

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE REGULAR 7:00 PM MEETING
February 09, 2026**

Present: Supervisor Terpstra, Clerk Brew, Treasurer Lemke, Trustees: DeWard, Fryling, Haagsma, Vander Stel
Staff: Manager Weersing, Community Development Director Wells

Absent: None

Opening prayer was given by Board Member Lemke and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. The meeting was called to order at 07:03 p.m. by Board Member Terpstra.

2. Question of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Review of the Consent Agenda.

No items were removed for in-depth discussion

4. Meeting Agenda

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the published agenda.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

5. Communications ~ Non-action Informational Items

- a) January 2026 Gaines Charter Township Fire Dept. Run Report
- b) January 2026 Community Policing Officers' Report
- c) Building Department January 2026 Revenue Report
- d) Kent County Board of Commissioners Newsletter - January 2026
- e) Letter From Grand Rapids Chamber Supporting the Swan WFH Dutton Center
- f) Mika Meyers Law Bulletin January 2026

Message from Streams Of Hope

6. Scheduled Speakers

Grant Simons - Friends of Buck Creek.

7. Recognition of Individuals and/or Delegations for agenda and non-agenda items.

No one spoke.

8. Public Hearings

- A. Update Alarm systems (Chapter 16/Article II) and Fire Prevention and Protection (Chapter 20 of Code of Ordinances)

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and seconded by Board Member Haagsma to open the public hearing for the update to the alarm system and fire prevention.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

No one spoke

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and seconded by Board Member Lemke to close the public hearing for the update to the alarm system and fire prevention.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

- B. Elimination of Trash Haulers Licenses and Insurance Requirements (Chapter 32 Sections 32-23 and 32-24 of the Code of Ordinances)

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Haagsma to open a public hearing for the elimination of trash hauler licenses and insurance requirements.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

No one spoke

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Vander Stel to close the public hearing for the elimination of trash hauler licenses and insurance requirements.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

9. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the Consent Agenda including the January 12, 2026 draft minutes; the Treasurer's December 2025 Financial Report; General fund expenditures from 01/01/2026 through 01/31/2026 totaling \$249,920.64; Public Safety Special Assessment District expenditures totaling \$278,534.66; Building inspections totaling \$7,518.19 and Water and Sewer expenditures totaling \$518,126.14.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

10. New Business

A. Reversion of Conditional Rezone - 8390 Eastern Avenue

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and supported by Board Member Fryling to set a public hearing for the reversion of conditional, rezoning of property at. 8390 Eastern Avenue on March 09, 2026.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

Motion by Board Member Lemke and seconded by Board Member Fryling that the board set a second public hearing also on March 9, 2026 for 8390 Eastern Avenue to rezone to neighborhood commercial.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

B. Jeplawy 2025 Annual Review Site Map & Narrative

General discussion on the submitted report.

C. Road Closure Request

Motion by Board Member Lemke and supported by Board Member Vander Stel that the board approve the Deemer Run road Closure.

VOICE VOTE: 7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

D. Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Haagsma to adopt the resolution updating the ordinances.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

E. Waste Haulers Ordinance Amendment

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Fryling to adopt a resolution rescinding in chapter 32, number 23 and 24. Chapter 32 is the solid waste portion of the Township ordinances.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

F. Rescind Resolution 98-MAR-01-PRK - Parks and Recreation Committee

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Lemke that the board rescind the resolution creating the parks and recreation committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - no, Board Member Terpstra - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

G. Chargeable False Alarm fee Schedule

Motion by Board Member Lemke and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to that the board adopt the new resolution for false alarm fee schedule.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Haagsma - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

H. Water & Sewer 2026 Rates

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to adopt this resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

I. Sewer Relief Request

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and supported by Board Member Fryling to approve the recommendation of the sewer water committee for one time sewer relief for the parcel at 7149 Misty Morning.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member Brew - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

J. Dutton Avenue Watermain

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and supported by Board Member Vander Stel that the board authorize the engineer to develop plans and bid out the extension of the water main along Dutton Avenue between the two points that the developer is putting in, so that system is looped.

ROLL CALL VOTE Board Member Haagsma - yes, Board Member Vander Stel - yes, Board Member Terpstra - yes, Board Member Lemke - yes, Board Member Fryling - yes, Board Member DeWard - yes, Board Member Brew - yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.

11. Public Comments

No one spoke

12. Manager's comments

None.

13. Supervisor's comments.

The Township open house will conclude at the end of this week.

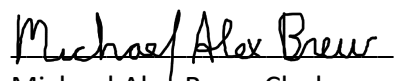
February 26, 2026 at 6 p.m. is the Gaines Charter Township Fire Department new fire engine push event.

14. Trustees comments

The township hours have been changed to 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday. The change to 8:00 a.m. has not resulted in additional traffic in the morning. The change to 5:30 p.m. in the afternoon has resulted in a few more people but not many. Residents have expressed dissatisfaction with Friday afternoon being closed on Friday. Staff feel that this is due to change. There is not enough dissatisfaction at this point to look to make changes.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.


Michael Alex Brew, Clerk

Robert Terpstra, Supervisor