

Gaines Township
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2021

Virtual meeting per Genesee County State of Emergency

Members Present: Leslie Casto, Paul Fortino, Karen Hawkins, Diane Hyrman

Absent: Rocky Fowler

Also Present: Attorney Chris Stritmatter, Fire Chief Joe Hyrman

Roll call and location: Rocky Fowler, absent; Karen Hawkins, Police Department; Diane Hyrman, Fire Department; Leslie Casto, Township Hall; Paul Fortino, Township Hall

Meeting brought to order: @ 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Hyrman: supported by Casto, to approve minutes of the April 7, 2021 Regular Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

Roll call: Hawkins, yes; Hyrman, absent; Casto, yes; Fowler, absent; Fortino, yes

Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays

Public comment: Two commenters were heard

Code Enforcement Report: No report

Building Report: Six building permits issued in April

Attorney Report: Nothing at this time

Board of Appeals: Next meeting July 14, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.

Fire Board: April Fire Runs – 9

April Medical Runs – 19

Planning Commission: Next meeting/public hearing scheduled for June 30, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Police Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: Received and filed

Motion by Hawkins: supported by Hyrman, to appoint James McCormick to the position of Engineer for the Gaines Township Fire Department.

Roll call: Hyrman, yes; Casto, yes; Fowler, absent; Hawkins, yes; Fortino, yes

Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays

Motion by Hawkins: supported by Hyrman, to purchase extrication gloves and ice rescue suits using a grant from the 100 Club in the amount of \$2,900.00.

Roll call: Casto, yes; Fowler, absent; Hawkins, yes; Hyrman, yes; Fortino, yes

Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays

Motion by Hyrman: supported by Hawkins, to pay bills as presented: General Checking: \$25,144.23; Fire Operating Checking: \$5,933.33; Police Checking: \$1,448.70; Waste & Refuse Checking: \$30,875.00; Water & Sewer Checking: Pump Station: \$2,852.82; Usage: \$315.55.

Roll call: Hyrman, yes; Fowler, absent; Casto, yes; Hawkins, yes; Fortino, yes

Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays

Motion by Hyrman: supported by Casto, to approve the supervisor's recommendation to appoint Lee Purdy and Bob Tolland to the Gaines Township Planning Commission, both with a term expiring 12/01/2022.

Roll call: Hawkins, yes; Hyrman, yes; Fowler, absent; Casto, yes; Fortino, yes

Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays

Motion by Hawkins: supported by Fortino, to dissolve and disband the Gaines Township Police Department due to the millage failure resulting in a lack of funding.

Roll call: Casto, yes; Hyrman, yes; Hawkins, yes; Fowler, absent; Fortino, yes

Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays

Motion by Hawkins: supported by Casto, to authorize Police Chief Schmitzer, in conjunction with the township supervisor, to begin the process of shutting down the Gaines Township Police Department and to sell and dispose of the equipment of the police department with all monies received by Gaines Township.

Roll call: Fowler, absent; Casto, yes; Hawkins, yes; Hyrman, yes; Fortino, yes

Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays

Motion by Hyrman: supported by Casto, to adjourn meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hawkins
Clerk