

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2026**

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting 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 Thompson.

Reimink moved, Phelps seconded, to approve the agenda, dated May 12, 2026 as presented with the addition of 11B. Fenn Valley Winery Conditional Rezoning. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

**Michael Vander Hoek**, 1584 Leon Rd, emailed concerns about the Short Term Rental Moratorium.

**Charlie Fisher**, Fisher3 Vacation Rentals and Ganges Vacation Rental Alliance, emailed framework for a proposed draft ordinance from GVRA.

**Public Comments**

**Christopher Burnett**, District Court Judge candidate introduced himself.

**Daphne Fairbanks**, 2340 Lakeshore Dr, asked how the Library Board appointment works.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, approval of the regular meeting minutes of 04/14/2026. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of April 30, 2026 as follows:

General Fund	\$793,063.02
Ambulance Fund	149,976.93
Fire Fund	411,908.12
First Responders	130,972.63
Road Fund	956,507.82
CD	566,713.49
CD	500,000.00

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, acceptance of the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, payment of the bills dated 05/12/2026 as presented from the following funds: General Fund- \$43,180.78; Fire Fund-\$2,780.57; First Responder Fund-\$2,174.74; Ambulance Fund- \$4,095.71. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fire Dept.-** Lieutenant Angel Boyles reported that calls have been slowing down.

**Cemetery-** No Report

**Planning Commission-**Dick Hutchins, Trustee, reported that there was no meeting in April. A public hearing will be held in the future as work continues on Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Supervisor Hebert gave a brief status update on the STR Ordinance stating that an extension to the STR Moratorium is being considered as work continues on the draft. Once the draft is finished it will be posted on the website before a Public Hearing. The hearing will be held at the Glenn Community Center if it's available.

Supervisor Hebert and Clerk Phelps will meet with an Enforcement Officer candidate.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve with regret, the resignation of Kathleen Yankee from the Library Board. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded, to approve the appointment of Greg Josefowicz to the Library Board. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve asking the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing to consider reversing the Conditional Rezoning of Fenn Valley Winery. Motion carried.

## **Public Comments**

**Kim Mannion**, 6611 Deer Trail, asked the board to correct the previous months meeting minutes where her email correspondence should have read, "had questions about all enforcement violations in the absence of an enforcement officer."

**Evgeny Leytush**, 1804 Blueberry Lane, STR owner spoke about Short Term Rentals.

**Matthew Kellen**, 2181 68<sup>th</sup> St, STR owner spoke about the current STR Ordinance Draft.

**Kevin Perkins**, 1725 65<sup>th</sup> St, stated that STRs are changing the culture of the community. Property values and taxes are going up, and the residents are not seeing the benefit.

**Melissa Skinner**, representative of STRs, Hunn House and Carriage House, spoke about the benefits of STRs.

**Diana Decker**, 1705 Lake Michigan Drive, stated that there is a safety issue on Blue Star Highway near the Glenn Store and asked if the township could some how slow traffic.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded the Adjournment of the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Phelps  
Ganges Township Clerk