

**Gaines Township**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**November 2, 2022**

**Members Present:** Paul Fortino, Rocky Fowler, Karen Hawkins, Diane Hyrman

**Absent:** Leslie Casto

**Also Present:** Attorney Michael Gildner

**Meeting brought to order:** @ 7:00 p.m.

**Motion by Hyrman:** supported by Fowler, to approve minutes of the October 5, 2022 Regular Board of Trustees meeting as presented.

**Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays**

**Public comment:** Two individuals were heard.

**Building Report:** Three building permits issued in October.

**Attorney Report:** Nothing at this time.

**Board of Appeals:** Next regular meeting January 11, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Fire Board:** October Fire Runs – 4  
October Medical Runs – 12  
Burn permits issued – 17

**Planning Commission:** Next regular meeting December 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report:** Received and filed.

**Motion by Fowler:** supported by Hyrman, to pay bills as presented: General Checking: \$58,179.49; Fire Operating Checking: \$22,444.77; Waste & Refuse Checking: \$33,137.06; Water & Sewer Checking: Pump Station: \$2,701.12; Usage: \$5,067.01.

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

**Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays**

**Motion by Hawkins:** supported by Fowler, to allow the treasurer and her deputy to attend continuing education class in Lansing at a cost not to exceed \$250.00 plus mileage.

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

**Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays**

**Motion by Hyrman:** supported by Hawkins, to accept the recommendation of the Gaines Township Planning Commission to rezone parcels 10-19-200-014 and 10-19-200-015 from Neighborhood Commercial (C2) to Rural Residential (RR).

**Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays**

**Motion by Fowler:** supported by Hyrman, to accept the proposal from LJ Electric for new LED lighting in the Township Offices and Hall not to exceed \$7,383.30.

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

**Motion passed: 3 ayes, 1 nay**

**Motion by Fortino:** supported by Hawkins, to adjourn meeting at 7:22 p.m.

**Motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hawkins  
Clerk