

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2016**

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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, Yonkers, Gooding.

Yonkers moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the agenda dated 4/12/16 as presented. Motion carried.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, provided an update regarding the County. The Sheriff's Department has scheduled several Boater Safety classes which 14-15 year olds must complete to operate a personal watercraft or boat. Personal emergency buttons are available through the County and there are new drone regulations that require any drone over 1/2 pound to be registered and have the number displayed for identification.

Correspondence - None

Public Comments – None

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 3/9/16 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 3/31/16 as follows:

General Fund	\$240,630.53
Road Fund	273,978.13
Ambulance Fund	51,888.66
Fire Fund	178,743.02
First Responders Checking	5,217.28
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 750,457.62

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

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 4/12/16 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$26,239.32; Fire Fund - \$14,098.61; First Responder Fund - \$5,842.65; Ambulance Fund - \$1,247.53. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Doug Compton, Fire Chief, reported that Rick Nowak, Assistant Fire Chief, has retired from the Fire Department and First Responder Unit as of 4/11/16. Dan Diaz has been appointed as the Assistant Chief for a 3 month trial period.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the resignation/retirement of Rick Nowak from the Fire Department and First Responder Unit with regret, effective 4/11/16. Motion carried.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 18 runs for the First Responder Unit in March and a First Responder training class will be held in Fennville beginning July 11th. One person is interested so far.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported 1 burial and 1 cremation for March. There are several large broken limbs at Loomis Cemetery that need to be removed as well as stumps and brush along the south side property line at Plummerville, and the brush pile is getting quite large and should be removed. There are also several small evergreens that have been planted on graves in Zone 7 of Plummerville. Yonkers will send a letter to the plot owner requesting removal within 2 weeks. After that time they will be removed.

Barry Gooding reported the Plan. Comm. met 3/22/16. The sand mine was approved and the site plan for the medical facility on 114th Avenue was approved with conditions. The 4/26/16 meeting will discuss the Crane Winery and Fenn Valley Brewing proposals and zoning ordinance changes required.

Shirley Newman, Library Representative, reviewed the Annual Report and provided circulation statistics.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Hebert provided an update regarding the violations at 6990 114th Ave for the medical facility. A building permit still has not been issued due to a lack of information. Dr. Bastow has until 4/25 to comply or legal action will be taken.

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NEW BUSINESS –

A request to expand the boating hours on Hutchins Lake was discussed with no action taken. The Board does not support a change.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the ballot wording for the renewal of a Road Millage of 1.5 mills for 2016 through 2020; the renewal of a Fire Protection Millage of 0.75 mills for 2017 - 2020, and an Ambulance Millage of 0.30 mills for 2017 - 2020. Motion carried.

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk