

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2026**

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

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the agenda dated 4/14/2026. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

The following emails were received as correspondence all pertaining to Short Term Rentals:

Jaqua Vacation Places, 202 W Center St, Douglas, MI 49406

Emily Wesling, Anchor Point Vacation Rentals

Chris & Ellen Dietrich, 1355 Wildflower Ln, Fennville, MI 49408

Jean Veenema-Birky, full-time member of Glenn

Barbara and Richard White, 7136 114<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fennville, MI 49408

Mary Weiland, 1360 Larue Lane, Fennville, MI 49408

Paul Geary, homeowner in Glenn

Patricia Kerr Alexander, 1333 Fabun Rd

Evgeny Leytush, Property owner/operator of 2 STRs

John Mortenson and Katherine "Cully" Culpepper, 7030 Foster Lane, Fennville, MI 49408

Steve and Teresa Cavanagh, 1731 70<sup>th</sup> St, Fennville, MI 49408

Jeff Antaya, 1479 Partners, 1479 71<sup>st</sup> St, Fennville, MI

Sara Cullen and Mark Ridley, 6952 Lakeshore Ct, Fennville, MI 49408

Matthew Kellen, Ganges Twp Property/STR owner

Kevin Clarke, Ganges Twp STR property manager

Chris Murphy, 6719 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fennville, MI 49408

Dave Heniff III, STR owner

Michael Wesolowski, STR owner

Adam & Brooke Brody, 7077 Larue Lane, Fennville, MI 49408

Gary Hardina, @properties, 6303 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fennville, MI 49408

W.Sean and Kerry Curtis, 2266 Lakeshore Dr, Fennville, MI 49408

Email received from Kim Mannion, 6611 Deer Trail, with questions about noise violations.

**Public Comments**

Paul Miller, 1635 Lakeshore Dr, asked about the STR Ordinance draft and when it would be published on the website.

Tim Slais, a candidate for Allegan County District Court introduced himself.

Hebert moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 3/10/26 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 03/31/2026 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 758,239.99
Ambulance Fund	143,140.08
Fire Fund	393,092.88
First Responders	137,957.97
Road Fund	885,015.85
CD	566,713.49
CD	500,000.00

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

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 04/14/2026 as presented from the following funds: General Fund- \$47,913.13; Fire Fund- \$13,407.31; First Responder Fund- \$6,985.34; Ambulance Fund- \$5,181.87. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded, to approve the estimate from Pomp's Tire Service for replacing tires on 2 trucks for *approx.* \$3,500.00. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the estimate from Kleyn Mobile Repair for \$14,453.10 for multiple issues with Trucks 612 and 647. Motion carried.

Planning Commission, Dick Hutchins reported that the Planning Commission is ready to update the Zoning Ordinance. The commission will not meet in April.

### **Unfinished Business**

Hebert offered and Reimink seconded Resolution No. 2026-1, Resolution to Approve Ballot Language for Extra-Voted Millage (Proposal to Renew Road Improvement Millage). Resolution passed by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins-Y, Reimink-Y, Hebert-Y, Phelps-Y, Thompson-Y. (5/0)

### **New Business**

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the Granicus Proposal. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded, to approve the Off Premises Tasting Room License from Bel Lago Ventures, LLC to be located at 6176 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Thompson seconded, to approve the hiring of Jake Woodbury to build a new website and bring it into compliance with the ADA. Motion carried.

### **Public Comments**

Patrick Hancock, 6944 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue, STR owner spoke about the STR Ordinance and that if the township passes this ordinance, it will hurt local businesses. Believes that there will be a fight and doesn't want to be a taxpayer funding the appeal. He asked the township to vote No on the ordinance.

Kim Mannion, 6611 Deer Trail, asked if STRs are currently allowed?

Melissa Skinner, Representative of Historic home owners in the area spoke about tourism and its effect on STRs. She offered suggestions to the township regarding the ordinance.

Ezekial Ayers, 6580 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Realtor in Grand Rapids, STR home owner spoke about trying to provide for his family by owning a short term rental. He expressed concern about regulating STRs too much.

Daphne Fairbanks, 2343 Lakeshore Dr, questioned if the STR Ordinance is a Zoning or Policing ordinance and wants us to make sure it's done correctly. She is a resident and STR owner and sees both sides of having an ordinance. She offered suggestions. Also asked that the meetings are held in a large enough facility to have space to accommodate everyone.

Diana Decker, 1705 Lake Michigan Drive, talked about growing up in the area and waiting on many people from many ethnicities. Meeting new people all of the time.

Lane Kronemeyer, 6552 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue, supports STR regulations and getting ahead of it. Feels that we're losing sense of community.

Dawn Stafford, Saugatuck resident, owner of Peachbelt Schoolhouse on 63<sup>rd</sup> St. and M89 offered advise after watching her neighborhood become overrun with STRs. She is all for regulating them. She feels it's the commercialization of community.

Joe Woerbel, 6957 Lakeshore Ct, commented that he was not against regulations of STRs.

Wants to make sure that it doesn't impact those that have invested in the community. He is a farmer and relies on tourism for his upick.

Laura Durham, Millpond Realty, taxpayer in the township for 35 years and knows people who have been renting their homes for over 50 years.

Daphne Fairbanks, 2343 Lakeshore Dr, asked that the township takes their time to create a good ordinance and ways to manage big business vs. local residents.

Kerry Curtis, 2264 Lakeshore Dr, family home is an STR, but it's the only way they can continue to keep the house for their own family to come together.

Kim Mannion, 6611 Deer Trail, understands that STRs are under 30 days and offered another option for STR owners to offer Seasonal rentals instead.

Becky Crane, 6054 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Dawn Stafford, Peachbelt Schoolhouse, introduced themselves as part of a 30 member group called Ganges for Gun Safety. They have been having an issue with stray bullets and military style weapons at a neighboring property along M89 which puts neighbors and those traveling the M89 corridor at risk. They asked the township for a reasonable timeline in helping with this issue that has been dealt with for 3 years. Asked the township to enforce township laws and ordinances.

Marsha Burd, 6380 M89, stated that her daughter's home was unlivable because of the neighbor shooting guns.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Phelps, Ganges Twp Clerk