

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2025**

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Ganges Township Hall, corner of 119th Avenue and 64th Street. Board members present by roll call: Hutchins, Reimink, Hebert, Phelps, and Thompson.

Reimink moved, Phelps seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of 9D. EMS Committee Update and 11F. Southwest Lawn Care Cemetery Proposal. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Letter dated Sept. 29 from Varnum on behalf of Central Florida Resort Property Management, LLC filing a Claim of Appeal against the Township.

Letter received from the Lake Michigan Shore Association regarding concerns about Pier Cove Park and also provided ideas for parking and safety.

Email received from Pamela Jenewein resigning from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective December 31, 2025.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded to accept, with regret, Pamela Jenewein's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Email dated Sept. 9 received from Dan Heorig concerning a noise complaint on 8/16/2025. Complaint #17044-25 at 7:50pm.

Email dated Sept 15 received from Aaron Kronemeyer, 6556 118th Avenue, thanking the Township Board for code enforcement.

Public Comments-None

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the September 9, 2025 meeting minutes as presented with corrections. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of September 30, 2025 as follows:

General Fund	\$500,926.67
Ambulance Fund	\$ 28,723.28
Fire Fund	\$567,997.93
First Responders	\$155,463.36
Road Fund	\$308,537.02
CD	\$514,622.07

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

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 10/14/2025 pay the bills as presented from the following funds: General Fund-\$40,963.01; Fire Fund-\$11,539.38; First Responder Fund-\$4,518.35; Ambulance Fund-\$8,191.42; Road Fund-\$9,500.00. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Jason Jager, Fire Chief-Reported that they would be holding a Fire Safety event on October 24. Two applicants for the department from Lee Township would join the dept as emergency backup coverage.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the application from Michelle Gibson for First Responder and Mitchell Gibson for both Firefighter and First Responder. Motion carried.

A.J. Broe, Cemetery Sexton- Absent

Dick Hutchins, Planning Commission- Reported the commission is working on the Lakeshore Overlay District and the Campground Moratorium.

Dick Hutchins, EMS Committee- Reported that those municipalities in the Ambulance agreement will split the cost of new flooring at the Ambulance garage in the City of Fennville. This will be billed next year. There was also discussion of starting a fund for any future repairs to the building.

Unfinished Business-None

New Business

Hebert offered up, and Hutchins seconded the Salary Resolution for the Ganges Township Firefighters/EMRs as follows: \$26.00/hour per Run, Training, Meeting and Work Session. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins-Y, Reimink-Y, Hebert-Y, Phelps-Y, Thompson-Y. (5/0)

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the Allegan County Equalization Aerial Imaging Proposal to have additional imagery done by EagleView with a formal agreement to come for *Approx.* \$10,501.40 for 6 years. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded, to approve the Scope of Work proposal from McKenna to assist with proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the creation of a Short Term Rental Volunteer Committee to help draft a proposal to present to the Township Board. This committee will consist of 5-6 community volunteers and 1 board member. Motion carried.

The township will be putting together a job description and advertising for an Ordinance and Noise Enforcement Officer.

Hebert moved, Phelps seconded, to approve the proposal from Southwest Lawn Care for cemetery cleanup of plants and overgrown bushes around headstones. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Sue Mackey, commented on the Short Term Rental committee and the Zoning and Noise Enforcement officer. Suggested that the board publicize these with job description and roles and responsibilities in the local paper and the website. Asked for clarification on the process of filing complaints until someone is hired.

Charles Mannion, 6611 Deer Trail, asked what requirements the township is looking for in code enforcement.

Karen Duffin, 6491 118th Avenue, asked is the township was responsible for the new blacktop on Blue Star Highway.

Lane Kronemeyer, 6652 118th Avenue, asked what the hope is for the STR Committee.

Charles Mannion, 6611 Deer trail, asked what are the ordinances governing firearm discharge? Neighbor had impacted rounds at their house a couple weeks ago.

Trustee Dick Hutchins commented that it's necessary for people on the STR committee to be a township resident.

Hebert moved, Reimink supported, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelps
Ganges Township Clerk