

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2021**

APPROVED

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: Hutchins, Reimink, Hebert, Phelps, Gooding.

County Commissioner Tom Jessup- Not in Attendance

Public Comments – Julie Cowie, Rural Gig Internet, presented a plan to the township to host their equipment.

Supervisor Hebert opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Millage Rates and Budgets for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. Hebert explained the rates to be levied, and asked for questions and comments though none were received.

Hebert then reviewed the proposed 2021/2022 General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Ambulance Fund, and First Responder Fund with no questions asked by the audience.

Hebert closed the Public Hearing and opened the Regular meeting at 7:10 pm.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to accept the agenda dated 6/8/2021 as presented with addition of 16. H Taylor Cemetery Proposal, 16. I Township Hall Cleaning, 16.J Rural Gig Internet, 16.K Approval of Budget. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Emails received from: Robert C Simonds stating that he had sent a letter to the MNRTF Board and Sara Cullen regarding Pier Cove enforcement.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 5/05/20 as presented. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 5/27/20 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 5/31/21 as follows:

General Fund	\$374,627.19
Ambulance Fund	26,463.21
Fire Fund	172,283.75
First Responders Fund	6,916.76
Road Fund	707,874.96
CD	194,234.20

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

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 6/08/20 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$27,967.42; Fire Fund - \$4,516.40; First Responder Fund - \$1,505.45; Ambulance Fund - \$3,250.00. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dan Diaz, Fire Chief, reported that the Ladder truck had been taken to Padnos for scrap.

Phelps moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve firefighter application from Bowen Wilkinson. Motion carried.

A J Broe, Cemetery Sexton, reported 2 cremations for the month. An Eagle Scout from Fennville contacted us about a service project at Hutchins Cemetery. AJ will be encouraging her to improve either Taylor or Plummerville.

Barry Gooding reported on the May Planning Commission meeting. Two items discussed were the tower at Campit and election of officers. The offices will remain the same. Gooding suggested adding two more representatives to the commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the collection agreement with The Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium. Motion carried.

An update was received from Lt. Ensfield on Pier Cove Enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the reappointment of Kathleen Yankee to Library Representative term ending 7/10/2024. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded to appoint TCF Bank, Huntington Bank, First National Bank, and Macatawa Bank as the 2021/2022 fiscal year depositories. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded to appoint Siegfried Crandall PC, as the Ganges Township auditors for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to approve the contract with Michigan Township Services, Allegan, for zoning administration, building official, land divisions and enforcement for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, at the rates set forth in the contract. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded to appoint Dickinson Wright, Grand Rapids as Ganges Township's attorneys for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Phelps moved, Reimink seconded to approve the regular monthly meetings of the Ganges Township Board during the 2021/2022 fiscal year be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm unless that day falls on a holiday or election day, in which case the meeting will be held on the following day, which would be Wednesday at 7:00pm. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to set the mileage reimbursement rate at 0.56/mile effective July 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Hebert seconded to move forward with development of Taylor Cemetery and accepting proposal by Holland Engineering for not more than \$16,450.00. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve Rural Gig's request to put up a 24' pole and provide internet service at the Township Hall. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to adopt the proposed General Fund 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/08/21 as presented with amendments as follows; increase in Cemetery Improvements to \$20,000 and decrease in Contingency to \$35,000 effective date of July 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded to adopt the proposed Fire Fund 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/08/21 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded to adopt the proposed Road Fund 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/08/21 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to adopt the proposed Ambulance Fund 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/08/21 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded to adopt the proposed First Responders Fund 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/08/21 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2021. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Diane Broekhuis, 2297 Lakeshore Dr asked if there was an update on Pier Cove and the Go Fund Me. Also asked if there would be ongoing maintenance for the summer as she notice there are issues with the steps and feces around the Portable. Suggested putting up a bigger sign directing people to Westside County Park.

Jake Petkus, 2295 Lakeshore Dr asked if Supervisor Hebert would be getting certified to issue tickets at Pier Cove.

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelps, Clerk
Ganges Township