

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2018  
REGULAR GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall located at the corner of 119<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 64<sup>th</sup> St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Reimink, Hebert, Puglise, Gooding and Hutchins.

Puglise moved, Reimink supported acceptance of the Agenda of August 14, 2018 as presented, with addition of 12.D, Crane's Event Permit Request. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Jessup reported that casino revenue was up; that the Soil and Sanitation Department was operating at 80 to 90%; and that there will be a Facility Planning Session held on August 23 to plan for Public Defenders' office space in the courthouse building.

**Correspondence**

Rudy Broekhuis of 2297 Lakeshore Drive wrote reporting that the "no parking" sign is missing from the Pier Cove Beach entrance.

The Sall House reported a group of people attempted to divert the stream at Pier Cove. The stream reverted back to its original position.

**Public Comments**

None

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, approval of the regular meeting minutes of 07/10/2018. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of July 31, 2018 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 360,006.75
Ambulance Fund	9,903.80
Fire Fund	113,890.99
First Responders	9,491.89
Road Fund	565,530.56

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

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded payment of the bills as listed. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Dan Diaz, Fire Chief,** reported that Epi Class was held and all passed; that the Breathing Kit Test will be conducted 4 times annually to keep to standard; that the tank is in the ground at the Live Fire Facility.

Diaz also proposed a lower pay rate for non-certified employees to inspire them to become certified as quickly as possible. Hebert moved that we change the rate of pay from \$24 per call to \$20 per call. By roll call vote, the motion was unanimously supported.

Diaz proposed that Angel Boyles be appointed as EMS Coordinator, effective September 1, 2018. The Board approved the appointment.

Diaz presented Firefighter and Medical First Responder applications from Sean Davis and Steve Riemersma. Hebert moved, Gooding supported acceptance of the applications.

**A.J. Broes, Cemetery Sexton,** reported the signs have been installed at Loomis Cemetery. He also questioned the pricing policy for plots purchased. Discussion ensued regarding whether we should charge the larger fee of \$750.00 to people who are not residents of the Township. Historically, anyone who paid taxes in Ganges Township was allowed to purchase plots at the lower cost of \$50.

**Barry Gooding, Trustee** reported that a Planning Commission meeting was held on July 24, 2018, at which meeting Cottage Homes applied for a new permit as their time had run out. The Planning Committee approved. Also approved was David Ryder's request to install a new road.

The August 28, 2018 meeting was canceled.

Gooding also reported that the Transfer Station had no problems.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Puglise moved that we set up a meeting with the Road Commission regarding the 114<sup>th</sup> Street culvert to attempt to reduce costs by eliminating items shown on the proposed bid, in accordance with Hebert's proposal. Reimink supported. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Hebert moved, Hutchins supported approval of the Liquor Control Application by the Glenn Vineyards, LLC. Motion carried.

Puglise moved, Hutchins supported approval of Rosas' application for an event permit with the condition that if a complaint is received, Rosas will immediately remedy the situation. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink supported approval of Crane's application for an event permit. Motion carried.

In view of the Michigan Court of Appeals decision regarding the unconstitutionality of the Noise Ordinance of the City of Grand Rapids, our attorneys recommended that we review and, perhaps, revise our noise ordinance to avoid vague content.

Hebert moved, Puglise supported acceptance of John L Hutchins' letter of resignation as trustee for the Fennville District Library. Motion carried.

**PUBIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded Adjournment of the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Puglise, Ganges Township Clerk