

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2024**

**APPROVED**

Supervisor Hebert called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall located at the corner of 119<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 64<sup>th</sup> St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Hutchins, Reimink, Hebert, Phelps, and Mohr.

**Public Comments – None**

Supervisor Hebert presented the Proposed Property Tax Millage Rates for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year. Hebert explained the rates to be levied, and asked for questions and comments though none were received.

Hebert then reviewed the proposed 2024/2025 General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Ambulance Fund, and First Responder Fund budgets with no questions asked by the audience.

Hebert closed the Public Hearing and opened the Regular meeting at 7:05 pm.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the agenda dated 6/11/2024 with the addition of the approval of the 6/6/2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence – None**

Hutchins moved, Mohr seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 05/14/24 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Mohr seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 06/06/24 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded, to approve the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year Budget ending June 30, 2024 as follows: **General Fund**-Increase Township Attorney & Legal Fees \$918.00, Increase Cemetery Sexton Expenses \$1,033.00, Increase Zoning Administration (MTS) Salary \$672.00, and Decrease in Contingency \$2,623.00. **Fire Fund**-Increase Social Security \$51.00, Increase Equipment Repair/Maintenance \$1,208.00, Increase Miscellaneous \$61.00, Increase Equipment \$860.00, Decrease Building/Land Improvement \$2,180. **First Responders Fund**- Increase Operating Supplies \$515.00, Decrease Contingency \$515.00. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 5/31/24 as follows:

General Fund	\$619,608.66
Ambulance Fund	46,755.85
Fire Fund	420,936.32
First Responders Fund	123,458.46
Road Fund	380,775.72
Road CD	381,057.91
CD	514,622.07

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

Mohr moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 6/11/24 from the following funds: General Fund - \$35,322.80; Fire Fund - \$5,224.76; First Responder Fund - \$1,546.95; Ambulance Fund - \$3,769.64; Road Fund - \$30,147.69. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

County Commissioner Dean Kapenga updated the audience on Broadband, the Health Department and the Courthouse.

Dan Diaz, Fire Chief, reported that work continues on getting the new truck on the road.

A J Broe, Cemetery Sexton- Absent. Hebert reported 2 burials for the month of May.

Dick Hutchins, Trustee Planning Commission reported that PC continues to work on Zoning Ordinance updates.

Library Representatives, Kathleen Yankee and Robin Buchler reported on the Summer Reading program, Food program and a grant received to improve parking at the library. There will be a public meeting on June 26 4pm-6pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**- None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded to appoint Huntington Bank, First National Bank, and Macatawa Bank as the 2024/2025 fiscal year depositories. Motion carried.

**APPROVED**

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to appoint Siegfried Crandall PC, as the Ganges Township auditors for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Mohr seconded to approve the contract with Michigan Township Services, Allegan, for zoning administration, building official, land divisions and enforcement for the 2024/2025 fiscal year, at the rates set forth in the contract. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to appoint Dickinson Wright, Grand Rapids as Ganges Township's attorneys for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Phelps moved, Reimink seconded to approve the regular monthly meetings of the Ganges Township Board during the 2024/2025 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, Hutchins seconded to set the mileage reimbursement rate at 0.67/mile effective July 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded to adopt the proposed General Fund 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/11/24 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Mohr moved, Hebert seconded to adopt the proposed Fire Fund 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/11/24 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded to adopt the proposed Road Fund 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/11/24 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded to adopt the proposed Ambulance Fund 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/11/24 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Mohr seconded to adopt the proposed First Responders Fund 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/11/24 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2024. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

Kathleen Yankee, 1637 66<sup>th</sup> St asked if the township would be having a recycling event for electronics.

Megan Mcleod, 6999 114<sup>th</sup> Ave (Creekside Kitchen) inquired about a liquor license.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelps, Clerk  
Ganges Township