

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2026**

Supervisor Hebert called the Public Hearing 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, and Thompson.

Public Comments –None

Supervisor Hebert presented the Proposed Property Tax Millage Rates for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year. Hebert explained the rates to be levied, and asked for questions and comments though none were received.

Hebert then reviewed the proposed 2026/2027 General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Ambulance Fund, and First Responder Fund budgets.

Hebert closed the Public Hearing and opened the Regular meeting at 7:04 pm.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the agenda dated 6/09/2026 as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Email received from Sue Mackey & Stephanie Hughes, 6645 Foote Trail, with Short-Term Rental concerns
Email received from Chuck Mannion expressing his interest in the Planning Commission when there is an opening.

Email received from Holly K O'Neill, 2355 63rd St, concerned about a neighbor at 6368 124th Ave operating a gun shooting range and training business on their property.

3 Emails received from Brian Bosgraff, President of Cottage Home, regarding his opposition to the Overlay District, Letter to Lake Front Property owners notifying them of upcoming meetings, and urging the Township Board to tell the Planning Commission to stop Article 14 Lake Michigan Shoreline Overlay District.

Email received from Jeff Antaya, 1472 71st St, to the Township Board Members and an email to the Ganges Township Zoning Commission concerning the Overlay District.

Email received from Aldina Fazlic, STR owner at 2122 66th St, concerning the STR Ordinance.

Email received from Hans Aaron Kronemeyer, 6556 118th Ave, concerning 1662 66th illegally running an event venue, and new STRs coming into Blueberry Lane.

Email received from Betsy and Tim Bennett, 1770 Morning Glory Ln, concerning an excavator on the beach for over 5 years.

Email received from Mark Osowski, 1806 Morning Glory Ln, lodging a complaint regarding the large excavator on the beach in the Lakewood Beach Plat.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 05/12/26 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 05/27/26 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year Budget ending June 30, 2026 as follows: **General Fund**-Increase in Township Board \$4,470.00 and Treasurer Expenses \$124.00, and Decrease Contingency \$4,594.00; **Fire Fund**-Increase Telephone \$82.00, and Decrease Contingency \$82.00. Motion Carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 5/31/26 as follows:

General Fund	\$765,311.72
Ambulance Fund	45,980.90
Fire Fund	409,473.55
First Responders Fund	228,797.89
Road Fund	957,281.96
CD	566,713.49
CD	500,000.00

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

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 6/09/26 from the following funds: General Fund - \$30,197.00; Fire Fund - \$2,596.73; First Responder Fund - \$1,252.69. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Dept.-Chief Jager reported they had 40 calls last month.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize the purchase of a 2015 Ford Expedition for Medical calls from Saugatuck Fire Dept for \$12,300. Motion carried.

Cemeteries and Parks- No report

Planning Commission- Dick Hutchins, Trustee reported that the PC had conversation about the proposed Overlay District, but no action had been taken. The June meeting will include the Zoning Ordinance updates, but not the Overlay District.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert offered, Phelps seconded, Resolution No. 2026-1, a resolution extending Ord. No. 66 Short-Term Rental Moratorium. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins-Y, Reimink-Y, Hebert-Y, Phelps-Y, Thompson-Y. (5/0)

NEW BUSINESS

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the request from Aaron Plummer, Debbie Spencer, and Kim Wines to have the Township buy back Plummerville Cemetery Zone 4, Lot 115 all 4 positions for \$200 (the purchase price). Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the quote from Kramer Services for maintenance at Pier Cove Park. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the contract for mowing of the Township Hall and Cemeteries from Southwest Lawn Care. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded to appoint Huntington Bank, First National Bank, Macatawa Bank, and Sturgis Bank as the 2026/2027 fiscal year depositors. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to appoint Siegfried Crandall PC, as the Ganges Township auditors for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded to approve the contract with Michigan Township Services, Allegan, for Zoning Administrator, Building Official, Land Division Coordinator, Enforcement Officer, for the 2026/2027 fiscal year, at the rates set forth in the contract. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded to appoint Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman & Koches, PC out of Portage as Ganges Township's attorneys for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Phelps moved, Reimink seconded to approve the regular monthly meetings of the Ganges Township Board during the 2026/2027 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 approve the mileage reimbursement rate at 0.725/mile effective July 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Thompson seconded to adopt the proposed General Fund 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/09/26 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded to adopt the proposed Fire Fund 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/09/26 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded to adopt the proposed Road Fund 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/09/26 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded to adopt the proposed Ambulance Fund 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/10/26 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to adopt the proposed First Responders Fund 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget dated 6/10/26 as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Nye, 6526 119th Avenue, commented that the road paving projects in the township looked good and thanked the board.

Brad Lubbers, Allegan County Commissioner, gave a report on the happenings in the county.

Brian Bosgraff, 6810 124th Avenue, pointed out that he had sent 3 different emails opposing the Overlay and asked the board to ask the Planning Commission to leave it alone. He also sent 257 homeowners a letter letting them know about it. He also suggested that at all future meetings the Township should have their attorney present and there should be a sound system used for the meetings. His third letter was an article from Urban St magazine that featured a house at the end of 121st on the Lakeshore and discussed the challenges on STRs.

Tyler Dokter, 6529 118th Ave, expressed his concerns about STRs and asked for more regulation.

Brianna Dokter, 6529 118th Ave, expressed her concerns about the number of rentals on Blueberry Lane.

Steve Nye, 6526 119th Ave, commented that there is a place for STRs, but there needs to be procedures in place. Concerned that all of the land is being bought up for STRs.

Lane Kronemeyer, 6552 118th Ave, commented that the township needs to place a quantity cap on STRs and we need to get in front of the issues. He also stated that STRs need to have a certain capacity.

Jeff Antaya, 1472 71st St, asked the township to help bring natural gas and cell towers to the area.

Evgeny Leytush, owner of STR on Blueberry Lane, understands the concerns and believes that there are ways to control owners to be responsible.

Ethan Barde, Quaint Cottages, Saugatuck Twp, commented that STR managers must be a broker who knows Michigan laws.

Melissa Skinner, Shores Vacation was asked to speak for STR owners and commented that STRs need to be managed with enforcement and had a few suggestions for the board. She also stated that the Planning Commission can have ordinances to control them.

Chuck Mannion, 6611 Deer Trail, addressed the audience and asked if we want to be a suburb of Saugatuck or South Haven? He also quoted the Master Plan.

John Hogan, 1373 Wildflower, thanked the board for their work and asked the Planning Commission to address Data Centers while working on the Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Jesse Cochran, Pinehill Dr asked if we could get a 4 way stop put in by the Little Store.

Brad Lubbers, Allegan County Commissioner interjected and explained the process of getting a 4 way stop put in.

John Mortenson, 7030 Foster Lane spoke about the STRs

Daphne Fairbanks, 2343 Lakeshore Dr, commented on STRs and is looking forward to a solution.

Diana Decker, 1705 Lakeshore Dr, commented that she grew up here and looked forward to meeting new people at their farm.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelps, Clerk
Ganges Township