

FINAL

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF August 8, 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, Hebert, Puglise, Gooding and Hutchins.

Reimink moved and Hebert seconded, to approve the agenda dated August 8, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Jessup did not attend.

Correspondence -

None

Public Comments

None

Gooding moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 07/11/17 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 07/31/2017 as follows:

General Fund	\$295,769.25
Ambulance Fund	14,289.70
Fire Fund	152,542.94
First Responders	17,503.21
Road Fund	331,217.07

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

Doug Compton, Fire Chief reported on the large fire in the township involving a cost of \$3,600 to the township. He also raised the issue of buying from Saugatuck hoses, when they replace theirs with new. A decision was tabled until used hoses are available. Also tabled was a decision regarding purchase of 2 more Air-boards. Compton mentioned perhaps purchasing a washing machine to cleanse fire equipment clothing. Hebert stated that we probably don't have sufficient septic in place.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton reported one funeral. He also reported that the tree removal project was complete except for the authorization for one more tree removal at Taylor cemetery. Holton also reported moving a headstone that was erroneously placed years ago.

Barry Gooding reported that the Planning Commission met on July 25. There was a property line dispute involving TO DO LLC, which was resolved. There will be no change to the Master plan. Gooding also reported that all is good at the Transfer Station.

OLD BUSINESS –

Hebert moved, Puglise seconded approval of the Contract Zoning Agreement with Thistle Brewing and Dortha Trust. By Roll Call, 5 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion Carried.

The approval for purchase of the fire truck from South Haven Fire Department was tabled until the truck becomes available.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of the Deputy Clerk was tabled as Puglise had not spoken to the candidate before the meeting.

There was discussion about getting postings to the website on a more timely basis. Puglise stated she would speak with Kathy Stanton about time restrictions.

Doug Compton, Fire Chief, asked for approval to get quotes from Frontier to take over internet service to Ganges Township. Puglise also commented on the lack of reliability with the present I2K system. Compton will get quotes from Frontier. Discussion

commenced regarding charging 12K rent for having their equipment on Township property. Puglise will investigate reasonable charges.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hebert announced that there will be a meeting on August 15 from 10 to 11 in Saugatuck regarding the Blue Star Trail bike path.

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Puglise, Ganges Township Clerk