Deputy.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelps, Ganges Township Clerk