

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

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Glenn Community Center located at 6953 114th Avenue. Board members present by roll call attendance: Hutchins, Reimink, Hebert, Phelps, and Thompson.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to accept the agenda, dated July 14, 2026 as presented with the addition of 11.C. Frank Conklin Wy-hoco Water System. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Email received from Jackie DeZwaan resigning from the Planning Commission effective the end of December 2026.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the letter of resignation from Jackie DeZwaan effective Dec.31, 2026. Motion carried.

Email received from Steve Nye, letting the board know that he is interested in service on the Zoning Board and Planning Commission.

Letter received from Aaron Plummer, requesting that we update the restrooms in the township hall.

Email received from Katherine Culpepper concerning the STR Ordinance and gave suggestions.

Email received from Breanna Dokter letting us know that the STR on Blueberry Lane started renting during the moratorium.

Email received from Megan Scholten with concerns about STRs especially Blueberry Lane.

Email received from Nick Martinez, Policy Associate for Airbnb, concerning STRs offering support during the process of establishing an ordinance.

Public Comments

Brad Lubbers, County Commissioner, gave a report on the county. There is disaster relief from the April/May storms available. Hutchins Lake property owners ~~now have~~ renewed a special assessment.

Randy Schipper, Cunningham Dalman, representing the Cottons, 1630 Blue Star Hwy, who are asking for rezoning of property. Asking to turn the microbrewery into a brewpub.

Jeff Antaya, 1471 71st St, thanked the board for serving and thanked the audience for being at the meeting requested that the board get a sound system.

John Hagen, 2127 Lakeshore Dr, spoke as a resident, not a representative of the LMSA, noted STRs on the lakeshore and the number of cars parked. Asked the board to be cognizant of historical STRs and suggested that regulations should be the same for hotels and STRs and taxed the same.

Megan Cotton, 1630 Blue Star Hwy, spoke about the plans for their property and thanked the board for their consideration.

Adam Hogan, 1373 Wildflower Lane, spoke in support of the Cottons and what they are doing with 1630 Blue Star Hwy.

Mr. Schmid, 1686 Blue Star Hwy, spoke in support of WM 1630.

Peter Rosenfeld, 1472 71st St, appreciates the volunteer committee for the Overlay. Asked what problem are we trying to solve? He feels that we are solving a problem that's not agreed to. Urged an agreement on what is the problem to solve before solutions.

Scott Goldberg, Morning Glory Lane spoke about the Overlay and asked the board to reconsider it. He also questioned, what is the problem we're trying to solve? He also spoke in support of WM 1630.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, approval of the regular meeting minutes of 06/09/2026. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, approval of the special meeting minutes of 06/29/2026. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	\$774,292.92
Ambulance Fund	45,980.90
Fire Fund	406,964.99
First Responders	227,545.20
Road Fund	957,485.11
CD	566,713.49
CD	500,000.00

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

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, payment of the bills dated 07/14/2026 as presented from the following funds: General Fund- \$51,564.31; Fire Fund-\$44,451.60; First Responder Fund-\$6,287.89; Ambulance Fund- \$8,191.42; Road Fund-\$206,758.16. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jason Jager, Fire Chief, had to respond to a call, but supplied a report to the board.

A.J. Broe, Cemetery Sexton, absent, nothing to report.

Dick Hutchins, Trustee, reported that the Planning Commission had a discussion of the Overlay District and approved the Zoning Amendments outside of Article 14. An Overlay Advisory Committee was suggested to the township board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The updated Short Term Rental Ordinance has been posted on the website and a special meeting/public hearing will be held hopefully by the end of August. An Enforcement Officer for Noise and the STR Ordinance was appointed.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to appoint the following residents to the Lakeshore Overlay District Volunteer Committee: David Koster, Dave Morlock, Andy Murch, Mike Sands, and Philip Willson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Thompson seconded, to deny the 1630 Blue Star Rezoning request as suggested by the Planning Commission and to work with the attorneys to come up with a better solution. Motion carried, with Hutchins being opposed.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded approval of the 119th Avenue culvert work order for 2027. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded to refuse to accept ownership and operational responsibility of the land and wells owned by Frank Conklin in Wy-hoco. Motion carried.

Public Comments

John Mortenson, 7030 Foster Lane, noticed that the striping put down on Blue Star Highway through Glenn is dangerous. There are no "No Passing" stripes. He asked if the township could help correct this.

Brad Lubbers, County Commissioner, suggested to property owners in Wy-hoco affected by the land and water check their deeds for their property.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded the Adjournment of the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelps
Ganges Township Clerk