

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2017**

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: Reimink, Hutchins, Hebert, Puglise, Gooding.

Reimink moved, Puglise seconded, to approve the agenda dated 01/10/2017 as presented with the addition of Item 10-E. Library report.. Motion carried.

Correspondence -

None

Public Comments - None

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12/13/2016 as presented, with spelling corrections.

Reimink reported the balances as of December 31, 2016 as follows:

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	General Fund	\$162,559.27
	Ambulance Fund	803.54
	Fire Fund	102,882.19
	First Responders	13,323.79
	Road	57,226.30

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

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 01/10/2017 as presented from the General, Fire and 1st Responder funds: . Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer reported 19 calls, and the acquisition of two heart start systems. One is in Truck 35, and the other is available to float.

Dan Diaz reported 19 calls in December including assists to Saugatuck, Clyde and Fennville. He also reported on an upcoming smoke and carbon dioxide detector program.

Doug Compton, Fire Chief, requested Board approval for purchase of Ice Rescue equipment. Hebert Moved, Puglise seconded approval for \$6,000 expenditure for ice rescue equipment. Motion Carried. Compton also noted that Saugatuck is asking for support on Lakeshore Drive from 89 to the washout. Support will continue.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported 2 cremation burials.

Barry Gooding reported the Planning Commission did not meet in December and the January meeting has been canceled. They will meet on a month to month basis as necessary.

Barry Gooding also reported that in future the transfer station will be open on the New Year's day even if it falls on Sunday. He also noted that the TVs have not been picked up, and it may be necessary to find someone else to pick them up. Chef did not pick up the recycle, and Gooding is checking into the reason with Chef.

Shirley Newman reported 804 check-outs. She also reported the successful turnout of children at events. Attendance is up from 4285 to 9899 in 2016. The library is trying to hire new staff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Hebert reported on the property at 6990 114th Avenue. Nothing has been done to comply with inspection demands. Valentine Excavating LLC’s proposal in the amount of \$3,800 to clean up the exterior of the property was presented. Puglise moved and Hutchins supported acceptance of the proposal. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

Resolution No. 2016, moving date for March Board of Review meeting to March14, 2017. Puglise moved to accept Resolution 2016 as presented. Roll call: Hutchins, Hebert, Reimink, Gooding and Puglise all approved acceptance of the resoultion

Reimink moved and Hebert seconded acceptance of KCI's proposed assessment costs, Motion carried.

Hebert moved and Puglise seconded writing a letter of support for Southwest Michigan Planning Commission's application to the National Park Service to extend the National Recreational Trail designation to the stretch of shoreline along the eastern coast of Lake Michigan from New Buffalo to Grand Haven. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Puglise, Ganges Township Clerk