

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 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.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the agenda dated 09/08/2020 as presented. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Report- Tom Jessup was absent

Correspondence – Multiple letters received from residents near Pier Cove in support of the efforts of Dana Burd to address necessary improvements to Pier Cove Park as a result of erosion due to recent Lake Michigan water levels.

Public Comments – Diane Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Drive, presented Board with a letter signed by multiple Pier Cove residents requesting the Board amend Township Ordinance No.2 to make it consistent with signage posted. Also, they requested that the Township have the gate closed during the nightly closure.

Brian Geerlings, 1510 62nd St spoke in support of the countywide ORV Ordinance.

Reimink moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 08/11/2020. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 08/31/2020 as follows:

General Fund	\$280,876.77
Ambulance Fund	\$6,681.62
Fire Fund	\$102,691.50
First Responders	\$13,116.57
Road Fund	\$449,493.35
CD	\$193,654.50

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

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 09/08/2020 as presented from the following funds: General Fund- \$17,393.03; Fire Fund- \$3,440.24; First Responder Fund- \$2,885.92; Ambulance Fund- \$3,250.00; Road Fund- \$6,500.00. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Dan Diaz, Fire Chief reported on the new Gear that is being ordered through a grant.

A.J. Broe, Cemetery Sexton, reported 2 burials for the month. He also was concerned about a tree that is down at Pier Cove.

Barry Gooding reported Planning Commission did not have an August meeting. The next meeting scheduled for September is cancelled.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, the approval of Dana Burd submitting the permit application and sketches to EGLE and to authorize him as an agent to set up a Go Fund Me account to raise funds for the improvement of Pier Cove. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded, the approval to strike the last sentence of Ordinance No. 2 Parks and Park Commission Ordinance and to change the time the park is closed to 10pm-8am. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins-yes, Reimink-yes, Hebert-yes, Phelps-yes, Gooding-no. (4/1)

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, the approval of Resolution #2020-7 in support of an Allegan County-wide ORV ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins-yes, Reimink-yes, Hebert-yes, Phelps-yes, Gooding-yes. (5/0)

Phelps moved, Hebert seconded, the approval to ask for ID or utility bill proving residency or taxpayer upon purchase of cemetery lots. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to regretfully accept the resignation of Fire Fighter/First Responder officer Glen Bradford. Motion carried.

Public Comments- Carol Josefowicz, 2234 Lakeshore, stated that she appreciates all of the work at Pier Cove Beach, but is concerned that this will not help with people not staying in the park. She is also concerned about the widening of Lakeshore Dr.

Rudy Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr., stated that he appreciates all that Dana Burd has done, but is still concerned if ADA standards are being met. He would like to see a project timeline.

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn meeting at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Phelps, Ganges Township Clerk