

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD`
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 11,2020**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor John Hebert at 7:00 pm. at the Ganges Township Hall, corner of 119th Ave. and 64th St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Hutchins, Reimink, Hebert, Phelps, and Gooding.

Reimink moved, Phelps seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented with the addition to 8. Review Aug. 8 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence-

John Sharpe from the Allegan County Road Commission reported that they had completed the traffic study on Cedar St. and with the help of the Michigan State Police concluded that they would not be installing No Parking signs and that if there was a problem with parking then residents are to call dispatch.

Rick Elenbaas, 6788 121st Ave., sent an email stating that he is still having issues with smoke and odors coming from a neighbor. The Fire Chief has notified him that the neighbor is not doing anything illegal.

Stephen Blevit, 7147 and 7149 114th Ave, sent an email expressing concern and frustration over the parking situation on 114th near Glenn Beach. He has been advised to contact the Allegan County Road Commission.

Rudy Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr. copied us in an email to a trucking company out of Illinois letting them know that Pier Cove is not a truck stop. Pictures were sent of the Semi parked in the parking lot.

Public Comment -

Mark Ludwig, Drain Commissioner candidate, came to introduce himself and asked residents to vote for him in the upcoming election.

Diane Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr, asked about Reserve deputies at Pier Cove Park. Questions asked were, do we have a contract, hours they have worked, and what has the Township paid so far this summer. She also asked who they were to contact if no reserve was present at Park.

Rudy Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr., expressed his feeling that the Reserve deputies are not doing the job. Suggests using someone else. He also asked what percentage of coverage is there at Pier Cove Park.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, approval of the regular meeting minutes of 7/14/2020. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, approval of the special meeting minutes of 8/8/2020. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of July 31, 2020 as follows:

General Fund	\$303,706.17
Ambulance Fund	9,931.53
Fire Fund	113,348.97
First Responders	13,878.62
Road Fund	455,989.49
CD	190,000.00

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded, acceptance of the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 08/11/2020 as presented from the following funds: General Fund- \$29,409.50; Fire Fund- \$10,658.56; First Responder Fund- \$2,218.20; Road Fund- \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Dan Diaz, Fire Chief reported that the Brush/Rescue Gear had been ordered. The First Responder Class that Ganges is hosting is full.

AJ Broe, Sexton, reported there were 2 burials in July. Both cremations at Plummerville. Tree work is now done at Taylor. Thank you to Bob Dezwaan for his help with recording Veteran Flags at the cemeteries.

Barry Gooding, Trustee reported that the PC meeting was held on July 28. This was a Public Hearing, concerning Zoning Ordinance amendments. Still unfinished business concerning Harmony Lane. August meeting has been cancelled.

Unfinished Business-None

New Business-

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded, approval of the Zoning Ordinance amendments as presented. Motion was approved by Roll Call Vote as follows: Hutchins-Yes, Reimink-Yes, Hebert-Yes, Phelps-Yes, Gooding-Yes. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded, to approve contract made with Allegan County for distribution of Public Safety

Radios/Pagers which was approved originally in 2017. Motion carried.

Public Comments-

Diane Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr, Cited township ordinance 2B Park Ordinance which states that the gate will be closed at closing of the park. The Board will review the ordinance.

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelps
Ganges Township Clerk