

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2025**

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 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, and Thompson.

Reimink moved, Phelps seconded, to approve the agenda dated 01/14/2025 as presented with a change to 11D. Fire Department Chief Position and the addition of 11L. Virtue Outdoor Entertainment Permit, and 11M. Election Grant. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Email from Daphne Fairbanks, Pier Cove Park Committee member, expressing interest in assisting with Phase 2 of Pier Cove Park Development.

Letter of resignation from Fire Chief Dan Diaz.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Fire Chief Dan Diaz. Motion carried.

Public Comments- None

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12/10/2024. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 12/31/2024 as follows:

General Fund	\$109,641.00
Ambulance Fund	\$34,867.06
Fire Fund	\$375,792.64
First Responders	\$78,551.53
Road Fund	\$87,319.01
Road CD	\$400,852.59
CD	\$514,622.07

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 01/14/2025 as presented from the following funds: General Fund- \$28,998.81; Fire Fund- \$22,422.83; First Responder Fund- \$7,739.95; Ambulance Fund-\$3,863.88. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Fire Dept/First Responders-None

Cemeteries and Parks-None

Planning Commission Rep, Dick Hutchins reported that the December meeting was cancelled and there is a Site Plan review scheduled for the January meeting.

Unfinished Business -None

New Business

Letter to be sent to Southwest Lawncare regarding snow plowing of the fire stations. The fire department would like to start plowing the stations with their equipment.

Hebert moved, and Reimink seconded, to approve the National Hose and Ladder Testing Agreement for 2025. Motion carried.

APPROVED

The Breathing Air Maintenance Quote was tabled until the acting Fire Chief has time to look through it.

The Township Board will hold a Special Meeting to hire a new Fire Chief.

Hebert moved, Thompson seconded, to accept the offer to sell the Ferrara parts truck for \$5,000.00 with buyer paying for towing. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the Fee Schedule increases and additions requested by the Zoning Administrator, as follows; triple the suggested fee for projects where work has been started prior to Site plan/Special Use approval, add Private Road Review fee (\$500), and increase Site Plan Review (\$600) and Special Use Permit (\$750.00) fees. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the road commission to send work order for 2025 Gravel Program, which includes the following; 116th Ave-66th St and 60th St-South township line to 116th Ave. (50/50 split with Clyde Township). Motion carried.

Hebert moved, and Hutchins seconded to approve the road commission to send the work order for 2025 Resurfacing Projects which include the following Crack, Chip & Fog; 60th St-115th Ave to 116th Ave (Split 50/50 with Clyde Twp), 120th Ave-68th St to 66th St, 64th St-116th Ave to 118th Ave, 71st St-114th Ave to 116th Ave, 114th Ave-71st St to Blue Star Hwy. Also, Paving-119th Ave, 66th St to 64th St. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to appoint Katie Wolfe to the Recording Secretary position for the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the 2025 Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded, to accept the Insurance proposal from Decker Agency. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the Outdoor Event Application for 2025 from Virtue Cider. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the quote for blinds for the township hall to be purchased with a Federal Election Security Grant. Motion carried.

Public Comments- None

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn meeting at 7:38 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Phelps, Ganges Twp Clerk