



Board of Trustees Meeting
8555 Kalamazoo Ave., SE
Caledonia, MI 49316
Township Board Room
Monday, February 9, 2026 ~ Time: 7:00 PM

1. **Opening Prayer ~ Laurie Lemke**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Call to Order and Attendance ~**
4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
5. **Review of Consent Agenda ~ *items must be removed from the consent agenda in order to be discussed***
6. **Approval of Agenda**
7. **Communications ~ Informational items ~ *letters, reports, updates, etc.***
 - a. January 2026 Building Inspections Revenue Report
[BldgDeptRevenue Summary January 2026.pdf](#)
 - b. January 2026 Gaines Charter Township Fire Dept. Run Report
[2026_02_03_2026 January GTFD Monthly Report.pdf](#)
 - c. January 2026 Community Policing Officer's Report
[Township Monthly for January 26.pdf](#)
 - d. Kent County Board of Commissioners Newsletter - January 2026
[Kent county Board of Commissioners Jan 2026 Newsletter.pdf](#)
 - e. Letter From Grand Rapids Chamber Supporting the Swan WFH Dutton Center
[Letter of Support - Dutton.pdf](#)
 - f. Mika Meyers Law Bulletin January 2026
[MikaMeyersLawBulletinJan2026.pdf](#)
 - g. Message from Streams Of Hope
[MessageFromStreamsofHope.pdf](#)

8. **Scheduled Speakers**

- a. Grant Simons - Friends of Buck Creek
[FoBC Presentation_Gaines.pdf](#)

9. **Public Comments** - *Public may speak regarding anything on the agenda which is NOT scheduled for a public hearing (comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)*

10. **Public Hearings**

- a. Update Alarm systems (Chapter 16/Article II) and Fire Prevention and Protection (Chapter 20 of Code of Ordinances)
- b. Elimination of Trash Haulers Licenses and Insurance Requirements (Chapter 32 Sections 32-23 and 32-24 of the Code of Ordinances)

11. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Draft Minutes ~ January 12, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting
[Draft Minutes 01-12-2026.docx](#)
- b. Treasurer's December 2025 Financial Report
[Treasurer's Dec 2025 Financial Report.pdf](#)
- c. January 2026 Check Registers:

January 2026 General Fund	\$249,920.64
January 2026 Public Safety	\$278,534.66
January 2026 Building Inspections	\$ 7,518.19
January 2026 Water & Sewer	<u>\$518,126.14</u>

TOTAL **\$1,054,099.63**

[101GenFundCheckDisbursementReport.pdf](#)

[205PubSafetyCheckDisbursementReport.pdf](#)

[549BldgInpsctionsCheckDisbursementReport.pdf](#)

[W&SJan 2026 check register.pdf](#)

12. **New Business**

- a. Reversion of Conditional Rezone - 8390 Eastern Avenue
[8390 Eastern Avenue Reversion Board Packet 1st Read.pdf](#)
- b. Jeplawy 2025 Annual Review Site Map & Narrative ~ Information Only/No Action Required
[Jeplawy 2025 Annual Review Site Map & Narrative.pdf](#)
- c. Road Closure Request
[Memo-Road Closure Request Diemer Run2.docx](#)
[DiemerRunMaps.pdf](#)
- d. Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance - 2nd Read/Adopt

[MEMOFirePreventionOrdinance2.docx](#)
[REsolutionFirePreventionOrdinance - Copy.docx](#)
[ARTICLE_I.____IN_GENERAL \(1\).pdf](#)

- e. Waste Haulers Ordinance Amendment - 2nd Read/Adoption
[MEMO.RescindSection32-23Waste HaulersLicenses.docx](#)
[REsolutionEliminationTrashHaulersOrdinance.docx](#)
[Chapter_32____SOLID_WASTE.docx](#)
- f. Rescind Resolution 98-MAR-01-PRK - Parks and Recreation Committee
[Memo-Rescind Resolution 98-MAR-01-PAR2.docx](#)
[Resolution 98-MAR-01_PRK.pdf](#)
[ResolutionaborgatingResolution98-MAR-PRK.docx](#)
- g. Chargeable False Alarm fee Schedule
[Memo - Chargeable False Alarm Fees.docx](#)
[Resolution ~ Chargeable Alarm Fees.docx](#)
[2017-14Chargeable False Alarms.pdf](#)
- h. Water & Sewer 2026 Rates
[RateResolutionGaines2026.draft.docx](#)
[Gaines Rate Change Notice 2026.docx](#)
[2026 Comparison of Rates.pdf](#)
- i. Sewer Relief Request
[7149 misty morning sewer relief Board memo 2.3.26.docx](#)
- j. Dutton Avenue Watermain
[2026-01-22 Dutton Ave WM Memo to TWP Bd.pdf](#)

13. **Public Comments** ~ *On any topic (comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)*

14. **Manager's Comments**

15. **Supervisors Comments**

16. **Trustee Comments**

17. **Adjournment**

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: March 9, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
March 23rd is reserved for a second March meeting date, should it be needed.

ANY INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN ALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ANY SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING TO REQUEST MOBILITY, VISUAL OR ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE.

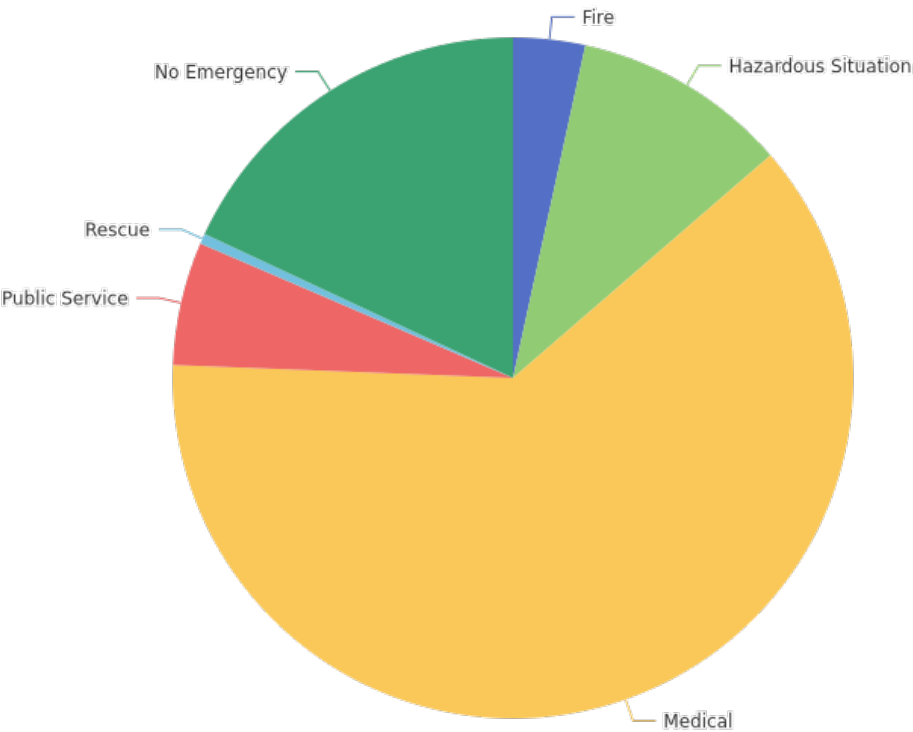
****Preliminary Agenda - Subject to Change****

Revenue Breakdown Report Records from
1.1.2026 through 1.31.2026

Record Type: Permit	Records	Revenue
Building	12	\$8,614.00
Storm Drain	4	\$340.00
Electrical	22	\$3,925.00
Mechanical	38	\$4,820.00
Plumbing	19	\$2,768.00
Irrigation Meter	1	\$90.00
Total:	96	\$20,557.00



NERIS Incident Type Summary Monthly



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Gaines Charter TWP FD MI
Address: 3471 68th St SE, Caledonia, MI, 49316



PRIMARY INCIDENT GROUP	JANUARY	TOTAL YTD	PERCENT OF TOTAL INCIDENTS YTD
Fire	7	7	3.41%
Hazardous Situation	21	21	10.24%
Medical	127	127	61.95%
Public Service	12	12	5.85%
Rescue	1	1	0.49%
No Emergency	37	37	18.05%
Total	205	205	100.00%

Criteria: Dispatch Call Created between 2026-01-01 00:00:00 and 2026-01-31 00:00:00



NERIS Response Zone Summary - Monthly (with Date Filter)

RESPONSE ZONE	JAN 2026	TOTAL	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Zone 1U	76	76	37.07%
Zone 4U	35	35	17.07%
Zone 2S	35	35	17.07%
Zone 3S	16	16	7.80%
Zone 10R	9	9	4.39%
Zone 7S	8	8	3.90%
Zone 6R	6	6	2.93%
Zone 5S	4	4	1.95%
Zone 8R	3	3	1.46%
Kentwood FD	3	3	1.46%
Zone 11R	2	2	0.98%
Wyoming FD	2	2	0.98%
Zone 12R	2	2	0.98%
Byron Township FD	2	2	0.98%
Caledonia Twp FD	1	1	0.49%
Cascade Twp FD	1	1	0.49%
Total	205	205	100.00%

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Criteria: Response Zone is not null

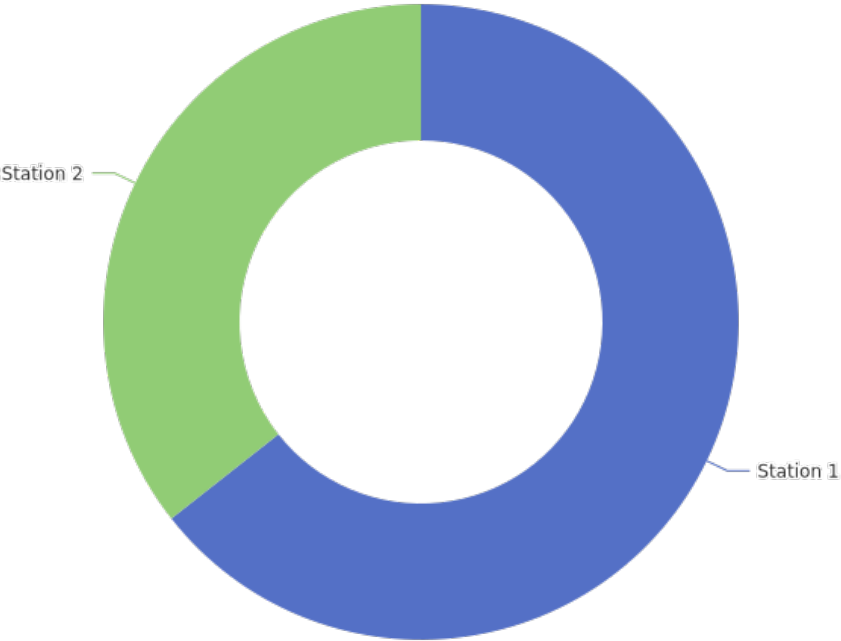


GAINES TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT





NERIS Incident County by Station - Monthly (with Date Filter)



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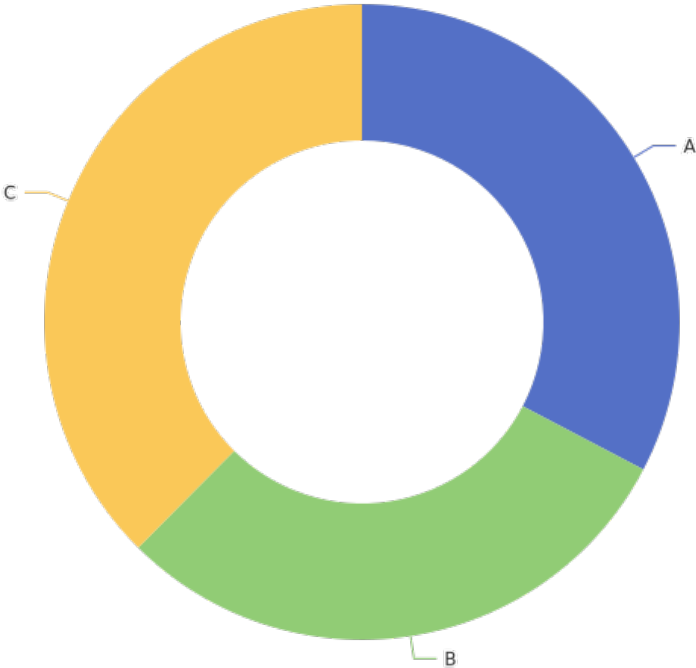


FIRE STATION	JAN 2026	INCIDENT COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL INCIDENTS
Station 1	132	132	64.39%
Station 2	73	73	35.61%
Total	205	205	100.00%

Criteria: Dispatch Call Created between 2026-01-01 00:00:00 and 2026-01-31 00:00:00



NERIS Incident County by Shift - Monthly (with Date Filter)



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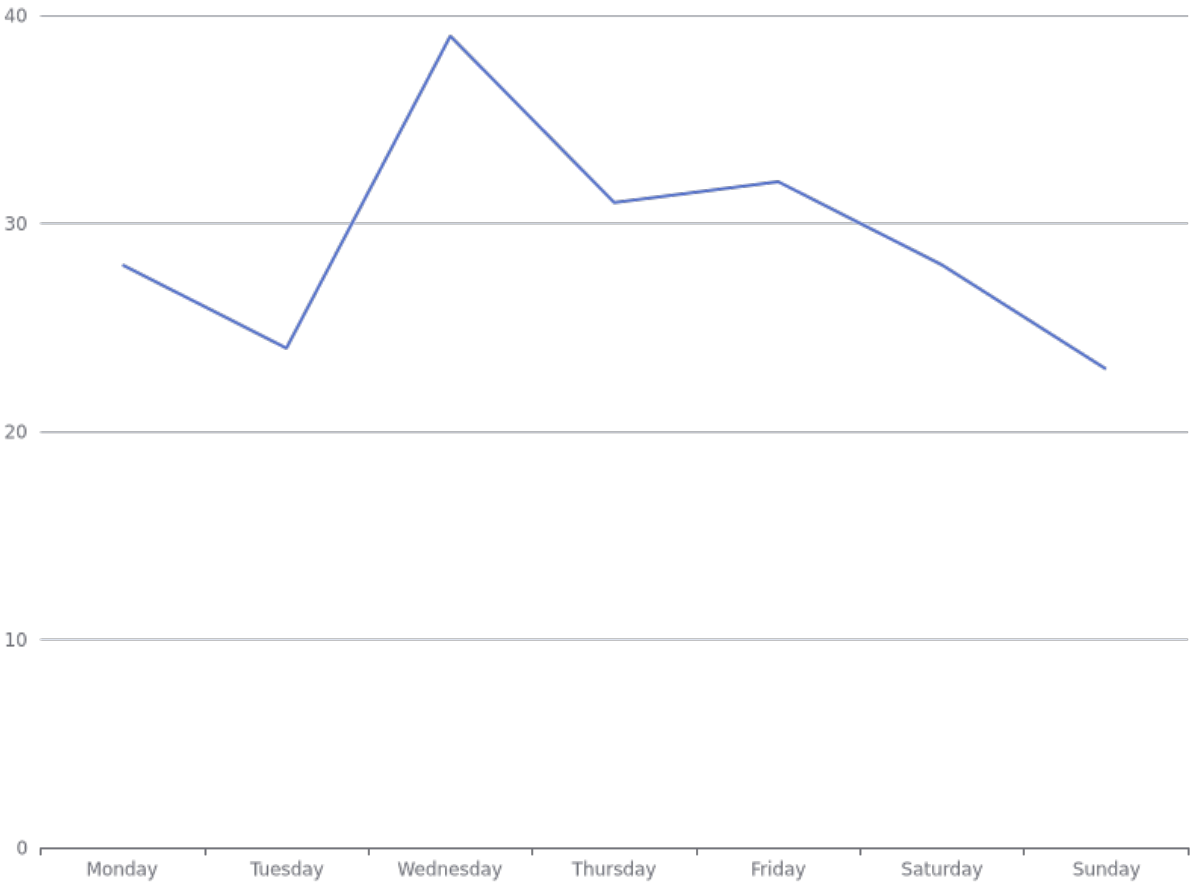
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IR SHIFT NAME	INCIDENT COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
A	67	32.68%
B	61	29.76%
C	77	37.56%
Total	205	100.00%



NERIS Count of Incidents by Day of Week - Monthly



NERIS Count of Incidents by Day of Week - Monthly

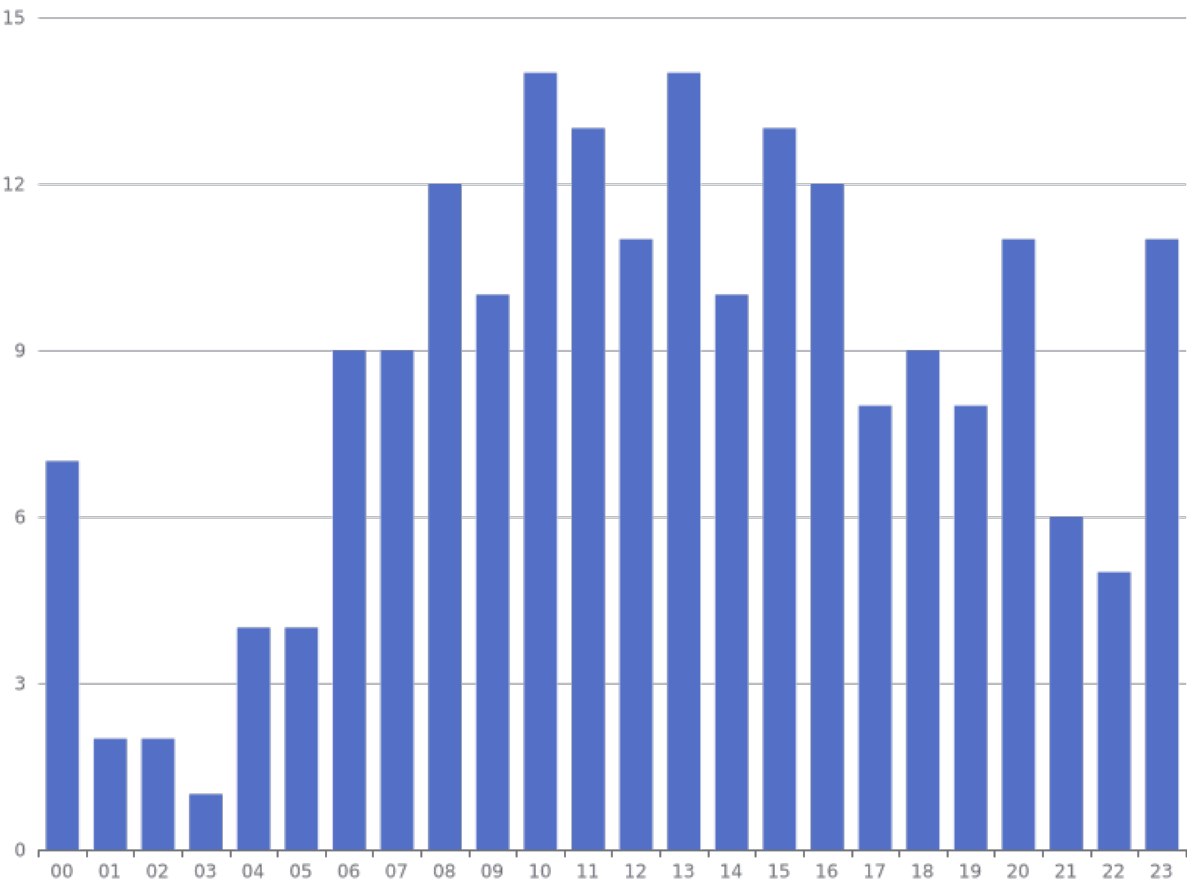
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DISPATCH CALL CREATED	JAN 2026	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL INCIDENTS
Monday	28	28	14%
Tuesday	24	24	12%
Wednesday	39	39	19%
Thursday	31	31	15%
Friday	32	32	16%
Saturday	28	28	14%
Sunday	23	23	11%
Total	205	205	100%



NERIS Count of Incidents by Hour of Day & Day of Week - Monthly



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DISPATCH CALL CREATED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	TOTAL
00			1	2	4			7
01			1			1		2
02	2							2
03			1					1
04	1		1	1		1		4
05		1				1	2	4
06	2		1	4		1	1	9
07	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	9
08		1	6	1	3	1		12
09		1	5		2	2		10
10	1	2	4	2	2	2	1	14
11	3	2		1	3	2	2	13
12	1		3		2	4	1	11
13		1	3	2	2	2	4	14
14	2	2		2	2	1	1	10
15	3	3		4	2	1		13
16	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	12
17	1		2		3		2	8
18	2	3	1	1		1	1	9
19	1	2	1	2	1		1	8

NERIS Count of Incidents by Hour of Day & Day of Week - Monthly

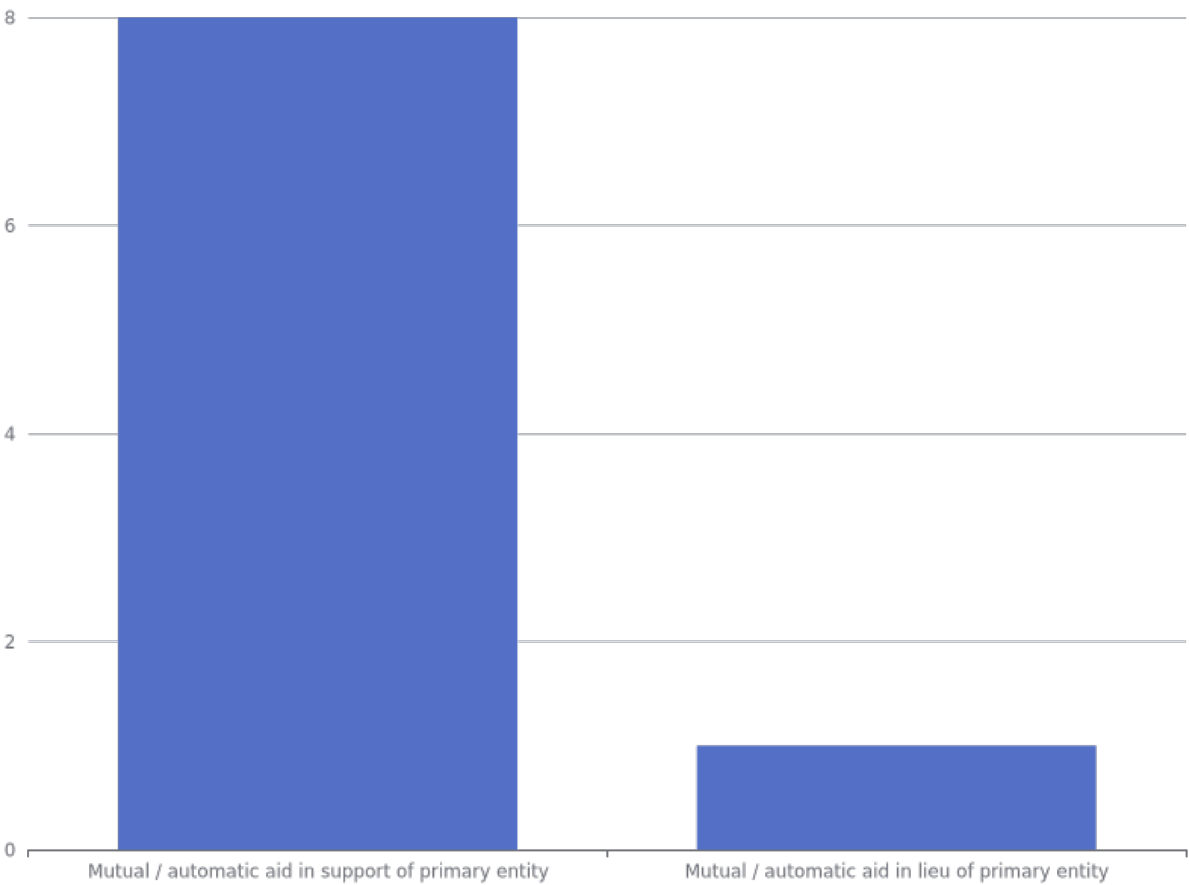
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DISPATCH CALL CREATED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	TOTAL
20	1	2	4	1	1	2		11
21	3			1	2			6
22	1				1	2	1	5
23	1	1	2	2		1	4	11
Total	28	24	39	31	32	28	23	205



NERIS Aid Given (Auto/Mutual) - Monthly



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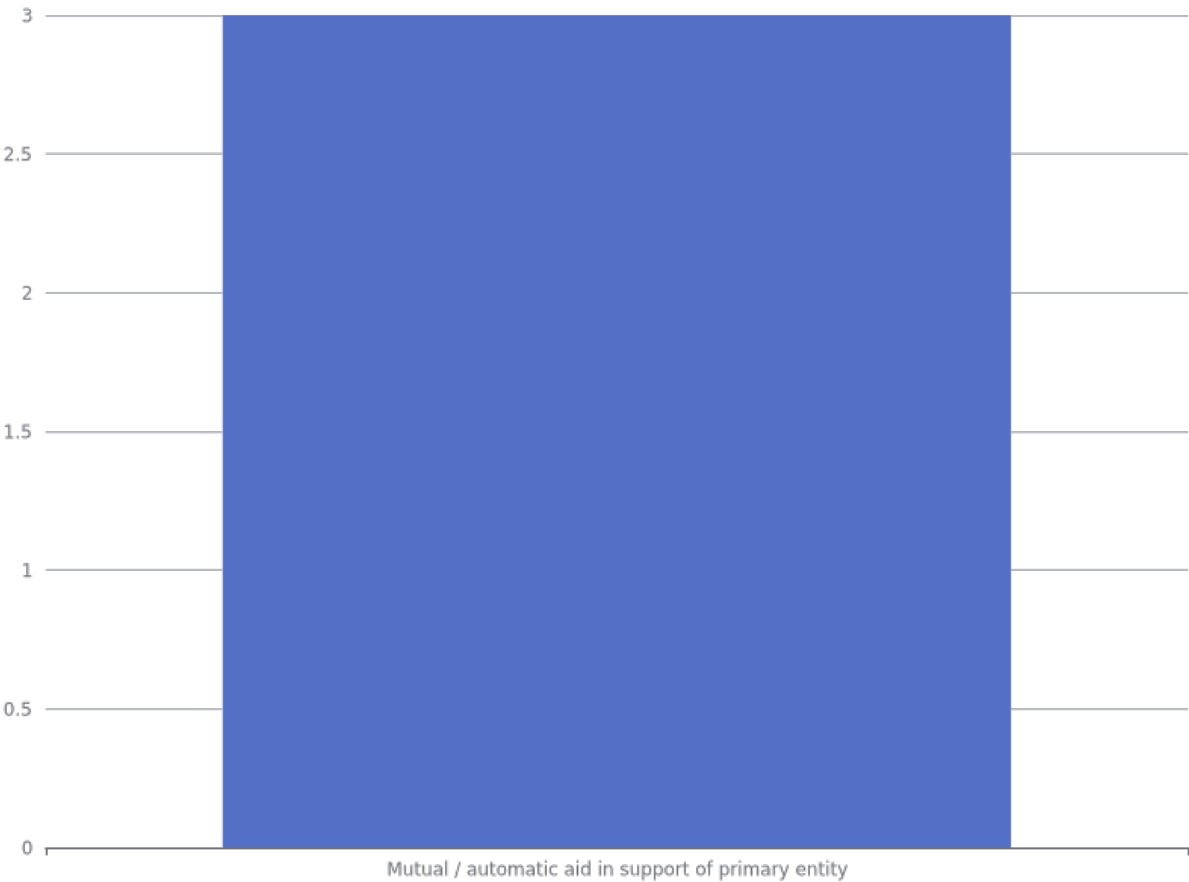


AID DEPARTMENT NAME	TOTAL
Byron Twp FD	2
Cascade Twp FD	1
Kentwood FD	4
Wyoming FD	2
Total	9

Criteria: Aid Type in (Mutual / automatic aid acting as another entity, Mutual / automatic aid in lieu of primary entity, Mutual / automatic aid in support of primary entity) AND Aid Department Name is not null



NERIS Aid Received (Auto/Mutual) - YTD



NERIS Aid Received (Auto/Mutual) - YTD

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AID RECEIVED DEPARTMENT NAME(S) LIST	TOTAL
Caledonia FD, Cascade Twp FD, Kentwood FD	1
Kentwood FD	2
Total	3

Criteria: Aid Direction in (RECEIVED)



Inspection Report - Monthly

INSPECTION TYPE	JAN 2026	TOTAL
Certificate of Occupancy	5	5
Fire Alarm System Final Acceptance	2	2
Fire Sprinkler Hydrostatic Test	2	2
Fire Sprinkler-Final	2	2
Plan Review-Commercial Kitchen Suppression System	1	1
Plan Review-Site Plan	1	1
Plan Review-Sprinkler Plan	1	1
Clean Agent Acceptance Test	1	1
Total	15	15



Michelle LaJoye-Young

SHERIFF

Bryan Muir

UNDERSHERIFF

MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2026

- Responded to multiple traffic accidents/slide offs.
- Traffic enforcement.
- Assisted with a warrant arrest Division Avenue / 60th Street.
- Assisted BGUA employee with a harassment incident.
- Residential alarm in Crystal Springs.
- Assisted subject with verifying for the sex offender registry.
- Noise complaint Center Green Meadow Drive.
- Assist medical near Division / M-6.
- Coordinated an arrest with road patrol for a suspect with a felony warrant.
- Assisted Woodfield management with a shots fired incident that occurred.
- Assisted Bloomfield management with a felonious assault incident that occurred.
- Located a suicidal juvenile near Kalamazoo Avenue / 60th Street and juvenile was transported to the hospital.
- Met with a case manager and patient with the veterans affairs office about red flag laws.
- Uploaded township ordinances into patrol ticket system.
- Assisted with a felony stop involving a vehicle that fled from the police during a traffic stop.
- Monitored a residence suspected for drug activity.
- Assist road patrol with locating a suicidal subject near Division Avenue and 76th Street.
- Met with a church member about starting a church security team.
- Assisted with locating a juvenile runaway near 60th Street / Madison Avenue.
- Responded to a felonious assault involving a revolver. Suspect was arrested.
- Parking complaint at Country Corners.
- Followed up on township ordinance violations for 100th Street and Terra Cotta.
- Suspicious vehicle complaint at Fieldstone Apartments.
- Parking complaint on Summerlook Drive.
- Attended the Real Time Information Center presentation with school administrators from South Christian, Dutton Christian, and Legacy Christian.
- Attended Gaines Township's Board Meeting.
- Attended Gaines Township's Planning Commission Meeting.
- Attended the Stevens Pointe Neighborhood Meeting.
- Assisted with a medical incident at Shadyside Park.
- Suspicious report at South Christian.



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Kent County Board of Commissioners Newsletter - January 2026

Kent County, Michigan sent this bulletin at 01/27/2026 10:10 AM EST

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**Board of
Commissioners
Update**
January 2026

Board of Commissioners Confirms Leadership for New Term

The Board of Commissioners recently held its organizational meeting, confirming leadership for the new term. Commissioners unanimously elected **Ben Greene** (District 1) as Chair and **Lindsey Thiel** (District 11) as Vice-Chair. **Steve Faber** (District 18) was also elected to serve as Minority Vice-Chair.

Chair Greene, who is beginning his second term in the role, thanked his colleagues for their support and emphasized his commitment to building on the Board's recent progress and providing thoughtful, responsible leadership for Kent County residents.

Commissioners **Dan Burrill** (District 8) and **Michelle McCloud** (District 13) voluntarily stepped down from their previous leadership roles due to personal and professional considerations.



Chair Ben Greene



Vice-Chair Lindsey Thiel



Minority Vice-Chair Steve Faber

Board Adopts New Standing Committee Structure

The Board of Commissioners has adopted updated [Standing Rules](#) that include a restructuring of the Board's standing committees. Effective immediately, the Board has transitioned from a three-committee structure to a two-committee model. The Board's standing committees are now:

- [Finance and Infrastructure Committee](#)
- [Policy and Operations Committee](#)

This updated structure is designed to improve efficiency, clarity, and coordination in how the Board conducts its work. By consolidating related topics under two committees, the Board can reduce duplication, better align discussions with County priorities, and create clearer pathways for reviewing issues before they come to the full Board, while maintaining thorough oversight of County operations, policies, and investments.

A full [2026 meeting calendar](#) is now available, along with a [reference document](#) that outlines the types of issues each committee will review. These resources are intended to

help residents, partners, and stakeholders better understand how and where County business will be discussed.

Transforming How Kent County Responds to Domestic Violence

At a recent Board of Commissioners standing committee meeting, the [Kent County Domestic Violence Action Network \(DVAN\)](#) shared a powerful update on how Kent County is transforming its response to domestic violence, supported by the County's **\$4 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investment**.

Domestic violence remains a serious issue in our community. Each year, **more than 2,500 incidents** are reported to law enforcement in Kent County—an estimate widely understood to be low, as many incidents go unreported. In addition, **one survivor-serving agency alone reported more than 3,000 crisis contacts** between January and September 2025, underscoring the ongoing need for coordinated, survivor-centered solutions.

DVAN is a collaborative network of **60 organizations and more than 300 individuals**, representing local government, law enforcement, community nonprofits, survivor-serving agencies, mental health professionals, and survivors themselves. This broad partnership is helping ensure responses to domestic violence are coordinated, trauma-informed, and centered on safety and accountability.

Through this work, DVAN supports **three Mobile Advocates** serving Kent County, who meet individuals in the community at locations identified as safe by those seeking support. This approach helps remove barriers to accessing services and connects individuals to support when and where they need it most.

In December 2025, DVAN also launched the **Domestic Violence High-Risk Team (DVHRT)**—the first of its kind in Michigan. The team focuses on early identification of cases at high risk of domestic violence homicide, coordinated safety planning, supportive services, and offender accountability.

The committee also received an update on the **Domestic Violence Court Program**, launched in July 2024 at the 61st and 62B District Courts. The program offers a structured, four-phase approach that includes a certified 52-week Battering Intervention Program, regular judicial reviews, substance testing, and strict no-contact orders. Successful completion may result in a deferred sentence, while failure to comply leads to traditional sentencing or incarceration. The court program is led by **Judge Amanda Sterkenburg** of the **62B District Court**.

Committee members also heard directly from a program participant, who shared the meaningful impact the program has had on him, his family, and the survivor—highlighting the real-world difference these efforts are making.

The Board of Commissioners is encouraged by the early results and grateful to see the positive impact these initiatives are having on **domestic violence prevention, survivor safety, and accountability across Kent County**.





Board of Commissioners Meeting Highlights

The Board of Commissioners generally meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Attending these meetings in person or [via livestream](#) offers a chance to stay informed and involved in community issues.

Below are videos summarizing key moments from our January Board meetings:

Jan. 8, 2026 Meeting



- Invocation by Commissioner Walter Bujak
- Special Order of Business - Election of the Chair, Vice Chair and the Minority Vice Chair
- Resolution Passed to Approve Updates to the Board Standing Rules
- Resolution Passed to Approve the Appointments of Various Boards, Commissions, and Committees
- Resolution Passed to Approve the Board Chair Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Jan. 22, 2026 Meeting



- Invocation by Commissioner Dan Burrill
- Special Order of Business: Property Assessed Clean Energy ("PACE") Program Public Hearing
- Resolution Passed to Authorize Easement for Cell Tower and Related Utility and Landscaping Easements
- Resolution Passed to Appropriate Funds from Cell Tower Easement Purchase
- Resolution Passed to Authorize the Issuance of Sierra Estates Drain Drainage

District's Drain Bonds

- Resolution Passed to Appropriate \$215,703 for the Sierra Estates Drain (\$119,341) and the Hidden Hills Drain (\$96,362)
- Resolution Passed to Appropriate \$40,366 to Kent County Community Action to administer the Diaper Bank TANF Program
- Resolution Passed to Appropriate \$351,899.46 in combined rebates from Consumers Energy and DTE
- Resolution Passed to Appropriate \$356,000 in gift funds from Consumers Energy to Kent County Community Action
- Resolution Passed to Reappoint Childcare Task Force Members through June 30, 2026, including Submission of a Written Recommendation to the Board
- Resolution Passed to Appoint Commissioner Matt Kallman to the Kent County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, Feb. 3: Finance & Infrastructure Committee
- Tuesday, Feb. 10: Policy & Operations Committee
- Thursday, Feb. 12: Board of Commissioners Meeting
- Tuesday, Feb. 17: Finance & Infrastructure Committee
- Tuesday, Feb. 24: Policy & Operations Committee
- Thursday, Feb. 26: Board of Commissioners Executive Committee Meeting (7:30 a.m.)
- Thursday, Feb. 26: Board of Commissioners Meeting

All Board and committee meetings start at 8:30 a.m. at the [County Administration Building](#) within the Board of Commissioners Chambers, unless otherwise specified. Meeting agendas and minutes can be [viewed online](#).

Commissioner Womack Honored for Community Leadership



The Board of Commissioners is proud to share that **Robert S. Womack** was recently recognized by **Grand Rapids Area Black Businesses (GRABB)** with the **2025 Black Bottom Community Builder Award**.

This award honors individuals and businesses that have made a meaningful impact on the economic and social growth of the Black community in Grand Rapids.

Commissioner Womack received the recognition at the GRABB Awards & Gala, an evening dedicated to celebrating champions of economic progress within the

Black community.

Commissioner Womack has long been a strong advocate for Black-owned businesses and economic development. The Board of Commissioners is grateful for his leadership and commitment, and we are fortunate to have his voice and dedication serving the residents of Kent County.

Congratulations, Commissioner Womack, on this well-deserved honor!

Around The County

- **Affordable Housing Progress:** Kent County recently released its [2025 Revolving Loan Fund Annual Report](#), highlighting continued progress in expanding affordable housing across West Michigan. Through a revolving investment model, the fund has leveraged more than \$114 million to support 503 housing units, including 428 affordable homes for seniors, working families, and first-time homebuyers.
- **Understanding Childhood Health Trends:** The Kent County Health Department released its first-ever [Childhood Obesity Surveillance Report](#), providing important insight into childhood overweight and obesity trends in our community. The report found that 4 in 10 Kent County children ages 4 to 17 are overweight or obese, with 2 in 10 classified as obese, and highlights disparities tied to access to healthy food, preventive care, and safe places for physical activity.
- **Extreme Cold Safety Reminder:** The Kent County Health Department and Kent County Animal Shelter are reminding residents to [take steps to stay safe](#) in dangerously low temperatures. Residents are encouraged to use safe home heating practices, limit time outdoors, check on vulnerable neighbors, and ensure pets and livestock have proper shelter, warmth, and access to fresh water.

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January 12, 2026

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Members of the Board of Trustees:

I am writing to express the **Grand Rapids Chamber's support for the Swan WFH Dutton Center.**

The Grand Rapids Chamber represents more than 3,000 member businesses and is committed to advancing a thriving and prosperous West Michigan. Housing attainability remains a significant regional challenge, and we appreciate Gaines Charter Township's proactive efforts to expand housing opportunities—particularly through missing middle housing.

Thoughtfully designed missing middle housing, including duplexes, townhomes, and small multi-unit buildings, provides attainable options for young professionals, families, seniors, and local workers while maintaining neighborhood scale and making efficient use of existing infrastructure.

This project supports Gaines Township's long-term goals and strengthens economic vitality, workforce stability, and overall quality of life. I encourage the Township to consider the benefits this development offers and to support solutions that help ensure Gaines Township remains a welcoming community for residents at all stages of life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rick" and last name "Baker" clearly distinguishable.

Rick Baker
President & CEO



LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW BULLETIN **JANUARY 2026**

Building The Missing Middle: Affordable Housing Initiatives

Michigan's population is inching upward again, but housing supply hasn't kept pace. Rising construction costs, higher interest rates, and a shortage of skilled labor have pushed rents and home prices beyond the reach of many working families. As a result, the land-use planners for many cities, villages, and townships are looking for ways to close the gap by creating better opportunities for the so-called "missing middle" of housing.

What is the "missing middle?" This phrase is often used to refer to housing types that sit between single-family homes and large apartment complexes. Examples include duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhomes, courtyard apartments, and accessory dwelling units. Proponents of providing for the "missing middle" sometimes refer to the following advantages of this housing type:

- **Blending with neighborhoods:** The housing can be constructed in a low-rise style, and similar in scale to single-family houses.
- **Providing moderate prices:** Construction and land costs are shared across multiple units, making them more attainable for middle-income households.
- **Offering variety:** They meet the needs of young professionals, small families, and downsizing seniors who want something between a detached house and a high-rise.

Proponents also point to an increasing demand. To that point, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) projects a shortfall of more than 119,000 affordable units statewide by 2030. There is also demographic pressure: Millennials are forming households while the state's aging population downsizes, creating increasing competition for the same "missing middle" homes. Providing the "missing middle" can also help to retain workforce, support seniors, and sustain vibrant downtowns. Municipalities that combine zoning updates, creative financing, and regional collaboration can help close the affordability gap while strengthening their tax base.

So, what can your municipality do to better provide for the "missing middle" if it wishes to address increasing demand and promote these benefits? The following are some possible strategies:

Zoning Reform:

- Allowing small-scale multifamily or accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in single-family districts can gently add supply without altering neighborhood character.
- Offering extra height or units in exchange for including affordable apartments.

Tax Incentives & Financing:

- Brownfield Tax Increment Financing (TIF): Michigan's expanded brownfield program allows a developer to utilize tax increment revenues to not only offset the cost of cleaning up underused sites for mixed-income housing, but also to "make up" any gap in offering affordable housing at less than market rental rates, offset costs of construction, and undertake needed public infrastructure improvements.
- Neighborhood Enterprise Zones (NEZ): Providing property tax abatements for new or rehabilitated residential projects in designated areas.
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC): Partnering with private developers on LIHTC projects can improve affordability.

Land Banking and Public Property:

- Local land banks can acquire tax-foreclosed or vacant parcels and bundle them for affordable housing development, sometimes with pre-approved site plans to speed construction.

Public-Private Partnerships:

- Municipalities can issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to attract developers willing to meet affordability targets in exchange for city-owned land or infrastructure investment.

There is sometimes a degree of community resistance to these types of initiatives, and so it is good to consider some keys for success in advance. For example, pursue prior community engagement. Early outreach helps counter "not in my backyard" sentiment and fosters buy-in for zoning changes. Regional cooperation can also be important. Housing demand rarely stops at municipal borders. Joint planning with neighboring jurisdictions can align infrastructure and transit investments. Finally, set clear affordability targets. Define income levels (e.g., 60% or 80% of area median income) and set enforceable standards to maintain affordability for a defined period.

Local leaders can also set the stage for these types of initiatives through pre-planning measures: conduct a housing needs study to obtain data on income levels, rental vacancies, and projected growth supports grant applications and rezoning proposals; and, monitor state grants that may be available through MSHDA's Missing Middle Housing Program.

If your community is interested in pursuing initiatives for filling the so-called "missing middle," or otherwise promoting more affordability housing, Mika Meyers' municipal attorneys are here to help you with the legal services needed to fulfill those goals.

If a State Adopts a Tax Exemption, They Will Come: *Field of Dreams* for Data Centers

It is no secret that the use of artificial intelligence (AI) is growing rapidly, with many companies developing AI tools, such as improvements to searches in web browsers and tools like ChatGPT which can be used to draft documents, ask questions or turn your family pictures into cartoons. The massive growth in AI usage has sharply increased the need for data centers that house the infrastructure necessary to operate AI tools. Recently, local governments in Michigan have found themselves on the frontlines of this "AI Revolution," as technology companies have unveiled plans to build massive data centers in the Great Lakes State.

Why the sudden interest in Michigan? Although there are currently data centers located in Michigan, requests to build "hyperscale" data centers that can span hundreds of acres is relatively recent, as locating data centers in Michigan became much more attractive after Michigan adopted tax exemptions for data centers. The tax exemptions, which are Public Act 181 of 2024 ("Act 181") and Public Act 207 of 2024 ("Act 207"), became effective on April 2, 2025 and April 17, 2025, respectively. Act 181 amended the Michigan Use Tax Act, and Act 207 amended the Michigan General Sales Tax Act to provide exemptions from Michigan's 6% sales and use tax for "enterprise data centers" that meet certain requirements related to capital investment and the creation of new jobs. These exemptions are in effect until December 31, 2050, and the exemptions are extended for data centers that are included in brownfield plans until December 31, 2065. As a result, Michigan has become more attractive for developers looking to build data centers.

While it was the State's incentives that brought the new data centers to Michigan, it is local governments that must plan and decide how to deal with them. Michigan already has data centers, but none of them are as large, nor in need of as much water and electricity, as those recently proposed. Due to how new these "hyperscale" data centers are, most local governments likely do not have specific requirements for data centers, leaving them vulnerable to being caught off guard if a data center project is suddenly brought to their meeting hall.

Without specific zoning requirements, local governments are already grappling with how to respond to these projects. Currently, the largest proposed data center would sit on a 250-acre property located in Saline Township near Ann Arbor. Backed by both Oracle and OpenAI, this data center would cost over \$7 billion to build, representing the largest economic project in Michigan's history. Initially, the Saline Township Board rejected the developer's rezoning request, citing potential losses of water, agricultural land, and the area's rural character. In response, the developer filed a lawsuit, and argued that Saline Township's decision amounted to exclusionary zoning in violation of state law. It also launched a public relations campaign that highlighted the tax revenues the Township would receive if the project was built. Faced with this pressure, Saline Township settled the dispute with the developer, opting to approve the project in exchange for a \$4 million township farmland preservation trust fund; a \$2 million community investment fund; and \$8 million for area fire services, protections for area water resources, and a decommissioning fund for the facility. Construction on this new facility is expected to break ground sometime in 2026.

Your local government may wish to consider adopting standards for data centers in anticipation of potential requests, to ensure that regulations are in place when an application is submitted, which is the route the City of Mason has taken. Other local governments have decided to adopt temporary moratoriums on consideration of data center proposals to develop zoning regulations, such as Howell Township and Pittsfield Township. A temporary moratorium can be a valuable tool to allow your local government time to thoughtfully develop zoning regulations for these new uses.

If you have any questions regarding regulation of data centers or proposed data center developments, please contact a member of our Municipal Practice Group.



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STREAMS

Healthy Neighborhood Hub

January 19, 2026

Dear Friend,

As we look back on 2025, one word keeps coming to mind: gratitude.

Because of you, Streams was able to show up day after day for our neighbors in meaningful, tangible ways. Your generosity made it possible for families to put food on the table, for students to stay engaged in learning, for adult learners to take real steps toward a diploma, and for neighbors to receive medical and dental care with dignity and compassion.

This past year marked the greatest season of impact in our history. More families were served, more students were supported, and more lives were touched than ever before. That kind of impact happens when a community comes together with a shared commitment to care for one another. We are deeply grateful for everyone that made it possible. Our staff, volunteers, neighbors, and of course you!

Every gift you gave in 2025 played a role. Some supported food on a shelf. Some helped a student stay consistent in tutoring. Some strengthened programs that quietly change the trajectory of a family's future. All of it mattered.

What makes me most proud is not just the growth, but the heart behind it. Streams continues to be a place where relationships come first, where neighbors are known by name, and where the love of Jesus is demonstrated through action, not just words.

As you review the enclosed Impact Report, we hope you feel encouraged by what your support helped make possible this past year. Each number represents lives impacted and a community moving forward together.

Thank you for standing with Streams in 2025. As we step into 2026 and prepare to celebrate 20 years of serving this neighborhood, we invite you to continue walking with us. There is still important work ahead, and we are grateful for a community that believes in a healthier neighborhood and in doing good, together.

With sincere thank you,



Kurtis Kaechele
Executive Director

Thank you so much
for your AMAZING support
Here is to continued blessings
in 2026!
KURTIS



STREAMS

Healthy Neighborhood Hub

2025 IMPACT REPORT

OUR MISSION

To demonstrate the love of Jesus through programs and relationships that build a healthier neighborhood.

OUR VISION

To be the hub of a vibrant, growing, empowering community where neighbors are committed to the growth of each person while maintaining our uncompromised values and love for Jesus.



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FINANCIAL HEALTH

GENERAL REVENUE
\$719,844

FOOD REVENUE
\$232,502

OTHER REVENUE
\$14,651

TOTAL REVENUE \$964,497

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS
\$423,869

COMPANY &
ORGANIZATION GIFTS
\$235,353

CHURCH
GIFTS
\$193,294

FOUNDATION
GIFTS
\$113,851

CREATING A HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD!

FOOD CENTER 6,800 families served in 2025, the most in Streams history. 406,000 lbs. of food donated & distributed.

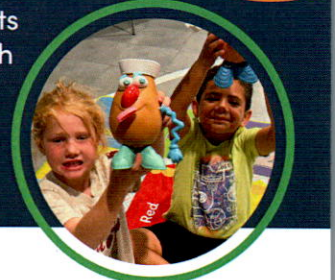
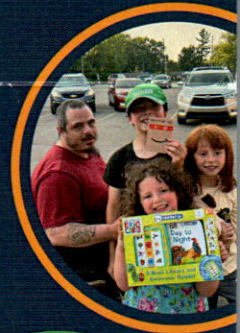
TUTORING Over 100 students enrolled all with an 80% or higher attendance rate.

MEDICAL & DENTAL Over 200 patients per week coming to Streams for medical, dental, and behavioral health.

ADULT EDUCATION Over 125 students actively pursuing a GED/HS Diploma at Streams with 32 graduates in the last academic year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GROWTH TRACK
Launched a popular new program for middle school students that offers a safe and engaging place to learn important life lessons.

FRESH FARM Our Middle School students harvest over 70lbs of fresh produce a month in our Fresh Farm. The fresh veggies go directly into the food center for our neighbors to enjoy.



2025 NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT



2500+ families
impacted every month



125+ students
actively enrolled in
the GED program



566 families
served monthly in
the Food Center



5,000+ hours
of volunteer service
Thank you!



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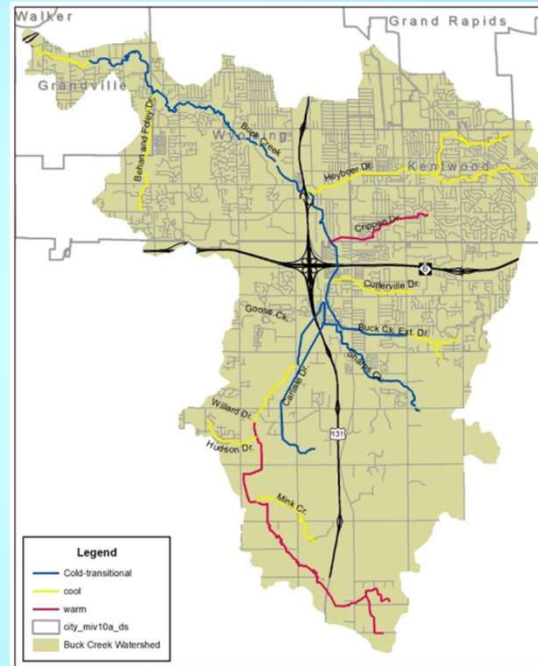
Buck Creek History

- 1800s and 1900s - Drains dug for agriculture and sewers installed for draining urban areas result in higher creek flows and introduce more pollution than before
- 1990s - Creek flooding prompts drainage study, and new developments are then required to better manage stormwater to prevent flooding
- 2007 - Approval of initial Watershed Management Plan by the state
- 2014 - First annual cleanup
- 2015 - FoBC is founded
- 2021 - New state stormwater standards require improvements in stormwater quality throughout the watershed

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Buck Creek Pollution

- Trash
- Bacteria
- Sediment
- Temperature / Heat
- Organics
- Nutrients
- Salt
- Heavy Metals
- Vehicle Fluids
- Sewage
- Various Man-made Compounds
 - PFAS, etc.



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Pollution Prevention

- Litter prevention, capture, and cleanup
- Stormwater treatment
 - Infiltration practices (i.e. rain gardens)
 - Native plants with deep roots
 - Agriculture practices
 - Fertilizer reduction
 - Cover crop
 - No-till
- Public education
 - Pick up pet waste
 - Proper hazardous waste disposal
 - Septic tank management
 - Limit salt for deicing
 - Car washing



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Projects, Events, and Other Work

- Annual clean-up
- Oakestown Middle School rain garden
- Lemery Park riparian buffer
- Water quality monitor installation
- Events



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August Annual Clean-up



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Oakestown Intermediate School Rain Garden

- Partnership with Grandville Public Schools and Native Edge LLC
- Some plantings along the creek also



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Lemery Park Riparian Buffer

- Partnership with Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds and Wyoming Parks
- Couple hundred native prairie plants and a couple dozen shrubs and trees planted



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Buck Creek in Gaines Township



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What can Gaines Township do?

- Share information related to our cleanup and other events
- Volunteer with the cleanup and other events, or share contacts for volunteer groups and businesses
- Report pollution incidents to Kent County Road Commission, Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, or state pollution hotline (PEAS): 800-292-4706
- Require new developments to maintain 25-50 foot natural buffer along the creek and its tributaries
- Support tree and other native plantings and conserve existing natural areas
- Provide us with a good contact for Gaines Township for any topics related to the creek

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

-Margaret Mead

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE REGULAR 7:00 PM MEETING
January 12, 2026**

Present: Supervisor Terpstra, Clerk Brew, Treasurer Lemke, Trustees: DeWard, Fryling, Vander Stel

Staff: Manager Weersing, Community Development Director Wells

Absent: Trustee: Haagsma with notice

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 07:02 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 Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Lemke to approve the published agenda.

VOICE VOTE: 6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

5. Communications ~ Non-action Informational Items

- a) 2025 4th Qtr. Kent County Sherrif Dept. Crime Report
- b) December 2025 Community Policing Officers' Report
- c) Building Department December 2025 Revenue Report
- d) Kent County Digest
- e) Public Comment regarding Data Centers
- f) Service Recognition – Brian Koster
- g) Service Recognition – Chris Melton

6. Scheduled Speakers

Joe Agostinelli – Dutton Center Brownfield TIF Request.

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

A citizen requested the Township to begin a discussion about completing sidewalks where some properties have them and adjacent properties do not.

8. Public Hearings

None

9. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Lemke to approve the Consent Agenda including the December 08, 2025 draft minutes; the Treasurer's November 2025 Financial Report; General fund expenditures from 12/01/2025 through 12/31/2025 totaling \$254,596.61; Public Safety Special Assessment District expenditures totaling \$348,654.69; Building inspections totaling \$10,563.33 and Water and Sewer expenditures totaling \$677,603.05.

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

10. New Business

A. Dutton Center Brownfield TIF Request

General question and answer discussion.

B. Rescind Chapter 32, Section 32-23 Waste Haulers; Licenses from Code of Ordinances

Motion by Board Member Lemke and supported by Board Member Fryling to set a public hearing for February 9, 2026 to rescind Chapter 32, Section 32-23 Waste Haulers from Code of Ordinances.

VOICE VOTE: 6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

C. Sec. 4-26(C) Alcoholic Liquors Ordinance – Annual Renewal Fee

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member DeWard to approve the Resolution changing the fee structure for Sec. 4-26(C) of the alcoholic liquors ordinance.

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

D. Amendments to Fire Prevention and Projection (Chapter 20) of the Code Of Ordinances

Motion by Board Member Lemke and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to set a public hearing for February 9, 2026 to change amendments to Fire Prevention and Projection (Chapter 20) of the Code Of Ordinances.

VOICE VOTE: 6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

E. Signage Request – Parks and Trail Committee

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member DeWard to approve the Parks and Trail Committee sign requests not to exceed \$25,000.

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

F. Branding

Motion by Board Member Lemke and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the purchase of materials to add branding to the Board Chambers, main conference room, and lobby areas and to provide to each employee a copy of the mission and vision statements.

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

G. Committee Assignments

Motion by Board Member Lemke and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to remove the Committee Assignments off the table.

VOICE VOTE: 6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

Motion by Board Member Lemke and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the 2026 committee assignments as presented.

VOICE VOTE: 5 Aye. 1 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

H. Water and Sewer Annual Utility Bill Relief Report

General report from the Water and Sewer Department of 2025 activity as required.

I. Water and Sewer Year-End Payment Plan Balances

General report from the Water and Sewer Department of 2025 activity as required.

J. IAFF Local 4385 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion by Board Member Lemke and supported by Board Member Fryling to meet in closed session at 08:47 pm, during their regularly scheduled January 12, 2026, 7:00PM, meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.268 *et seq.*, in regard to confidential attorney-client privilege legal advice presented in a written legal opinion..

VOICE VOTE: 6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

Motion by Board Member Lemke and supported by Board Member Vander Stel at 09:12 pm to reenter open session.

VOICE VOTE: 6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried on voice vote.

Motion by Board Member Lemke and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to accept the IAFF Local 4385 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

11. Public Comments

No one spoke

12. Manager's comments

Gaines Township Board Minutes
January 12, 2026

A new Township Facebook page was started.

Emergency Management classes have been attended.

13. Supervisor's comments.

A February open house is being planned.

February 9 is the next Gaines Charter Township Trustee Board meeting.

February 12 is the Planning Commission meeting at South Christian High School. Members decided who will be attending so as to not violate the open meetings act (OMA).

February 26 is the Gaines Charter Township Fire Department new fire engine push event.

14. Trustees comments

No one spoke.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Michael Alex Brew, Clerk

Robert Terpstra, Supervisor

GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
LAURIE J LEMKE, TREASURER
CASH, INVESTMENTS, CD'S , MM AND POOL ACCOUNTS
DECEMBER of 2025

Bank	Type	Amount	APR	Term	Maturity Date
GENERAL FUND					
Macatawa Checking	Ckg	\$ 4,898,013.63			
Opioid Settlement	Assigned	\$ 3,590.05			
Sidewalk & Trails	Assigned	\$ 15,765.75			
CFD - Truck Fund	Assigned	\$ -			
Cemetery	Assigned	\$ 10,000.00			
Township Hall & Grounds	Assigned	\$ 10,981.00			
Division Ave. Improvements	Assigned	\$ 24,000.69			
Total General Fund Checking		\$ 4,962,351.12	4.07%		
Macatawa MM Savings					
Building Dept Reserves	Restricted	\$ 2,985,748.00			
Streetlights	Restricted	\$ 202,015.00			
	Non-restricted	\$ 250,000.00			
2025 Interest Paid to Date		\$ 156,545.26			
	127409	\$ 3,594,308.26	4.07%		
Investments					
Michigan Class	Pooled	\$ 1,963,508.99	3.94%		

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$ 10,520,168.37

Kent Co. Pool - ARPA Funds	Pooled	\$ 7,450.96	4.35%
DIVISION AVE CORRIDOR		\$ 27,815.32	
TRUST & AGENCY		\$ 71,318.90	
TAX FUND		\$ 5,732,565.94	
PETTY CASH		\$ 423.81	

WATER & SEWER

Bank		Amount	APY	Term	Maturity Date
Macatawa Bank	Checking	\$ 4,404,687.57	4.07%		
Macatawa Bank	HY SAVE	\$ 5,651,804.30	4.50%		
Michigan Class	Pooled	\$ 4,358,069.97	3.95%		
Consumers Credit Union	Share	\$ 27.74			
Horizon Bank	CD	\$ 1,152,605.67	3.90%	365 Days	1.23.2026
Michigan First CU	CD/Share	\$ 790,528.82	4.10%	12 Months	3.21.2026
Choice One Bank	CD	\$ 801,343.60	4.13%	12 Months	4.10.2026
Flagstar Bank	CD	\$ 1,165,228.79	3.99%	204 Days	4.15.2025
Horizon Bank	CD	\$ 645,314.55	3.85%	12 Months	5.13.2026
Union Bank	CD	\$ 864,004.12	5.15%	12 Months	5.22.2026
Choice One Bank	CD	\$ 1,108,212.44	4.13%	12 Months	6.1.2026
West MI Community Bank	CD	\$ 560,121.03	4.36%	365 Days	6.17.2026
First National Bank of A	CD	\$ 569,700.84	4.10%	18 Months	6.17.2026
Macatawa Bank	CD	\$ 1,045,591.55	4.31%	12 Months	7.21.2026
Consumers Credit Union	CD	\$ 961,222.25	4.75%	24 Months	8.1.2026
CIBC USA Bank	CD	\$ 1,120,931.68	4.92%	364 Days	8.8.2026
Independent Bank	CD	\$ 1,000,000.00	3.35%	330 Days	9.18.2026
Mercantile Bank of MI	CD	\$ 1,162,072.32	4.00%	365 Days	10.25.2025
Flagstar Bank	CD	\$ 1,127,938.94	3.70%	364 Days	11.6.2026
West MI Community Bank	CD	\$ 840,175.16	3.75%	365 Days	12.15.2026

Restricted W&S Fees Committed \$ 29,329,581.34

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CHECK DATE 01/01/2026 - 01/31/2026

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01/08/2026	GEN 2	35688	123.NET	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	853.000	265.000	250.00
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35690#	MEYERS CLEANING SERVICE INC	CLEANING BUILDING	821.000	790.000	1,301.00
				CLEANING BUILDING	821.000	265.000	1,305.10
		Check GEN 2 35690	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				2,606.10
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35694	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES	727.000	262.000	82.80
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35695#	ARROWASTE INC	TRASH REMOVAL	822.000	790.000	90.82
				TRASH REMOVAL	822.000	265.000	305.94
		Check GEN 2 35695	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				396.76
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35697	CHRIS HOLWERDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	853.000	253.000	25.00
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35699#	CONSUMERS ENERGY	ELECTRIC	920.000	448.000	6,514.57
				ELECTRIC	920.000	448.000	6,999.59
				DIVISION AVE	920.001	448.000	158.58
				DIVISION AVE	920.001	448.000	127.32
				DIVISION AVE	920.001	448.000	139.06
				ELECTRIC	920.000	567.000	44.32
				ELECTRIC	920.000	567.000	27.74
		Check GEN 2 35699	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				14,011.18
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35700	EVERETT'S LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT INC	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	751.000	3,816.00
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35701	FNBO	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	265.000	33.88
				BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	265.000	27.88
		Check GEN 2 35701	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				61.76
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35702	FNBO	DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	832.000	261.000	300.00
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35703#	FNBO	LUNCHES/DINNERS/MEETINGS	812.000	171.000	310.40
				SEMINARS/CONTINUING EDUCATION	831.000	172.000	615.00
		Check GEN 2 35703	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				925.40
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35704	FNBO	DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	832.000	257.000	292.14
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35705	FNBO	FUEL	741.000	567.000	30.32
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35707#	FNBO	SEMINARS/CONTINUING EDUCATION	831.000	701.000	575.00
				SUPPLIES	727.000	253.000	62.26
		Check GEN 2 35707	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				637.26
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35708	GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	261.000	1,140.75
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35709	INTERURBAN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP	INTERURBAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY	860.000	596.000	652.65
				INTERURBAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY	860.000	596.000	760.99
				INTERURBAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY	860.000	596.000	3,716.72
				INTERURBAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY	860.000	596.000	3,184.64
		Check GEN 2 35709	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				8,315.00
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35710	IPM SERVICES	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	790.000	25.00
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35711#	JACK'S LAWN & SNOWPLOWING, INC	SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL	819.000	567.000	324.43
				SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL	819.000	567.000	324.43
				SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL	819.000	265.000	2,450.00

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				SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL	819.000	265.000	1,037.42
		Check GEN 2 35711	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				5,251.13
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35713#	KENT COMMUNICATIONS INC	PROPERTY TAX NOTIFICATIONS	903.000	257.000	499.48
				POSTAGE	965.000	257.000	89.55
				PRINTING	900.000	262.000	290.00
				POSTAGE	965.000	262.000	1,426.03
		Check GEN 2 35713	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				2,305.06
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35715	LAURIE LEMKE	SUPPLIES	727.000	253.000	23.30
				MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	817.000	253.000	145.61
		Check GEN 2 35715	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				168.91
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35716	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL TREASURERS ASSO DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS		832.000	253.000	198.00
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35717	MIKE VISBARA	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	817.000	257.000	141.40
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35718	PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP	DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	832.000	172.000	200.00
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35721	STAPLES	SUPPLIES	727.000	261.000	145.86
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35723	TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	265.000	538.70
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35724	WEST MICHIGAN DOCUMENT SHREDDING L	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	261.000	40.00
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35727#	ALL STAR PRINTING	SUPPLIES	727.000	171.000	60.00
				SUPPLIES	727.000	172.000	180.00
				SUPPLIES	727.000	215.000	180.00
				SUPPLIES	727.000	253.000	120.00
				SUPPLIES	727.000	257.000	180.00
				HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	443.000	120.00
				SUPPLIES	727.000	701.000	120.00
		Check GEN 2 35727	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				960.00
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35728#	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES	727.000	261.000	39.80
				SUPPLIES	727.000	261.000	190.02
				SUPPLIES	727.000	257.000	4.98
				SUPPLIES	727.000	701.000	10.99
		Check GEN 2 35728	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				245.79
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35730	ARROWASTE INC	TRASH REMOVAL	822.000	567.000	71.38
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35731	AURA SUB LLC	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	261.000	5,000.00
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35733	BLUE CROSS HSA	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	261.000	257.55
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35734	BRENNER EXCAVATING, INC.	CAPITAL OUTLAY	972.000	446.000	25,223.22
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35735	CINTAS	EQUIPMENT RENTAL/SERVICE	805.000	265.000	63.63
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35737	ENCOVA INSURANCE	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	719.000	261.000	4,663.44
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35738	FIRST UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	261.000	1,644.67
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35740	HORIZON COMMUNITY PLANNING LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	701.000	236.25
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35741	INTEGRITY OFFICE	SUPPLIES	727.000	253.000	18.00

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01/15/2026	GEN 2	35742	INTERURBAN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP	INTERURBAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY	860.000	596.000	3,484.36
				INTERURBAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY	860.000	596.000	713.61
		Check GEN 2 35742	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				4,197.97
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35745	KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION	ROAD CONSTRUCTION	960.000	446.000	5,051.76
				ROAD CONSTRUCTION	960.000	446.000	42,310.33
		Check GEN 2 35745	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				47,362.09
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35747	MAYNARDS WATER CONDITIONING LLC	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	932.000	265.000	35.00
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35748	MEDMUTUAL LIFE	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	261.000	451.27
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35750	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL TREASURERS ASSO	SEMINARS/CONTINUING EDUCATION	831.000	253.000	99.00
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35751	MINER SUPPLY COMPANY	CLEANING BUILDING	821.000	790.000	379.18
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35752	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE	EQUIPMENT RENTAL/SERVICE	805.000	790.000	69.87
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35754	PLUMMERS DISPOSAL SERVICE	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	751.000	199.00
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35757#	ROD WEERSING	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	817.000	172.000	87.50
				MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	817.000	172.000	11.90
				MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	817.000	172.000	32.90
				SUPPLIES	727.000	261.000	9.78
				TELECOMMUNICATIONS	853.000	172.000	75.00
		Check GEN 2 35757	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				217.08
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35758#	SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AME	INSURANCE & BONDS	958.000	265.000	38,780.00
				INSURANCE & BONDS	958.000	790.000	3,037.00
		Check GEN 2 35758	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				41,817.00
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35759	SIEGFRIED CRANDALL VOS & LEWIS	ACCOUNTING SERVICES/AUDIT	801.000	261.000	140.00
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35760	STAPLES TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	MISCELLANEOUS	963.001	261.000	1,666.66
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35763	TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	265.000	702.05
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35764#	VRIESMAN & KORHORN LLC	ENGINEERING CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.001	701.000	184.37
				CAPITAL OUTLAY	972.000	446.000	409.75
				ENGINEERING CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.001	701.000	177.00
				ENGINEERING CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.001	701.000	132.75
		Check GEN 2 35764	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				903.87
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35766	WOLVERINE MEMORIAL LETTERING SERVI	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	567.000	150.00
				CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	567.000	150.00
				CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	567.000	150.00
				CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	567.000	150.00
		Check GEN 2 35766	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				600.00
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35769#	ALL STAR PRINTING COMPANY	SUPPLIES	727.000	171.000	60.00
				SUPPLIES	727.000	172.000	180.00
				SUPPLIES	727.000	215.000	180.00
				SUPPLIES	727.000	253.000	120.00
				SUPPLIES	727.000	257.000	180.00
				HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	443.000	120.00
				SUPPLIES	727.000	701.000	120.00

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Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND							
			Check GEN 2 35769	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND			960.00
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35770#	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES	727.000	215.000	16.98
				SUPPLIES	727.000	567.000	6.98
				NEW FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	979.000	215.000	129.98
				SUPPLIES	727.000	262.000	115.71
				SUPPLIES	727.000	261.000	93.03
			Check GEN 2 35770	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND			362.68
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35771	BS&A SOFTWARE	PROGRAMMING/SOFTWARE/NETWORK	809.000	567.000	743.00
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35772#	DELTA DENTAL	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	171.000	0.00
				HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	172.000	185.98
				HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	215.000	423.12
				HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	253.000	38.23
				HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	257.000	223.41
				HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	701.000	143.43
				HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	443.000	87.26
			Check GEN 2 35772	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND			1,101.43
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35773	GORDON WATER	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	265.000	57.49
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35774#	IPM SERVICES	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	790.000	25.00
				BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	265.000	42.00
			Check GEN 2 35774	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND			67.00
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35775	KENT COUNTY CLERKS ASSOCIATION	DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	832.000	215.000	35.00
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35777	MINER SUPPLY COMPANY	CLEANING BUILDING	821.000	265.000	371.00
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35778	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE	EQUIPMENT RENTAL/SERVICE	805.000	790.000	69.87
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35779	PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ACCOUNT	POSTAGE	965.000	261.000	6,000.00
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35780	SANGOMA US INC	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	853.000	265.000	940.68
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35782#	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES	727.000	261.000	80.20
				SUPPLIES	727.000	215.000	27.21
			Check GEN 2 35782	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND			107.41
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35784#	BLOOM SLUGGETT	LEGAL SERVICES	802.000	261.000	67.00
				LEGAL SERVICES	802.000	701.000	7,038.00
				LEGAL SERVICES	802.000	257.000	2,474.50
			Check GEN 2 35784	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND			9,579.50
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35785	CHRIS HOLWERDA	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	853.000	253.000	25.00
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35787	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	853.000	265.000	315.00
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35788#	DJ'S LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	935.000	790.000	192.63
				GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	935.000	265.000	2,295.63
			Check GEN 2 35788	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND			2,488.26
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35790#	DTE ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	923.000	790.000	668.61
				NATURAL GAS	923.000	265.000	2,403.79
			Check GEN 2 35790	Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND			3,072.40

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Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND							
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35792	GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	261.000	140.00
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35794	KENT COMMUNICATIONS INC	POSTAGE	965.000	257.000	4,892.25
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35796	MAYNARDS WATER CONDITIONING LLC	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	932.000	265.000	189.60
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35799	PREFERRED COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	PROGRAMMING/SOFTWARE/NETWORK	809.000	261.000	5,203.63
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35802	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SRVC	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	261.000	484.23
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35803	POSTEMA SIGNS AND GRAPHICS	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS (NON-CAPITAL)	936.000	265.000	1,075.00
				BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS (NON-CAPITAL)	936.000	265.000	675.00
				BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS (NON-CAPITAL)	936.000	265.000	2,765.00
			Check GEN 2 35803 Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				4,515.00
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35806#	CONSUMERS ENERGY	ELECTRIC	920.000	790.000	973.16
				DIVISION AVE	920.001	448.000	131.06
				ELECTRIC	920.000	448.000	6,252.28
				ELECTRIC	920.000	448.000	7,098.58
				ELECTRIC	920.000	567.000	27.74
				ELECTRIC	920.000	265.000	4,787.29
				ELECTRIC	920.000	448.000	129.47
			Check GEN 2 35806 Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				19,399.58
01/27/2026	GEN 2	827(E)#	BLUE CROSS HSA	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	215.000	1,836.39
				HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	253.000	621.34
				HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	257.000	3,866.08
				HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	443.000	1,415.28
				HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	701.000	1,933.04
			Check GEN 2 827(E) Total for Fund 101 GENERAL FUND				9,672.13
Total For Fund: 101							249,920.64
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Fund: 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD							
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35689	LOCALITY MEDIA LLC DBA FIRST DUE	PROGRAMMING/SOFTWARE/NETWORK	809.000	336.003	27,615.00
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35694	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES	727.000	336.003	28.99
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	199.95
				SUPPLIES	727.000	336.003	21.74
				UNIFORMS	776.000	336.003	35.98
		Check GEN 2 35694	Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD				286.66
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35696	BYRON TOWNSHIP TREASURER	WATER AND SEWER	924.000	336.003	226.92
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35698	COMCAST	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	853.000	336.003	290.80
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35699	CONSUMERS ENERGY	ELECTRIC	920.000	336.003	1,262.62
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35706	FNBO	CAPITAL OUTLAY	972.000	336.003	3,306.04
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	24.00
				MISCELLANEOUS	963.001	336.003	256.00
				DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	832.000	336.003	65.00
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	408.00
		Check GEN 2 35706	Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD				4,059.04
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35710	IPM SERVICES	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	336.003	25.00
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35711	JACK'S LAWN & SNOWPLOWING, INC	SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL	819.000	336.003	1,114.85
				SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL	819.000	336.003	1,114.85
		Check GEN 2 35711	Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD				2,229.70
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35714	KLEYN MOBILE REPAIR LLC	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	931.000	336.003	2,720.60
				VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	931.000	336.003	506.58
		Check GEN 2 35714	Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD				3,227.18
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35719	PURITY CYLINDER GASES INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	84.95
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	144.95
		Check GEN 2 35719	Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD				229.90
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35722	STRYKER	NEW FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	979.000	336.003	2,396.73
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35723	TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	336.003	872.82
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35725	WEX BANK	FUEL	741.000	336.003	2,389.59
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35726	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP INC	CAPITAL OUTLAY	972.000	336.003	637.98
				CAPITAL OUTLAY	972.000	336.003	730.01
				CAPITAL OUTLAY	972.000	336.003	417.80
				CAPITAL OUTLAY	972.000	336.003	637.98
		Check GEN 2 35726	Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD				2,423.77
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35728	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	NEW FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	979.000	336.003	392.43
				TRAINING	811.000	336.003	514.65
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	204.40
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	55.45
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	24.37
				SUPPLIES	727.000	336.003	191.68
				SUPPLIES	727.000	336.003	68.68
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	122.86

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				SUPPLIES	727.000	336.003	6.89
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	35.78
			Check GEN 2 35728	Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD			1,617.19
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35730	ARROWASTE INC	TRASH REMOVAL	822.000	336.003	60.90
				TRASH REMOVAL	822.000	336.003	148.19
			Check GEN 2 35730	Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD			209.09
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35732	AUTOZONE	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	931.000	336.003	22.99
				VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	931.000	336.003	28.25
			Check GEN 2 35732	Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD			51.24
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35736	COMCAST	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	853.000	336.003	450.61
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35737	ENCOVA INSURANCE	WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE	719.000	336.003	14,767.56
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35739	GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	336.003	187.47
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35743	KENT COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERV	KENT COUNTY EMS ASSESSMENT	816.000	336.003	280.85
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35744	KENT COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOC	DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	832.000	336.003	75.00
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35746	LEXIPOL LLC	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	336.003	10,325.42
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35749	MENARDS- WYOMING	OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	18.40
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	36.56
			Check GEN 2 35749	Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD			54.96
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35753	NOORDYK BUSINESS EQUIPMENT	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	336.003	42.13
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35755	PURITY CYLINDER GASES INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	22.05
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35756	RISE ABOVE FIRE TRAINING	NEW FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	979.000	336.003	153.25
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35758	SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AME	INSURANCE & BONDS	958.000	336.003	40,393.00
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35761	TARGETSOLUTIONS LEARNING LLC	PROGRAMMING/SOFTWARE/NETWORK	809.000	336.003	3,887.27
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35762	THE BDI TEAM	SEMINARS/CONTINUING EDUCATION	831.000	336.003	1,200.00
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35763	TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	336.003	472.95
01/15/2026	GEN 2	35765	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	349.90
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	155.59
			Check GEN 2 35765	Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD			505.49
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35772	DELTA DENTAL	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	336.003	1,412.17
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35774	IPM SERVICES	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	336.003	25.00
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35776	KENT COUNTY TREASURER	KENT COUNTY SHERIFF PATROL	820.000	301.000	125,160.61
01/22/2026	GEN 2	35780	SANGOMA US INC	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	853.000	336.003	461.94
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35782	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES	727.000	336.003	8.45
				SUPPLIES	727.000	336.003	25.39
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	17.98
				VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	931.000	336.003	27.98

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Check GEN 2 35782 Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD							79.80
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35783	AUTOZONE	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	931.000	336.003	31.44
				VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	931.000	336.003	56.08
Check GEN 2 35783 Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD							87.52
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35784	BLOOM SLUGGETT	LEGAL SERVICES	802.000	336.003	2,065.50
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35786	C-COMM OF KALAMZOO INC	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	336.003	134.00
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35789	DINGES FIRE COMPANY	OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	706.65
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35790	DTE ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	923.000	336.003	1,147.82
				NATURAL GAS	923.000	336.003	993.07
Check GEN 2 35790 Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD							2,140.89
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35791	GORDON WATER	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	336.003	10.79
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35793	IPM SERVICES	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	336.003	25.00
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35795	KLEYN MOBILE REPAIR LLC	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	931.000	336.003	1,517.80
				VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	931.000	336.003	145.38
Check GEN 2 35795 Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD							1,663.18
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35797	MES SERVICE COMPANY LLC	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	933.000	336.003	204.16
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35799	PREFERRED COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	PROGRAMMING/SOFTWARE/NETWORK	809.000	336.003	1,584.82
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35800	PENN CARE, INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	992.60
				OPERATING SUPPLIES	740.000	336.003	106.65
Check GEN 2 35800 Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD							1,099.25
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35801	PHOENIX SAFETY OUTFITTERS	UNIFORMS	776.000	336.003	360.02
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35804	RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS, INC	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	931.000	336.003	249.74
				VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	931.000	336.003	222.48
Check GEN 2 35804 Total for Fund 205 PUBLIC SAFETY SAD							472.22
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35805	TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION	CONTRACTED SERVICES	808.000	336.003	495.00
01/29/2026	GEN 2	35806	CONSUMERS ENERGY	ELECTRIC	920.000	336.003	1,243.79
01/27/2026	GEN 2	827(E)	BLUE CROSS HSA	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	336.003	16,871.09
Total For Fund: 205							278,534.66
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Fund: 549 BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPT							
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35704	FNBO	LUNCHES/DINNERS/MEETINGS	812.000	371.000	65.17
				SEMINARS/CONTINUING EDUCATION	831.000	371.000	319.02
			Check GEN 2 35704 Total for Fund 549 BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPT				384.19
01/08/2026	GEN 2	35712	JOHN STUYFZAND	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	817.000	371.000	227.50
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				SUPPLIES	727.000	371.000	20.15
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01/22/2026	GEN 2	35772	DELTA DENTAL	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	717.000	371.000	267.03
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Total For Fund: 549							7,518.19
Report Total:							7,518.19

CHECK REGISTER FOR GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CHECK DATE 01/01/2026 - 01/31/2026

BANK CODE: WSK2 - WATER/SEWER CHECKING

Check Date	Check	Vendor Name	Amount
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01/23/2026	5944	BYRON GAINES UTILITY AUTHORIT	47,565.87
01/23/2026	5945	EXTEND YOUR REACH	10,432.26
01/26/2026	5946	MOES, THOMAS	18.44
01/26/2026	5947	GREEN DEVELOPMENT VENTURES LL	129.48
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01/26/2026	5949	RESIDENT BREWER LLC	13.22
01/26/2026	5950	EDDY, TROY	5.26
01/26/2026	5951	EYK, ASHLEY	15.00
01/26/2026	5952	HAMMAR, MARCIA	68.84
01/26/2026	5953	VOS, MARV	43.82
01/26/2026	5954	DONALD JOLLIFFEE LLC	89.79
01/26/2026	5955	JANSEN, NICHOLAS & MEGAN	285.11
01/26/2026	5956	BYRON GAINES UTILITY AUTHORIT	443,936.22
01/26/2026	5957	TRACY LAWRENCE	71.40
01/26/2026	5958	VRIESMAN & KORHORN	15,381.15
WSK2 TOTALS:			
Total of 15 Checks:			518,126.14
Less 0 Void Checks:			0.00
Total of 15 Disbursements:			<u>518,126.14</u>



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MEMO

Staff Communication

DATE: February 9th, 2026

TO: Gaines Charter Township Board of Trustees

FROM: Dan Wells, Community Development Director

RE: Reversion of Conditional Rezone, and Rezone to Neighborhood Commercial at 8390 Eastern Avenue

SUMMARY

The property was conditionally rezoned to Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) by the current owner in February of 2022 to build a farm store, café, and community gathering space. Costs to extend utilities delayed the project and no substantial progress was made within a year. Under the zoning ordinance, and the contract that was executed at the time of approval, the conditional rezoning lapsed and became void in February of 2023. A formal reversion process has not been undertaken until now, which was initiated by the Board on December 8th, 2025.

The owners desire to undertake the project in another few years, especially if sewer utilities become available. They request to have the parcel rezoned NC rather than revert to Suburban Residential zoning. The Planning Commission supports this idea; the parcel is not a good location for any type of residential home, and the parcel was planned for Neighborhood Commercial use under the future land use plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED

None.

REVIEW

The property needs to have the conditional rezoning formally removed, the process for which is specified in Section 31.50.H “Reversion of Zoning”. The Township Attorney has prepared an amendment to the conditional rezone contract executed in February 2022 that will formally remove the conditions.

The Planning Commission reviewed the application, draft resolution, and amendment to the conditional rezoning contract, and recommended that the Board approve the reversion, as well as the rezoning to Neighborhood Commercial on January 22nd, 2026.

The process for reversion of the conditional zoning and rezoning to NC are the same, and can be done in conjunction as both are subject to the following process:

1. Consideration and recommendation by the Township Board (December 8th, 2025)
2. Public hearing and review and recommendation by the Planning Commission on January 22nd, 2026 (Section 25.50)
3. First reading by the Township Board (February 9th, 2026)
4. After first reading, a public hearing shall be scheduled (Section 25.70)
5. Public hearing and decision by the Township Board
6. Publication of the approval notice within a newspaper of general circulation within the Township within 14 days
7. The effective date of the approval is the expiration of seven (7) days after publication unless a longer timeframe is set

STANDARDS OF REVIEW:

This conditional rezone reversion and rezoning is subject to review against Section 31.40 Zoning Amendment Approval Standards. The following standards shall be considered by the Planning Commission and Township Board while reviewing a proposed Zoning Map amendment:

1. The request is consistent with the recommendations of the Township Master Plan and the Future Land Use Map.

Meets Standard. The Future Land Use Plan designates this parcel as “Neighborhood Retail”, which is directly in line with the provisions of NC zoning. Reversion to SR is not in accord with the Master Plan, nor is the parcel appropriate for a suburban home. In the current Master Plan, the intent of Neighborhood Retail is for “Small scale and designed to provide goods, restaurants, and services primarily to meet the needs of the immediate neighborhood and township residents” (pg. 53).

2. The rezoning of land will not negatively impact adjacent and nearby property:

a. The allowable land uses within the proposed zoning district are compatible with nearby land uses and zoning districts.

Meets Standard. The parcel is located on a corner lot of a major intersection. There is a residence ca. 245 feet to the east, but it's separated by another parcel that is future zoned for Neighborhood Retail. The school to the north is well buffered by ball fields.

b. There will be no adverse physical impact on surrounding properties.

Meets Standard. NC development is intended to fit into residential contexts and site development requirements will limit any nuisances to neighboring properties.

c. There will be no adverse effect on property values in the adjacent area.

Meets Standard. NC zoning will enable reasonable development and will not directly impact surrounding land values. Rezoning of 8390 Eastern won't directly impact the parcel immediately east and may actually raise its value to a potential purchaser as it could be rezoned to NC under the future land use plan.

d. It will not create a deterrent to the improvement or development of adjacent property in accordance with existing regulations.

Meets Standard. The parcel directly to the east is currently zoned SR, and it could be rezoned to NC under the future land use plan.

3. The site is adequately served by streets and public utilities, and the rezoning will not impact the delivery of public services.

Meets Standard. The parcel is directly served by all utilities except sewer service, which lies across Eastern Avenue. The parcel has been perc tested and, according to the County Sanitarian, currently doesn't have adequate drainage for an on-site system that could support commercial use. It is likely that the parcel won't be developed until sewer is extended across Eastern. It is unclear whether it is adequate for residential use.

4. There are no natural constraints to the development of land in accordance with the desired zoning district, and the zoning map amendment will not impact sensitive natural resources.

Meets Standard. In both cases of reversion and rezoning to NC, no significant impacts to natural resources are anticipated. The parcel has been previously cleared and graded and was formerly developed as a schoolhouse until that building was removed.

5. The rezoning will not grant a special privilege to an individual property owner when contrasted with other property owners in the area or the general public (i.e. will rezoning result in spot zoning).

Meets Standard. The parcel has been future zoned for NC zoning since 2016, when the 84th Street and Kalamazoo Subarea Plan was approved. The parcel has not been granted any special privilege as the next three parcels east of 8390 Eastern are similarly designated on the current future land use map.

6. There are no substantial reasons why the property cannot be used in accordance with its present zoning classifications.

Meets Standard. The property that was subject to conditional rezoning has technically lapsed and is Suburban Residential, which is not an ideal use of the parcel. Planning Commission and Board review and approval will formally remove this designation, and a simultaneous rezoning to NC will enable more appropriate development in the long term.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Township Board set a public hearing for conditional rezoning reversion, as well as rezoning the parcel to Neighborhood Commercial.

The reversion of conditional rezone and rezoning of the property to Neighborhood Commercial will be considered under separate resolutions.

Recommendations and final decisions are limited to the following:

1. Recommendation of approval.
2. Recommendation of approval with conditions.
3. Recommendation of denial.
4. Postpone action.
5. Table action.

**GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
(ORDINANCE NO.)**

At a _____ meeting of the Township Board for Gaines Charter Township held at the Township offices on _____, 2026, beginning at ____ p.m., the following Ordinance was offered for adoption by Township Board Member _____, and was seconded by Township Board Member _____:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING
ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 31 THEREOF BY
AMENDING SECTION 2.20 AND THE TOWNSHIP ZONING MAP**

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GAINES (the "Township") ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment. The Gaines Charter Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by the amendment of Section 2.20 thereof, the Zoning Map, so as to rezone the following property from Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) with Conditions to Neighborhood Commercial (NC), the land being commonly described as parcel 41-22-17-300-054 located at 8390 Eastern Avenue SE. The legal description is as follows:

S 264 FT OF W 176 FT OF SW 1/4 * SEC 17 T5N R11W

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after a summary is published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

The vote in favor of this Ordinance was as follows:

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____
ABSENT/ABSTAIN: _____

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED

Township Board Ordinance No. 26-_____
_____, 2026

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Board for Gaines Charter Township at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

By _____

Michael Brew

Gaines Charter Township Clerk

REZONING CONTRACT

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, this Rezoning Contract ("Contract") is entered into as of February 15, 2022, between the Charter Township of Gaines, a Michigan charter township, with its offices located at 8555 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Caledonia, Michigan 49316 (the "Municipality") and Luke Malski and Nicole Malski, husband and wife (collectively, the "Owner"), of 805 Cadillac, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506.

RECITALS

A. The Owner owns land within the Township, commonly known as 8390 Eastern Avenue SE and also as Permanent Parcel No. 41-22-17-300-054 and which is legally described as follows (the "Property"):

S 264 FT OF W 176 FT OF SW ¼ * SEC 17 T5N R11W

The Owner represents and warrants that as of the effective date of this Contract, the Owner is the sole and only owner of the Property, and that there are no mortgages, liens, or similar encumbrances on or binding the Property.

B. The Property is currently zoned as Single Family Residential (RL-14) pursuant to the Gaines Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended (the "Zoning Ordinance").

C. The Owner has applied for a conditional rezoning of the Property from the current Single Family Residential (RL-14) zoning district designation to the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial zoning district designation under the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map.

D. The Owner desires to use the Property for certain limited purposes and use and wants to preclude its use from any of the uses otherwise either permitted or allowed in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial zoning district or pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance.

E. The Owner has therefore voluntarily offered to have the Municipality approve the conditions stated in this Contract as conditions and requirements for the rezoning of the Property to the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial zoning district designation.

F. The Gaines Charter Township Planning Commission has determined that the proposed rezoning and conditions are in the best interest of the public health, safety, and general

welfare, and specifically finds that they address concerns that at least some Planning Commissioners might otherwise have had about the Owner's rezoning application.

G. The Gaines Charter Township Board agrees that this Contract provides assurances regarding the uses of the Property that are essential in its consideration and approval of the requested rezoning.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The parties agree as follows:

1. Conditions Imposed. All of the provisions of this Contract, as well as the following permanent conditions and requirements specified in this Section 1 and elsewhere in this Contract, shall apply to the rezoning, use, and development of the Property (and the Property itself) pursuant to this Contract and to the rezoning of the Property from the Single-Family Residential R-14 zoning district designation to the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial zoning district designation:

(a) Allowed Uses. The only uses that may occur on or from the Property are as follows:

- (i) Restaurants (without drive thru).
- (ii) Retail (convenience).
- (iii) Retail (low intensity).
- (iv) Assembly.
- (v) Places of worship.
- (vi) Schools.
- (vii) Offices (without the sale of goods).
- (viii) Personal service establishments.
- (ix) Studios for the instruction of dance or music.

(b) Uses not Allowed (i.e. prohibited uses) – The following uses are prohibited on or from the Property: any of the uses otherwise either permitted or allowed in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial zoning district or pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance which are not itemized in Section 1(a).

(c) No other uses shall occur on or from the Property except those specified in subsection (a) above, regardless of any changes in the Zoning Ordinance hereafter.

(d) Any use made of or occurring on the Property (including buildings, structures and improvements) shall nevertheless still be subject to all other applicable requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and this Contract, including, but not limited to,

setbacks, any required special land use approval, substantive regulations regarding the use, and site plan review and approval requirements. Except to the extent modified by this Contract, the Zoning Ordinance shall still fully apply to the Property.

2. Interpretation of Uses. If there is a discrepancy or disagreement between the Owner (as well as any lessee, tenant, creditor, licensee, or other possessor of the Property or any portion thereof) and the Municipality as to whether a particular use or item is allowed pursuant to this Contract, the Zoning Administrator shall make the final determination. This determination shall be subject to an appeal to the Township's Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance.

3. Compliance. The Owner (as well as any lessee, tenant, creditor, licensee, or other possessor of the Property or any portion thereof) shall fully comply with the conditions and requirements contained herein and also with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, permit and license requirements, orders and directives of any governmental agency, entity or official of competent jurisdiction including, without limitation, all requirements currently imposed or which may in the future be imposed.

4. Enforcement. The parties expressly agree that in the event of a violation of this Contract or the Zoning Ordinance by the Owner (or its successors, assigns, or transferees), the Municipality shall be entitled to receive specific performance or injunctive relief, as well as any other remedies available to the Municipality at law or in equity. Nothing herein shall be deemed to be a waiver of the Municipality's rights to seek enforcement of this Contract and the zoning approvals granted to the extent otherwise authorized by law. Furthermore, should the Municipality prevail in whole or in part in litigation regarding the enforcement or interpretation of this Contract or the Zoning Ordinance, the Owner (or its successors, assigns or transferees) shall reimburse the Municipality for the Municipality's reasonable attorney fees and costs.

5. Revert to Former Zoning. If the conditional zoning becomes void, invalid, or of no effect, then by automatic reverter, the Property shall revert back to its former zoning classification, which shall be confirmed by resolution or ordinance of the Township Board.

6. Miscellaneous.

(a) Interpretation. This is the entire agreement between the parties regarding its subject matter. This Contract may not be modified or amended except in a writing executed by all parties following action by the Township Board. The captions are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Contract. However, the recitals are deemed to be an integral part of this Contract. Each of the parties had the advice of legal counsel before entering into this Contract and it is to be interpreted as if it were mutually drafted.

(b) Binding Effect; Runs with the Land. This Contract shall be permanent and shall be binding upon the parties and their subrogees, successors, transferees, creditors, and assigns. This Contract and its terms shall be deemed to be restrictive covenants/deed restrictions that run with the land.

(c) Recording. This Contract shall be recorded with the Kent County Register of Deeds records.

(d) Notices. All notices shall be complete when provided to the other party at the first address given above or such other address as the party shall request by written notice to the other party. Delivery shall be deemed complete when actually received.

(e) Disputes; Litigation. Should any dispute arise pursuant to this Contract, the parties agree that, to the extent not otherwise prohibited by law, the jurisdiction and venue for any such dispute shall be solely within the state courts located in Kent County, Michigan. The parties further agree that in any such dispute or litigation, should the Municipality prevail, in full or in part, in addition to any other relief to which the Municipality may be entitled, the Municipality shall also be awarded its actual costs (including, without limitation, filing fees, discovery costs, expert witness fees, and other costs incurred to bring, maintain, or defend any such action or dispute from its first accrual or notice thereof through all appellate and collection proceedings) as well as its actual reasonable attorney fees.

(f) Additional Documents. The parties agree to execute such other documents as may be reasonably required to fully implement this Contract.

(g) Amendment. This Contract can only be amended in a writing, signed by all parties hereto, and must be recorded with the Kent County Register of Deeds records in order to become effective.

(h) Effect as Deed Restrictions. All of the conditions and requirements contained in this Contract shall be deemed to be binding and permanent deed restrictions regarding the Property.

7. Voluntary Consent. The Owner acknowledges and agrees that he/she voluntarily offered and consented to all of the conditions and provisions contained in this Contract. The Owner also acknowledges and agrees that all of the conditions and provisions contained in this Contract are fully valid, enforceable, and reasonable. The parties agree and further acknowledge that the conditions and requirements contained in this Contract are authorized by all applicable laws.

8. Effective Date. This Contract shall become effective upon the effective date that the Property is rezoned to the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial zoning district designation. (i.e., upon the expiration of 7 days after the notice of rezoning appears in the newspaper).

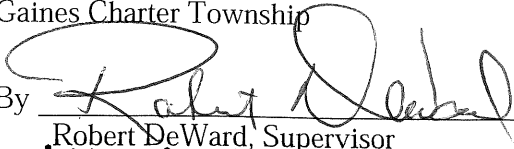
9. Escrow Amounts. The Owner shall pay to the Township all zoning escrow amounts due in a timely fashion.

10. Acknowledgment. The parties agree and acknowledge that the conditions and this Contract are authorized by all applicable laws and that this Contract is valid and was entered into only on a voluntary basis, representing a permissible exercise of authority by the parties.

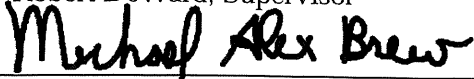
MUNICIPALITY:

Gaines Charter Township

By

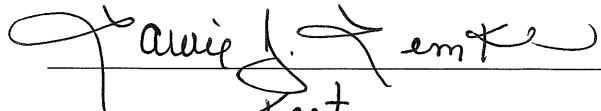

Robert DeWard, Supervisor

And by


Michael Alex Brew, Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 15th day of February, 2022, by Robert DeWard, Gaines Charter Township Supervisor, and also by Michael Alex Brew, Gaines Charter Township Clerk, of the Charter Township of Gaines, on behalf of that Township, who are personally known to me or who have produced their Michigan driver's licenses as identification.



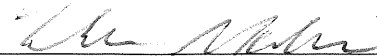
Notary Public, Kent County, Michigan

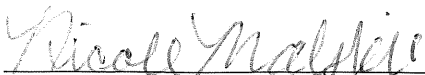
Acting in Kent County

My commission expires: Aug. 31, 2022

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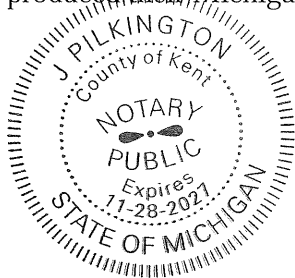
OWNER (collectively):


Luke Malski


Nicole Malski

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

The foregoing was acknowledged before me on this 4th day of MARCH, 2022, by Luke Malski and Nicole Malski, a married couple, who are personally known to me or who have produced their Michigan driver's licenses (or other document) as identification.



J. Pilkington
Notary Public, Kent County, Michigan
Acting in Kent County
My commission expires: 11-28-2027

Drafted by and when recorded return to:

Luke Malski and Nicole Malski
805 Cadillac
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

(No transfer taxes are applicable because no interest in property is conveyed by this document).



PLANNING COMMISSION MEMO

Meeting Date: January 22nd, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: 6.C

REQUEST: Annual Review 2025 and Operating Plan for 2026

ADDRESS: 10287 Kalamazoo Ave SE

APPLICANT: Garrett Singer, Stoneco of Michigan

ZONING AND PROPERTY SIZE:

Planned Unit Development – Mineral Removal

REPORT BY: Dan Wells, Community Development Director



OVERVIEW

Stoneco has provided their 2025 Annual Review Site Map and Narrative for the “Jeplawy” gravel pit. The submittal of an annual operating plan is a requirement of the PUD approval via Township Board of Trustees Resolution No. 2023-10.

The site located at 10287 Kalamazoo Avenue Street was rezoned as PUD-Mineral Removal in 2023 and is approximately 29 acres. It is commonly referred to as the “Jeplawy” parcel after the landowner. Mining began in 2023 and is expected to be completed this year, depending on demand.

Rehabilitation and restoration work will begin at the north end of the parcel in 2026, as operations move southward. Topsoil that is being removed at the south end to access gravel and sand deposits will be used to fill mined areas at the north end. Overall restoration of the site will begin after mining is completed.

STANDARDS OF REVIEW

The request has been reviewed using the applicable requirements contained in Township Board of Trustees resolution #2023-06, Condition #33, which requires an annual review by the Sand & Gravel Subcommittee, and Planning Commission. The current zoning ordinance does not require an annual review.

Requirements of Resolution 2023-10

Staff has not received any complaints from neighboring property owners about conditions or operations on the site that constitute violations of the conditions listed in the resolution.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Sand & Gravel Subcommittee met on December 10th, 2025, and recommended the Planning Commission approve the Jeplawy 2025 Annual Review Site Map and Narrative. Staff recommends approval of the Jeplawy 2025 Annual Review Site Map and Narrative based on the applicant’s compliance with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and Resolution No. 2023-10.

LEGEND



Restoration
Area



Berm w/
Fence



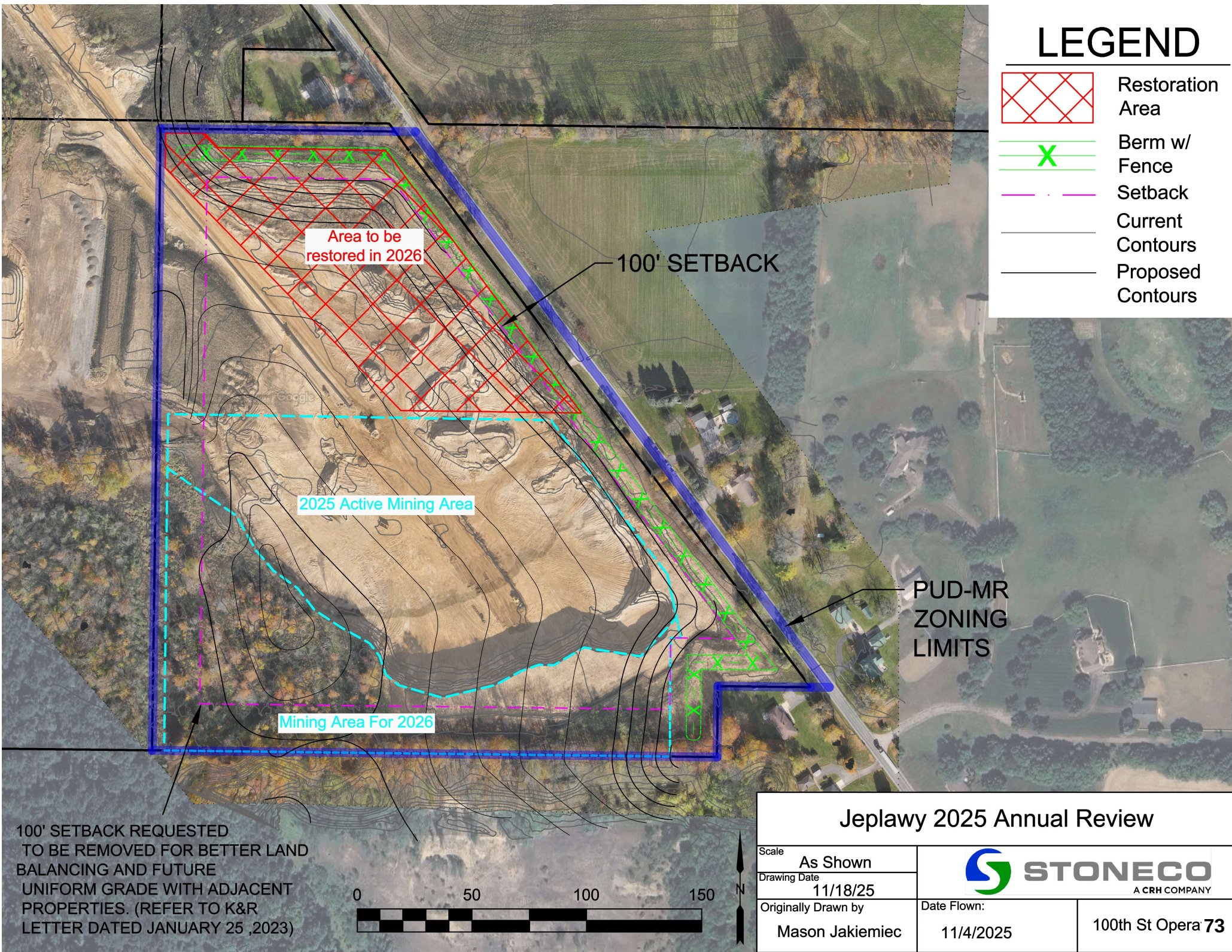
Setback



Current
Contours



Proposed
Contours



100' SETBACK REQUESTED
TO BE REMOVED FOR BETTER LAND
BALANCING AND FUTURE
UNIFORM GRADE WITH ADJACENT
PROPERTIES. (REFER TO K&R
LETTER DATED JANUARY 25 ,2023)

Jeplawy 2025 Annual Review

Scale	As Shown	
Drawing Date	11/18/25	
Originally Drawn by	Mason Jakiemiec	Date Flown: 11/4/2025
		100th St Opera 73



Operational Update
**STONECO 100th STREET OPERATION – 900 100th STREET,
BYRON CENTER, MICHIGAN 49315
November 12, 2024**

Stoneco has continued mining on the “Jeplawy” parcel located west of Kalamazoo Avenue. See attached site map regarding current and predicted mining areas. Stoneco will need to strip the remaining portion of the 2026 mining area in the winter of 2025-2026 to maintain market demand . Original stripping operations were limited due to lack of space for overburden, remaining overburden of the 2026 mining area will be used to backfill the area to be restored in 2026. Berms on site will remain in their current condition.



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MEMO

Staff Communication

DATE: February 2, 2025
TO: Gaines Charter Township Board of Trustees
FROM: Rod Weersing, Township Manager
RE: Road Closure Request – Diemer Run, June 13, 2026

SUMMARY:

The Brian Diemer Family of Races will be once again hosting the Brian Diemer 5k on June 13, 2026. This fantastic family event will be celebrating its 36th year in 2026. Rob Hyde, race organizer, is requesting road closures to allow for the safe execution of the event. The road closure times of 7:30 am to 10:30 am, and racecourse, have not changed for this year's edition.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED:

None

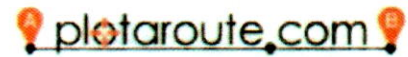
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the road closure request be granted.



Diemer Run 5k

ROUTE INFORMATION



ROUTE LENGTH 3.172 miles

ASCENT 29 ft

DESCENT 29 ft

HILLS ↑ 16.1% | ↓ 16.1% | → 67.9%

TERRAIN Road

START LAT: 42.840674, LNG: -85.666040



NOTES

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/GrandRapids/BrianDiemer5k>

Diemer Run 5k



ROUTE DIRECTIONS

No	Miles	Turn	Directions
1	0.848	➔	Turn right onto Union Avenue Southeast
2	1.004	➔	Turn right onto Fendale Street Southeast
3	1.251	➡	Turn left onto Madison Avenue Southeast
4	1.314	➡	Turn left onto Brownell Street Southeast
5	1.561	➔	Turn right onto Union Avenue Southeast
6	1.800	➡	Turn left onto Willard Avenue Southeast
7	1.952	➔	Turn right onto 70th Street Southeast
8	1.985	➡	Turn left onto Willard Avenue Southeast
9	2.236	➡	Turn left onto 68th Street Southeast
10	3.172		FINISH



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MEMO

Staff Communication

DATE: January 28, 2026
TO: Gaines Charter Township Board of Trustees
FROM: Rod Weersing, Township Manager
RE: Amendments to Chapter 20 (Fire Prevention and Protection) of the Township's Code of Ordinances

SUMMARY:

As discussed at our January 12th meeting, Township Fire Inspector Pat Quick has reviewed the Fire Prevention and Protection section (Chapter 20) of our Code of Ordinances. He has recommended changes which are highlighted in the attachment(s).

You will note some of the changes are administrative, some are procedural. For example, a large administrative change was replacing any reference to the Dutton / Cutlerville Fire Departments to Gaines Charter Township Fire Department. A procedural change is noting the adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code (from the 2015 code), and the changes the new code will bring.

Management is confident that Pat has done an excellent job reviewing the ordinance and requesting the necessary changes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board adopts the resolution updating the Fire Prevention and Protection Section (Chapter 20) of our Code of Ordinances..



GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP

A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE: ALARM SYSTEMS (Chapter 16/Article II) AND FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION (Chapter 20) OF THE GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-_____

WHEREAS, the Gaines Charter Township Board ("Township Board") has previously adopted Section 16, ARTICLE II. – Alarm Systems and Chapter 20, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, and

WHEREAS, International Fire Code 2024 shall be adopted, replacing International Fire Code 2015, and

WHEREAS, due to the recent merger of the Dutton/Cutlerville Fire Departments, and subsequent name change to the Gaines Charter Township Fire Department, multiple procedural and administrative changes were deemed necessary,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the adoption of this resolution, the Gaines Charter Township Code of Ordinances recognizes the formation of the Gaines Charter Township Fire Department, and the adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code, and changes to the ordinance deemed necessary due to the adoption of said Fire Code.

Motion by Township Board Member _____, supported by Township Board Member _____, that this Resolution be adopted, the vote being as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

(Date)

Michael A. Brew
Township Clerk

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Secs. 20-1—20-18. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sec. 20-19. Scope, purpose and intent.

The ordinance from which this article is derived is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by state law, including Public Act No. 33 of 1951 (MCL 41.801 et seq.), and other applicable statutes. The purpose of this article is to reestablish the township fire department ("fire department") which is funded solely by the township (and which is commonly known as the "Gaines Charter Township Fire Department") and to provide the duties thereof; to codify the previous establishment of the township fire department advisory committee and to provide the jurisdiction and authority thereof; to provide for the authority of the township board regarding the fire department and the fire department advisory committee and related matters; to establish authority to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of personnel and maintenance of equipment; and to provide for other matters pertaining to the fire department.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 1, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-20. Authority of township board.

The township board retains the ultimate and final authority over and with regard to the fire department, as provided by law. In the discretion of the township board, such authority shall extend to matters delegated hereunder to the fire department advisory committee, as well as to other matters pertaining to the fire department.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 2, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-21. Reestablished and reorganized.

The township board hereby reestablishes and reorganizes the township fire department, also known as the Gaines Charter Township Fire Department, in accordance with this article.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 3, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-22. Fire department advisory committee.

- (a) *Established.* The township board hereby reestablishes and reorganizes the township fire department advisory committee (the committee), previously established by resolution of the township board. This article codifies the jurisdiction and duties of the committee, so said resolution shall be void and of no effect from the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived.
- (b) *Membership; expenses.* The committee shall consist of three township board members, who shall be appointed by the township board, after recommendation of the township supervisor, for terms of four years

each (or for their elective term, whichever is shorter) and until their successors are appointed. They may be reappointed. The term shall coincide with the calendar year. For the first year of such committee, the members shall be appointed for a term ending on December 31 of that year. The township fire chief shall be an ex officio member of the committee. No regular member of the committee shall be a member of the fire department. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to actual and necessary expenses approved by the township board incurred in the performance of official duties. The township board shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired term.

- (c) *Alternate members.* In addition to the regular three members, the township supervisor shall recommend, and the township board shall appoint, one alternate member of the committee, who shall also be a member of the township board. The alternate shall serve a one-year term and may be reappointed. The alternate member shall serve only in the absence of a regular member of the committee. When serving in the absence of a regular committee member, the alternate member may vote and otherwise exercise the prerogatives of a regular committee member.
- (d) *Duties and responsibilities.* The committee shall act as an advisory committee to the township board regarding fire department matters. The committee shall carry out such duties as are delegated by this article, and such additional tasks and studies as requested of it by the township board. Among other matters, the committee may make studies and investigations with regard to fire department equipment, equipment for emergency medical and rescue services, personnel, fire and rescue operations, capital expenditures, and future planning. The committee, in consultation with the fire chief, shall establish bylaws, rules and regulations for the operation of the fire department and care of the equipment. Such rules shall be effective upon approval by the township board.
- (e) *Officers.* The township supervisor shall serve as chairperson of the committee. In addition, the committee shall elect annually a vice-chairperson and secretary. Minutes of all meetings shall be taken and maintained by the secretary. Copies of minutes shall be forwarded to the township clerk. Officers of the committee shall serve for one calendar year and until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for reelection.
- (f) *Meetings.* The committee shall meet as frequently as necessary to carry out its responsibilities effectively and shall also meet when requested by the township board.
- (g) *Liaison with fire chief.* The committee shall, among other duties, confer with the fire chief regarding the operations, personnel, and equipment of the fire department, and for future planning for effective fire protection and emergency medical and rescue services in the township. The committee and the fire chief shall carry out such other duties, studies, and other activities as requested of them by the township board.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 4, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-23. Budget.

A proposed fire department budget shall be prepared annually by the fire chief and submitted to the committee. The committee shall then prepare a tentative fire department budget to be submitted to the township board not later than three months before the township's fiscal year ends, for the ensuing year. The budget shall be reviewed by the township board and may be amended or altered in any manner. Upon adoption by the township board, the budget shall be the budget of the fire department for the ensuing fiscal year of the township. All major expenditures beyond the scope of the budget shall be presented to the township board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 5, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-24. Fire chief—Generally.

The fire chief shall be the chief administrative officer of the fire department. The duly appointed fire chief at the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived shall continue in that office, subject to the provisions of this article. The township board shall, as necessary, appoint a fire chief, upon recommendation of the committee, for an indefinite term or defined term in the township board's discretion. In preparing its recommendation, the committee shall invite and consider the comments and suggestions of the township's firefighters. The fire chief shall be accountable to the township board for the efficient and effective operation of the fire department and for the fire department's compliance with all state laws, township ordinances and policies. The fire chief shall serve at the pleasure of the township board.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 6, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-25. Same—Duties.

The fire chief shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) The fire chief shall recommend to the committee the appointment of an assistant **chief(s)**, captains, and lieutenants, pursuant to the bylaws.
- (2) The fire chief shall cooperate with the committee to prepare proposed rules to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the fire department. Such rules prepared by the fire chief shall cover operations of the department, care of equipment, assignment and scheduling of personnel, procedures at the scene of fires and other incidents, and other matters relating to the sound operation of the fire department. The fire chief, in concert with the committee, shall also plan for the long-range needs of the fire department and shall assist the township board in this regard. Such long-range planning shall include capital expenditures, acquisition of equipment, the need for additional personnel and other matters.
- (3) The fire chief shall monitor and review all personnel and operating problems and shall report to the committee on such problems that are of other than a minor nature. If requested, the fire chief shall prepare written reports to the committee. The committee shall submit such reports, or other reports of its own or of the fire chief, to the township board. The fire chief shall prepare an annual report to the committee and the report shall also be submitted to the township board.
- (4) As needed, the fire chief shall notify the committee and township board of major problems or issues that require township board action.
- (5) The fire chief shall hold regular fire department information and training meetings.
- (6) The fire chief may incur expenditures against the fire department budget as appropriated by the township board and may incur other expenditures in emergencies affecting the operations of the fire department. The fire chief shall monitor the unencumbered balances remaining in the fire department budget and shall make timely recommendations to the township board for budget amendments at such times as the need for such amendments becomes known.
- (7) The fire chief shall also be responsible for the following:
 - a. Supervising the extinguishment of all fires that endanger the health, safety and welfare of the township.
 - b. Enforcing township fire ordinances or fire prevention codes.
 - c. Ensuring that all personnel are trained and qualified for the duties that they are expected to fulfill.

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- d. Ensuring that fire inspection and community fire prevention programs are conducted.
 - e. Ensuring that all fire stations are properly maintained and that all fire department equipment is properly maintained and in good working order.
 - f. Ensuring that all fire department personnel comply with departmental and board rules, regulations and policies.
 - g. Ensuring that the fire department complies with all local, state, and federal laws related to the operation of the fire department.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 7, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-26. Officer ranking; chain of command.

- (a) There shall be a chain of command established among the fire department officers in descending order of rank, from the fire chief to the assistant chief(s), to captains, to lieutenants, and to firefighters. Each rank shall obey the orders of their superior officers. Temporary officers may be appointed by the senior officer present at any emergency to ensure the continuity of the chain of command. Such temporary appointments shall terminate when the officer with the given responsibility becomes available. Each command officer shall be responsible for the carrying out of orders by subordinates. Officers shall be appointed by the committee upon recommendation by the fire chief.
- (b) The committee, in consultation with the fire chief, shall prepare a job description for each rank of the officers of the fire department, and shall submit such description to the township board for approval.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 8, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-27. Firefighters.

Paid on-call firefighters shall be employed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (1) Applicants for vacant firefighter positions shall be of good character and possess a good driving record. The fire chief and the committee shall review and evaluate the qualifications of all applicants and shall make recommendations to the township board regarding which applicants (if any) should be considered for employment as a probationary firefighter. If an applicant is otherwise qualified for an available position, any offer of employment shall be made conditioned upon an examination by a physician approved by the township with the results being satisfactory to the township board. The physician's examination shall include data to assist the fire chief, the committee and the township board in determining whether the applicant can perform the essential functions associated with firefighting. Appointment as a probationary firefighter shall be discretionary with the township board.
- (2) All firefighters shall serve an initial probationary period for a period of not less than six months, and until satisfactory completion of Firefighter I training, driver training (if required), and other required training. At the discretion of the fire chief, the probationary period may be extended in increments for up to an additional 12 months. At the conclusion of the probationary period, the fire chief may recommend that a probationary firefighter who has met all of the qualifications contained in the firefighter job description be employed as a firefighter by the township board. The township board shall determine, at its discretion, whether a probationary member of the fire department shall be employed as a full firefighter.
- (3) A probationary firefighter shall be entitled to all compensation and benefits afforded to firefighters, but shall be restricted to performing only those duties for which he has been specifically trained. A

probationary firefighter shall not be issued fire department insignia or badges. Use of emergency signal devices on the private vehicle of a probationary firefighter shall be at the fire chief's discretion.

- (4) There shall be **annual** physical examinations for firefighters at a location determined by the township. In addition, random testing of firefighters for the presence of controlled substances or other improper drugs may be conducted. In the event that a firefighter declines to submit to testing for the presence of controlled substances or other improper drugs, or in the event that any such testing determines the presence of controlled substances or other improper drugs, such firefighter shall be subject to the disciplinary proceedings provided in section 20-29. The refusal or failure to submit to such testing, or the use of controlled substances or other improper drugs, as determined or indicated by testing for the same, shall be a violation of this article and of the bylaws of the township fire department. Disciplinary action in appropriate cases, as provided in section 20-29, may include reprimand, suspension, **demotion** or dismissal, or a combination of any of them.
- (5) Firefighters shall also meet any minimum qualifications or requirements which may be promulgated by the township board by resolution from time to time.
- (6) Firefighters are employed by the township at will and their membership or employment can be terminated at any time, with or without cause, with or without notice.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 9, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-28. Other employees.

Upon the recommendation of the fire chief and the committee, the township board may employ such other employees for the fire department as it determines in its discretion is reasonably necessary. Such employees can include, but are not limited to, personnel to assist with emergency medical and clerical functions.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 10, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-29. Disciplinary procedures.

- (a) Violations of any fire department or township ordinances, bylaws, resolutions, policies or rules relating to the fire department, or conviction of a felony shall subject any fire department personnel involved to disciplinary proceedings. A violation shall be documented by the fire chief upon good cause shown, or when a violation occurs in his presence.
- (b) The fire chief shall provide a copy of a written disciplinary statement to an alleged violator. The written statement shall state the rule, policy, resolution, bylaw, ordinance or law that was allegedly violated, the nature of any disciplinary actions to be taken, and the consequences of any further occurrence. Disciplinary action may range from a reprimand to suspension, **demotion** or dismissal, or a combination of any such actions, in the discretion of the fire chief, depending on:
 - (1) The seriousness of the violation.
 - (2) The consequences to the safety of others by the violation.
 - (3) The potential harm to the fire department or the township.
 - (4) The prior record of the individual.
 - (5) The nature of the act and related matters.
- (c) Within 30 days of written notification, any disciplinary action may be appealed to the township board, which shall affirm, deny, or modify the disciplinary action taken by the fire chief. The township board may, on their

own initiative, bring charges against any fire department personnel. Disciplinary action initiated by the township board shall follow the procedures outlined in this section, except that the responsibilities designated in this section to the fire chief shall be performed by the township board, which may require the fire chief or committee to investigate and report upon the matter.

- (d) Theft of township property, or theft of any property at the scene of an emergency shall be cause for immediate dismissal.
- (e) Firefighters shall not respond to emergencies, meetings or training sessions while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 11, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-30. Emergency medical and rescue services.

The fire department is authorized to carry out emergency medical and rescue services in the township and, on a mutual aid and assistance basis, in other municipalities. The township may acquire vehicles, apparatus, equipment and supplies in order that the fire department may carry out such services. Qualified personnel of the fire department are authorized to respond to medical and rescue emergencies. The fire chief shall institute and carry out an ongoing program for the training and certification of fire department personnel for such purposes. The duties of the fire chief set forth in this article shall extend as well to the emergency medical and rescue services of the fire department.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 12, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-31. Compensation.

Compensation to firefighters shall be in such amounts and shall be paid at such times as may be determined by the township board. The township shall keep accurate records of all compensation paid to fire department personnel. The fire department shall keep accurate records that indicate the amount of compensable time served by all personnel, or that indicate such other information upon which compensation is based. Time records or other records upon which compensation may be based shall be submitted to the township board or its designee in the township office for payment, in the same manner and upon the same schedule as is the case for other township personnel, or upon such other schedule or basis as may be determined by the township board.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 13, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-32. Public contact.

- (a) The fire chief, or his designee, may release facts regarding fires or other emergencies to the news media. All other personnel shall refer all media inquiries to the fire chief or the designee of the fire chief.
- (b) Members of the public shall be allowed in the fire station only when accompanied by a member of the fire department, township board member or a deputy township board officer.
- (c) The public shall always be treated courteously and professionally by all fire department personnel.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 14, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-33. Emergency responses.

When responding to emergencies, all personnel shall drive emergency vehicles (and personal vehicles where authorized) with appropriate concern for the safety of the public. Use of emergency signals on vehicles shall be considered a request for the right-of-way from other drivers. Use of emergency signal equipment shall be permitted only when the fire department has been officially dispatched to an emergency.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 15, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-34. Equipment.

Required protective gear shall be worn when engaged in firefighting or medical response activities. Lost or damaged equipment shall be reported as soon as possible to an officer. Township property shall be disposed of only with the prior approval of the township board. All fire department-issued equipment shall be returned to the fire chief by personnel leaving the fire department.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 16, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-35. Use of the fire station.

- (a) Only township-owned vehicles and equipment may be kept at the fire station. Fire department equipment shall not be borrowed for private use.
- (b) Private vehicles must be parked in designated areas only.
- (c) Alcohol and controlled substances shall not be brought into the fire station.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 17, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-36. Mutual aid.

The township board may enter into agreements with other municipalities in order to provide for mutual aid and assistance between the township fire department and the fire departments of such other municipalities, for the extinguishing of fires, providing emergency medical and rescue services and carrying out other cooperative fire protection activities including joint training activities and the like. Such agreements shall be in writing and shall be signed on behalf of the township by the township supervisor. All such agreements currently in force are hereby reaffirmed.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 18, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-37. Solicitation of funds.

- (a) All fundraising activities carried out in the name of the fire department shall have the prior approval of the **Township** Fire Board, and all revenues solicited in the name of the fire department above the sum of \$5,000.00 annually shall be deposited with the township treasurer. Such funds above the sum of \$5,000.00 annually shall be disbursed by the township board for fire department or fire protection purposes. The books of the township treasurer shall show such amounts.
- (b) Any fundraising activities on behalf of the fire department, yet not solicited in the name of the township or the fire department, where such activities result in the receipt of funds exceeding \$1,200.00 in any one year, shall be conducted by a tax-exempt organization that has been designated a section 501(c)(3) charity, or

other similar designation recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Proof of such designation shall be filed with the township clerk.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 19, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 20-38. Firefighters association.

- (a) The personnel of the fire department may incorporate a tax-exempt charitable organization to be known as the Gaines Firefighters Association (association) or other designation approved by the township board. The purpose of the association shall be to provide for the improvement of the fire department and for the betterment of fire protection services in the township. Proof of incorporation and a copy of the corporate bylaws shall be filed with the township clerk. The association may elect its own officers.
- (b) Funds may be solicited in the name of the association, for fire department or fire protection purposes only. If at any time in a calendar year the funds of the association exceed \$5,000.00, the financial records of the association for such year shall be audited or reviewed by a certified public accountant, at the expense of the association, and a copy of such audit or written report shall be submitted to the township board.
- (c) Within 30 days after each calendar year, the association shall submit to the township board a letter or other written certification signed by its president, accurately stating whether the funds of the association exceeded \$5,000.00 at any time during the calendar year. Such letter or certification shall also accurately state whether the association during the calendar year engaged in fundraising activities on behalf of the fire department which resulted in more than \$5,000.00 being received by the association.
- (d) Inasmuch as fundraising activities by the association will be for the purpose of obtaining funds to enhance fire protection services in the township, such fundraising activities or methods shall always be in keeping with the importance and dignity of the township and its government. Any such association shall not be deemed or treated as an association or other group for collective bargaining purposes.

(Ord. No. 93-AV-01-FIR, § 20, 9-13-1993)

Secs. 20-39—20-64. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Sec. 20-65. Duties.

The general duties of every paid-per-call firefighter shall include, but not be limited to, the duties set forth in the bylaws of the fire department of which the firefighter wishes to be a member.

(Ord. No. N-3-89, § 1, 11-13-1989)

Sec. 20-66. Obligation to obey fire chief.

Every paid-per-call firefighter shall be obligated to follow the lawful orders, directions, and instructions of the fire chief or the designated officer in charge in carrying out the functions and activities of the fire department.

(Ord. No. N-3-89, § 2, 11-13-1989)

Sec. 20-67. Minimum qualifications for admission.

The minimum qualifications of every paid-per-call firefighter to be admitted to the department after January 1, 1990, shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (1) The individual must have reached the age of 18 years.
- (2) The individual must have sound knowledge of street locations throughout the township.
- (3) The individual must have the ability to understand, accept, and follow directions.
- (4) The individual must have a working, private or party-line telephone at his residence.
- (5) The individual must satisfactorily pass a physical examination (including drug and alcohol screening), which establishes that the individual is not physically disabled from performing each and any of the regular or anticipated duties of a firefighter; this requirement may be waived with respect to an individual who has a current certification of physical fitness from the United States Department of Transportation. This physical examination must be taken by each firefighter every five years.
- (6) The individual must have 20:40 or better uncorrected vision (both eyes); each eye must be 20:50 uncorrected or better.
- (7) The individual must satisfy the state firefighters training council minimum standards for physical, educational, mental and moral fitness.
- (8) The individual, at the time of hiring, must satisfactorily pass a comprehensive ability/agility test, including, but not limited to: manlift/carry; ladder/beam walk; barn climb with 40-foot ladder; and ground agility test. The fire chief is encouraged to repeat this test at least once every three years to maintain an inventory of the skills of his firefighters.

(Ord. No. N-3-89, § 3, 11-13-1989)

Sec. 20-68. Conditions for removal of probationary status.

In order to be removed from probationary status and be placed on full operating status as a paid-per-call firefighter, the firefighter must meet the following conditions:

- (1) The individual must possess a current valid certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- (2) The individual must possess a current driver's certification through the state firefighter training council or must possess a class II endorsement on a valid state chauffeur's license, and the individual must demonstrate the ability to safely operate all departmental vehicles.
- (3) The individual must pass a test on the following fire activity procedures:
 - a. Attachment and use of hoses and hose appliances.
 - b. Operation of pumps.
 - c. Timed entry into self-contained breathing apparatus.

(Ord. No. N-3-89, § 4, 11-13-1989)

Sec. 20-69. Minimum qualifications for membership retention.

The minimum qualifications of every paid-per-call firefighter to retain membership in the department after January 1, 1990, shall include, but shall not be limited to, the qualifications set forth in sections 20-67 and 20-68. In

the event a paid-per-call firefighter fails to satisfactorily pass an examination or test described in such sections, the individual shall be afforded an opportunity to be retested not less than 30 nor more than 45 days after the failed test or examination. If the individual again fails the examination or test, the individual shall be removed from the position of paid-per-call firefighter. Removal from the position of paid-per-call firefighter shall not automatically disqualify an individual from consideration for other positions within fire departments funded by the township.

(Ord. No. N-3-89, § 5, 11-13-1989)

Sec. 20-70. Duties and qualifications are minimums; right to terminate membership.

The duties and qualifications set forth herein are minimums. The fact that an individual possesses such minimum qualifications and/or satisfactorily performs such duties shall not be deemed to establish any contractual or legal right to occupy the position of paid-per-call firefighters. Membership in a fire department funded by the township shall be at such terms and conditions as the department and/or township may determine and change from time to time, and such membership can be terminated at any time, with or without cause, and with or without notice.

(Ord. No. N-3-89, § 6, 11-13-1989)

Sec. 20-71. State law shall control.

If any provision of state law imposes higher minimum qualifications than those set forth in this article, then the provisions of said state law shall control.

(Ord. No. N-3-89, § 9, 11-13-1989)

Secs. 20-72—20-100. Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. FIRE CODE¹

Sec. 20-101. Adoption of fire code standards.

The International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, copies of which are on file in the administrative offices of Gaines Charter Township, the Dutton Fire Department and the Cutlerville Fire Department and being identified as the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, including Appendices B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and M, as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted as the fire code of the Gaines Charter Township in the State of Michigan regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling, and use of hazardous substances, materials, and devices and from conditions hazardous to life and property in the occupancies of buildings and premises as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions, and terms of the fire code are hereby referred to, adopted and made part hereof, as if fully set out in this article, with the additions, insertions, deletions, and changes, if any, prescribed in section 20-102 of this article.

¹Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 18-03, § 1—4, adopted April 9, 2018, repealed art. IV, §§ 20-101—20-105, and enacted a new art. IV, §§ 20-101—20-103, as set out herein. The former article pertained to similar subject matter and derived from Ord. No. 08-06, §§ 1—5, adopted July 16, 2008.

Sec. 20-102. Amendments to standards.

The following sections and subsections of the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition are hereby amended, or deleted, and additional sections, subsections and items are added as indicated. Subsequent section numbers used in this section shall refer to the like numbered sections of the International Fire Code, 2015 edition.

- A. **Section 101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the Gaines Charter Township " Fire Prevention and Protection - Fire Code", hereinafter referred to as "this code".
- B. **Section 104.11.4 Unlawful boarding or tampering with fire department emergency equipment.** Without proper authorization from the fire chief or officer of the fire department in charge of the emergency equipment, no person shall cling to, attach to, climb upon or into, board, or swing upon any fire department vehicle, operate any emergency warning equipment, or any equipment or protective clothing on, or part of, any fire department vehicle.
- C. **Section 105 Permits:***Deleted in its entirety*
- D. **Section 109.4 Violation Penalties:** Any person, firm, corporation, trust, partnership, agent thereof, or other legal entity that violates or refuses to comply with any provisions of this code, or erects, installs, alters, repairs or does work in violation of the approved construction documents or directives of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under the provisions of this code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days in jail, or both; or the fire code official is authorized to request legal counsel of the jurisdiction to institute the appropriate legal proceedings at law or in equity to restrain, correct or abate such violation or to require removal or termination of the unlawful occupancy of the structure in violation of the provisions of this code or of the order or discretion made pursuant hereto. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.
- E. **Section 109.4.1 Abatement of violation.** In addition to the imposition of the penalties herein described, the fire code official is authorized to institute appropriate action to prevent unlawful construction or to restrain, correct or abate a violation; or to prevent illegal occupancy of a structure or premises; or to stop an illegal act, conduct of business or occupancy of a structure on or about any premises. The Kent County Sheriff's Department shall be requested by the fire code official to make arrests for an offense of this code or orders of the fire code official affecting the immediate safety of the public
- F. **Section 111.4 Failure to comply:** Any person, firm, corporation, trust, partnership, agent thereof, or other legal entity who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be issued a criminal misdemeanor ticket, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.
- G. **Section 113 Fees:***Deleted in its entirety*
- H. **Section 307. Open Burning, Recreational Fires, and portable Outdoor Fireplaces:**
Deleted in its entirety. (Ref. Article VI Burning of Chapter 20)
- I. The geographic limits referred to in certain sections of the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition are hereby established as follows:

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1. **Section 5704.2.9.6.1. Location Where Above-Ground Tanks Are Prohibited.** Storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited in Gaines Township unless approved by the Fire Code Official and such storage complies with all other applicable laws. The provisions of this Code shall not be deemed to nullify any other ordinance of Gaines Township or other regulations pertaining to the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in aboveground tanks outside of buildings. Where Code provisions for the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings are in conflict, the most rigid requirements shall apply.
 2. **Section 5706.2.4.4. Locations Where Above-Ground Tanks Are Prohibited.** Storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited in Gaines Township, unless approved by the Fire Code Official and such storage complies with all other applicable laws. The provisions of this Code shall not be deemed to nullify any other ordinance of Gaines Township or other regulations pertaining to the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks. Where Code provision for the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks are in conflict, the most rigid requirements shall apply.
 3. **Section 5806.2 Limitations.** Storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings is prohibited in Gaines Township, unless approved by the Fire Code Official and such storage complies with all other applicable laws. The provisions of this Code shall not be deemed to nullify any other ordinance of Gaines Township or other regulations pertaining to the storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings. Where Code provisions for the storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings are in conflict, the most rigid requirements shall apply.
 4. **Section 6104.2. Maximum Capacity Within Established Limits.** Within the limits established by law restricting the storage of liquefied petroleum gas for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas, the aggregate capacity of any one installation shall not exceed a water capacity of 2,000 gallons (7570L).

Exception: In particular installations, this capacity limit shall be determined by the Fire Code Official, after consideration of special features such as topographical conditions, nature of occupancy, and proximity to buildings, capacity of proposed LP-gas containers, degree of fire protection to be provided and capabilities of the local fire department. The provisions of this Code shall not be deemed to nullify any other ordinance pertaining to the storage of liquefied petroleum gas.

J. Appendix B - Amend the following sections:

Section B103 Decreases:

B103.3 Areas without water supply systems. Upon the official determination of the Fire Code official that transportable firefighting water supply capabilities are not able of adequately satisfying fire-flow requirements in one or more areas of the Township not served by a municipal water system, the Fire official may require alternative water supplies and sources for new residential subdivisions of land. For information regarding water supplies for fire-fighting purposes in rural and suburban areas in which direct access to a municipal water system does not exist, the fire code official may refer to NFPA 1142 or the International Wildland Urban Interface Code.

K. Appendix D - Amend the following sections:

D103.2 Grade. Fire apparatus access roads shall not exceed 6 percent in grade.

Exception: Grades in excess of 6 percent may be approved by the Fire official.

D103.3 Turning Radius. The minimum turning radius shall be no less than 28 feet.

D107.1 One- or two- family dwelling residential developments: For developments of one- or two-family dwellings, where the number of dwelling units exceeds 30, the development shall be provided with separate and approved fire apparatus access roads and shall meet the requirements of section D104.3

Exception: Where there are more than 30 dwelling units on a single public or private fire apparatus access road and all dwelling units are equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with section 903.3.1.1, 903.3.1.2, 903.3.1.3 of the International Fire Code, access from two directions shall not be required.

(Ord. No. 18-03, § 2, 4-9-2018)

Sec. 20-103. Additional powers.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the fire code, the fire code official may, but is not required to, inspect all structures and premises for which building permits have been issued, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire, [contribute] to the spread of fire, interfere with firefighting operations, endanger life or any violation of provisions of the fire code, this article, or any other ordinance affecting fire safety.

(Ord. No. 18-03, § 3, 4-9-2018)

Secs. 20-104—20-121. Reserved.

ARTICLE V. FIRE HYDRANT IDENTIFICATION

Sec. 20-122. Purpose and intent.

The ordinance from which this article is derived is adopted for the purpose of ensuring that fire hydrants are properly marked and identified, so that they can be found during the winter and other inclement weather. It is the specific finding of the township board that this article is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

(Ord. No. OCT-09-01-HYD, § 1, 10-9-2001)

Sec. 20-123. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Fire hydrant identification sign means a sign on a pole or post located near a fire hydrant which identifies the fire hydrant and which sign and post are of a construction and design approved by the township.

(Ord. No. OCT-09-01-HYD, § 3, 10-9-2001)

Sec. 20-124. Installation and maintenance of fire hydrant identification signs.

- (a) In all new plats, site condominiums developments, and other developments or land divisions involving five or more lots, parcels, or site condominium units, the developer or property owner developing the property shall pay for the cost of the installation of a fire hydrant identification sign next to each fire hydrant within such development and shall ensure that the fire hydrant identification sign is properly installed according to township specifications within 30 days of the date when the fire hydrant is installed.

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- (b) Thereafter, the owner of the property on which the fire hydrant and fire hydrant identification marker are located shall be responsible for reporting any damage or deterioration resulting in the need for repair or replacement of the hydrant or marker to the township supervisor.

(Ord. No. OCT-09-01-HYD, § 4, 10-9-2001)

Sec. 20-125. Violation a municipal civil infraction.

Any person violating this article is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, punishable as provided in section 1-11.

(Ord. No. OCT-09-01-HYD, § 5, 10-9-2001)

Secs. 20-126—20-148. Reserved.

ARTICLE VI. BURNING²

Sec. 20-149. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Approved fire pit or ring means a pit or ring that is no larger than three feet by three feet in diameter and constructed of noncombustible material.

Brush means combustible woody vegetation with a diameter of less than two inches and generally consisting of small trees, bushes and tree branches and twigs.

Burning permit means a permission to burn, issued verbally or by written permit by the **Gaines Charter Township Fire Department**.

*****Delete***** *Fire department* means one of two township fire departments which respond to different areas of the township:

- (1) The Cutlerville fire department services the area west of Kalamazoo Avenue between 60th Street and 76th Street and west of Eastern Avenue between 60th Street and 108th Street.
- (2) The Dutton fire department services the area east of Kalamazoo between 60th Street and 108th Street as well as the area between 76th Street and 108th Street east of Eastern Avenue. *****Delete*****

Legal non-conforming use is a zoning term used to classify a land use that was legal at the time it was created but which has since become impermissible because of a subsequent modification or adoption of a zoning ordinance. This is sometimes referred to as a "grandfathered" use.

²Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 2017-Oct-01-BD, § 1, adopted October 9, 2017, repealed art. VI, §§ 20-149—20-155, and enacted a new art. VI, §§ 20-149—20-159, as set out herein. The former article pertained to similar subject matter and derived from Ord. No. 93-DC-01-ZL, §§ 1—7, adopted Dec. 21, 1993.

State law reference(s)—Air resources protection, MCL 324.5501 et seq.; open burning of grass clippings or leaves, MCL 324.11522.

Open burning means the outdoor burning of any materials wherein through flame, or smoldering fire, products of combustion including heat, smoke and/or odor are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber, except a "recreational fire" as defined herein. Utilization of mobile or stationary outdoor open flame cooking devices such as manufactured hibachis, charcoal grills, wood smokers, and propane or natural gas devices are not defined as "open burning."

Open flame cooking devices include mobile or stationary cooking devices such as manufactured hibachis, charcoal grills, and smokers, including those utilizing propane or natural gas or other distilled petroleum fuel product.

Prohibited materials include commercial or industrial waste, food waste, oils, petro fuels, rubber, plastics, chemically treated materials, or other materials which produce excessive or noxious smoke such as tires, railroad ties, treated, painted or glued wood composite, carpeting, shingles, tar paper, insulation, composition board, sheet rock, wiring, paint or paint fillers, rags, cloth, bedding, leather, or any material classified as construction and demolition debris.

Recreational fire means an outdoor fire for the burning of material other than rubbish, leaves, and yard clippings, wet or unseasoned wood or other restricted materials as defined herein, where the fire being burned is contained in an approved "recreational fire site" as determined by compliance with the requirements of this article.

Recreational fire site is an area of noncombustible and non-smoke or odor producing material, either of natural rock, cement, brick, tile or blocks, or metal, which may be depressed below ground, on the ground, or on a raised bed. Included are permanent outdoor wood burning fireplaces and mobile or stationary cooking devices. Burning barrels are not a "recreation fire site" as defined herein.

Recurrent open burning means open burning occurring repeatedly in the same location on the same premises on seasonal, annual or perennial basis.

Restricted burning area means any lot or parcel of land within any platted or condominium subdivision development, apartment or multi-family condominium complex, manufactured home community and any land having a C-1, C-2, O-S, I-1, 1-2 zoning designation or equivalent PUD zoning designation authorizing commercial, office-service or industrial land uses located in any part of the township, along with any other lot or parcel of land located within the south one-half and the NE one-fourth of section 2, the south one-half of section 3, the north one-half of section 10, except the east 300 feet of the south 500 feet thereof, and all of sections 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 17 and 18, as delineated on the township map contained in attachment "a" of the ordinance from which this section derived.

Restricted combustible waste materials include, but are not limited to, rubbish such as paper, cardboard, cartons, boxes, leaves, grass and other yard clippings and unseasoned or wet wood including, but not limited to, tree limbs; timber; logs; and stumps or other wood material which may produce excessive or noxious smoke due to high moisture content.

Wood, seasoned means dry, clean wood such as twigs, branches, limbs, "presto logs," charcoal, cord wood or untreated dimensional lumber. The term does not include wood that is green with leaves or needles, rotten wet, oil soaked, or treated with paint, glue or preservatives. Clean wood lumber may be used for recreational fire when cut into lengths not exceeding the interior design dimension of an approved fire pit or ring.

Yard clippings include leaves, grass clippings, weeds, vegetable, or other garden debris, shrubbery, brush or tree trimmings, less than four feet in length and two inches in diameter.

(Ord. No. 2017-Oct-01-BD, § 1, 10-9-2017)

Sec. 20-150. Open burning of leaves and grass clippings in restricted areas; generally; off-site burning; prohibited open burn items.

(a) *Open burning of leaves and grass clippings.*

- (1) *Restricted burning area.* The open burning of leaves or grass clippings is prohibited at all times within the restricted burning area (see definition and attached appendix A map).
- (2) *Generally.* The open burning of leaves and grass clippings is permitted on a single family and two family residential premises that is not be located within a restricted burning area (reference section 20-151 and appendix A) under the following circumstances:
 - a. The leaves or grass being burned must originate from the premises where the burn is occurring;
 - b. The burning shall not be conducted upon any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk or on the ice of a lake, pond, stream or other waterbody;
 - c. The burning must be conducted in a safe, supervised, manner when weather conditions minimize adverse effects and do not create a health hazard or a visibility hazard on roadways or pathways.
- (3) *Off-site burning of leaves and grass clippings.* The open burning of leaves, grass or other yard clippings generated and collected from off-site is prohibited and is not eligible for open burning under the permitting provisions of section 20-154.

(b) *Prohibited open burn items.* In no event whatsoever shall any person utilize open burning to burn any food waste, garbage, Styrofoam, construction and demolition debris, chemically treated lumber, synthetic material, rubber or rubber-based material (such as, but not limited to, rubber tires) or other hazardous materials in the township, regardless of the method used for burning.

(Ord. No. 2017-Oct-01-BD, § 1, 10-9-2017)

Sec. 20-151. Restricted burning areas, limitations on burning.

(Reference definitions and appendix A). Within a restricted burning area the following special and general burning restrictions shall apply:

- (1) The burning of leaves and grass clippings is at all times prohibited.
- (2) Recreational fires and the use open flame cooking devices on single and two family residential properties are permitted in accordance with section 20-152.
- (3) The open burning (non-recreational fires) is prohibited during the months of September, October and November. At all other times of the year non-recreational open burning may be authorized by the appropriate fire official under the provisions of section 20-153.
- (4) Except as may be permitted under the provisions of section 20-152 as part of a site clearing and development process, open burning is prohibited on property zoned for commercial or industrial purposes.

(Ord. No. 2017-Oct-01-BD, § 1, 10-9-2017)

Sec. 20-152. Recreational fires and open flame cooking devices; single and two family properties; multi-family residential properties.

- (a) *Single and two family residences.* Recreational fires and open flame cooking devices are permitted when the following conditions are met:
- (1) Recreational fire sites including fire pits and outdoor fireplaces must be located at least 25 feet from all structures, on dirt or another noncombustible surface, and all combustible material must be cleared at least five feet from the outermost edge of the fire pit or outdoor fireplace; provided, however, that a portable outdoor fireplace may be stored elsewhere when not in use.
 - (2) The combustion area of a fire pit or outdoor fireplace may not be larger than three feet by three feet. Fire pits must include a fire-retaining ring at least 12 inches in height, and outdoor fireplaces must be enclosed on all sides with a protective screen or other noncombustible material.
 - (3) Recreational fires must be clean burning and built only from dry wood material, cut no longer than 28 inches and not larger than four inches in diameter or thickness.
 - (4) No garbage, leaves, yard waste, trash or other prohibited or restricted material may be burned (reference section 20-149).
 - (5) A person at least 18 years of age must supervise a recreational fire at all times.
 - (6) An extinguishing agent must be kept within ten feet of a recreational fire. Suitable extinguishing agents include a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, an operable garden hose, or a pile of sand capable of extinguishing the recreational fire.
 - (7) Recreational fires must be extinguished by midnight.
 - (8) The fire department may extinguish or order the extinguishment of a recreational fire that it determines is a potential fire or safety hazard.
- (b) *Multi-family residential.*
- (1) Recreational fires on any premises supporting multi-family residences are prohibited.
 - (2) Open flame cooking devices utilizing charcoal, wood or commercial fire log products are prohibited unless the building, balcony or deck in or on which the device is located is protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
 - (3) LP-gas cooking devices are limited to a gas container size of one pound (LP-gas capacity).

(Ord. No. 2017-Oct-01-BD, § 1, 10-9-2017)

Sec. 20-153. Lawful open burning on large tracts.

It shall be lawful for a person to conduct open burning as defined herein only under the following circumstances:

- (1) When first authorized by a burning permit issued by the **Gaines Charter Township Fire Department**, as appropriate (reference section 20-154).
- (2) The premises is of such size or so situated that the burning will:
 - a. Take place less 300 feet or more from a property line or public or private street or highway;
 - b. Take place less than 500 feet from a building owned or occupied by any other person;

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- c. Take place less than 100 feet from any building located on the premises.
 - (3) If located in a restricted burning area, no burning permits shall be issued during the months of September, October and November.
 - (4) Burning is prohibited if wind exceeds 15 mph and open burning may not be conducted on days when the department of environmental quality has declared an "air quality action day" or during dry periods or drought when the fire danger rating is high or a burning ban applicable to Kent County has been imposed. Open burning shall otherwise be conducted in a safe, nuisance-free manner, when weather conditions minimize adverse effects and do not create a health hazard or a visibility hazard on roadways, railroads or airfields.
 - (5) No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk or on the ice of a lake, pond, stream or waterbody.
 - (6) The burning of limbs, logs, brush, and stumps must be in a single pile that is less than 15 feet in diameter and less than eight feet high.
 - (7) A perimeter around the fire of at least 15 feet must be clear of combustible ground cover.
 - (8) Open burning shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person of at least 18 years of age until the fire is extinguished and is cold. Fire extinguishing equipment as may be necessary for the total control of the fire shall be readily available and at a minimum shall include a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, an operable garden hose, or a pile of sand capable of extinguishing the fire. Depending on the size and circumstances of the burn, additional fire control measures may be required as conditions to the issuance of a burning permit.

(Ord. No. 2017-Oct-01-BD, § 1, 10-9-2017)

Sec. 20-154. Burning permits for open burning; certain burning accepted without a burning permit.

- (a) *Permits required.* No person shall start or maintain any open burning without a burning permit issued by the **Gaines Charter Township Fire Department** as applicable. There are two types of open burning permits that may be issued depending upon the circumstances of the applicant and the premises involved and subject to the provisions of section 20-153. This section shall not be construed to prohibit or regulate recreational fires and open flame cooking devices as defined herein and more specifically regulated by the provisions of section 20-152.
 - (1) *Residential/backyard open burning.* Residential/backyard open burning permits may be issued by the fire department, either verbally or in writing. Note: open burning conducted on a residential premises (premises occupied by a residential dwelling) may not involve material originating from another premises.
 - (2) *Recurrent open burning.*
 - a. The permit may only be issued for property located in a residential or agricultural zoning district.
 - b. The permit may only be issued for a premises supporting an agricultural use, institutional use, an existing legal non-conforming landscaping business, or a landscaping business, agricultural rural enterprise, agricultural service business or other use if first authorized by a special use permit issued by the Gaines Township Planning Commission.
 - c. The burning may only involve seasoned wood material. The burning of brush consisting of seasoned wood from small trees, bushes and tree branches, is permitted (reference distinguishing definitions of "brush" and "yard clippings").

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- d. There shall be no burning of prohibited material or restricted material as defined herein, including leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris.
 - e. The open burning of material generated off-site is permissible.
 - f. No fire is to be commenced before dawn.
 - g. No new fire may be ignited after noon on any authorized burn day and no new material may be added to a burning pile after 3:00 p.m.
 - h. No open burning shall occur on any Sunday or federal holiday.
 - i. If the principle use of the premises is classified as legally non-conforming, open burning must be a documented ancillary practice having occurred in essentially the same location on the same premises on a recurrent basis within at least two of the five years preceding adoption of this article and at least once in the last two years preceding the permit request.
 - j. If a use of the premises has been authorized as a special land use by the Gaines Township Planning Commission, open burning shall have been specifically authorized as an approved ancillary use associated with the special use, or it must be found by the zoning administrator to be an minor ancillary use that does not constitute a material expansion or change to the operation as authorized by the planning commission. If based on a lack of documented evidence the zoning administrator is unable to make that finding, the applicant will be required to obtain zoning approval from the planning commission to conduct open burning by way of an amendment to the applicable special use permit.
 - k. Burning permits authorizing recurrent open burning on the same premises shall be issued in writing. The permit shall specify the location of the open burn, show compliance with the standards of this section, and indicate the time and date of the first burn, and the approximate annual number and scheduling of the open burns.
 - l. The authorization of all subsequent burns shall be conditioned upon continued compliance with this article and any additional conditions included on the written permit. The applicant shall provide verbal or written notification to the appropriate fire department of the date and time for each subsequent burn a minimum of 24 hours prior to each burn. Verbal or written approval by the fire department is required prior to ignition of each subsequent open burn and the approval shall be documented by the approving fire official.
- (3) Any burning permit issued by the fire department may specify additional safety, monitoring and time restrictions as deemed appropriate by the fire official, based upon rules and guidelines published in advance by the appropriate department.
- (b) *Burning accepted without a burning permit.* The use of approved gaseous or liquid fired salamanders commonly employed in conjunction with building and construction operations as well as roofers, plumbers, tinnners or other mechanics pursuing a business requiring the use of fire, or for the purpose of boiling tar, pitch or oil used in the course of a business or trade will be permitted when done in accordance with accepted safety standards.

(Ord. No. 2017-Oct-01-BD, § 1, 10-9-2017)

Sec. 20-155. General exceptions.

The following are exceptions from the rules of this article prohibiting open burning:

- (1) County parks in which fires are permitted by the rules governing the parks; and

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- (2) Fires authorized for the training of firefighters or other controlled burnings approved by the appropriate fire chief.
 - (3) This article shall not be construed to prohibit or regulate the open burning of combustible waste material by bona fide agricultural operations under state regulations such as the Right to Farm Act.

(Ord. No. 2017-Oct-01-BD, § 1, 10-9-2017)

Sec. 20-156. Violation a municipal civil infraction.

- (a) Any person violating this article is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, punishable as provided in section 1-11.
- (b) In the event that fire personnel are called out on a violation of this article, all expenses incurred by the response call shall be paid by the land owner(s). The township may have a lien placed upon land, lots or parcels for such expense. Charges will be assessed as currently established or as hereafter adopted by resolution of the township board from time to time.

(Ord. No. 2017-Oct-01-BD, § 1, 10-9-2017)

Sec. 20-157. Enforcement.

The fire chief, township supervisor, or their designated agents, the officers of the county sheriff's department or any authorized law enforcement officer may cause complaint to be made for the violation of the provisions of this article.

(Ord. No. 2017-Oct-01-BD, § 1, 10-9-2017)

Sec. 20-158. Cost recovery; imposition of lien; other remedies.

- (a) *Cost recovery.* Any person who burns or allows burning in violation of this article, or any condition imposed on any permit issued pursuant to this article ("responsible party"), shall reimburse the township for the expenses of suppressing such fire. Expenses incurred by the township may include, but are not limited to, hourly charges for fire department equipment as established from time to time by the township board; the wages, salaries, fringe benefits, and insurance of fire fighters responding to the fire, and the costs of billing and collecting such expenses, including actual attorney fees. The appropriate fire chief shall submit to the township board a detailed listing of all expenses incurred by the department in suppressing such a fire. The township board, by motion, may direct that an invoice for such expenses, or any portion thereof, be forwarded to the responsible party. The responsible party shall pay such invoice within 30 days of its receipt. For any amounts due that remain unpaid after 90 days, the township may place the invoiced amount, including a late charge of one percent per month, or fraction thereof, as a lien on property owned by the responsible party. The lien shall be placed on the township's next tax roll.
- (b) *Other remedies.* In addition to the cost recovery provided for in subsection (a), the township may take any other appropriate action to collect expenses imposed under this article. Recovery of such expenses does not otherwise limit the liability of a responsible party under local ordinance or state or federal law, rule, or regulation.

(Ord. No. 2017-Oct-01-BD, § 1, 10-9-2017)

Sec. 20-159. Sample list of materials which are not legal to burn.

It is not legal to burn most household items. The number listed after the materials below refers to the legal explanations of why the item may not be burned.)

- Plastic milk jug 1,5; urethane foam pad 1,2; asphalt sealant 1
- Plastic soda bottles 1,2; treated lumber 3; plastic food wrap 1
- Magazines/catalogues 5; plywood 6; insulated electrical wire 1
- Plastic pipe 1; osb/composite board 6; rubber hose 1
- Food waste /garbage 4; plastic weed barrier 1; tires 1
- Wooden furniture 3; water softener salt bag 1; plastic siding 1 1,2
- Plastic garbage bags 1; aluminum foil, packaging, beer cans and 5; waste oil 4
- Asphalt shingles 1; nylon carpet 1,2; painted siding 3
- Polystyrene plates 1,2; plastic vapor barrier 1; tar paper 1
- Plastic toys 1; nylon upholstery fabric 1,2; old building 7
- Polystyrene foam packaging 1,2

Explanations and alternatives:

- (1) All plastic, rubber and asphalt materials are prohibited from open burning under state law.
- (2) This synthetic material is a plastic and may not be burned.
- (3) Wood that is painted or chemically treated may not be burned under state law.
- (4) These materials are specifically prohibited from open burning under state law.
- (5) These materials should be recycled. They do not burn.
- (6) These materials contain resins and glues making them unsuitable for burning. They are not considered an unpainted, untreated wood as referenced and legally burned.
- (7) Individuals or businesses may not burn a building. The only exception is that a building may be burned by the fire department for training purposes after notification to DNR and removal of illegal materials.

(Ord. No. 2017-Oct-01-BD, § 1, 10-9-2017)

Secs. 20-160—20-178. Reserved.

ARTICLE VII. FREESTANDING WOOD-BURNING FURNACES

Sec. 20-179. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Freestanding wood-burning furnace.

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- (1) The term "freestanding wood-burning furnace" means any device, shed, or structure that has all of the following characteristics:
 - a. Is designed, intended, or used to provide heat and/or hot water to any residence or other structure;
 - b. Operates by the burning of wood, dried corn, pellets, or other solid fuel; and
 - c. Is not located within a residential building or other principal structure for which it provides heat.
 - (2) Excluded from this definition of a freestanding wood-burning furnace is any device which is designed or used to heat only the structure in which it is located.

(Ord. No. 16-MY-01-LU, § 1, 6-12-2006)

Sec. 20-180. Prohibition; exception.

It shall be unlawful to install or operate a freestanding wood-burning furnace, or to cause or permit the installation or operation of a freestanding wood-burning furnace, within the township unless it is located in the Agricultural/Rural Residential Zoning District (A-R) or the Agricultural/Agri-Business Zoning District (A-B) pursuant to the township zoning ordinance, as amended.

(Ord. No. 16-MY-01-LU, § 2, 6-12-2006)

Sec. 20-181. Permits.

If a freestanding wood-burning furnace is allowed on a particular property pursuant to section 20-180, no freestanding wood-burning furnace shall be installed, replaced, or utilized unless a permit has been issued by the township to the owner of the property involved pursuant to one of the following:

- (1) A permit is issued by the township under the state construction code.
- (2) If the item is not covered by the state construction code, a permit is issued by the township building inspector where the building inspector finds that the following standards are met:
 - a. The freestanding wood-burning furnace itself, as well as the installation and location thereof, will be safe and will not pose an unreasonable risk to the residents of the property involved or residents of any adjoining or nearby properties.
 - b. The freestanding wood-burning furnace itself has been certified by a nationally recognized testing agency or the equivalent.
 - c. The freestanding wood-burning furnace, as well as its installation, location, and setup, will meet all specifications of the manufacturer thereof.

(Ord. No. 16-MY-01-LU, § 3, 6-12-2006)

Sec. 20-182. Additional requirements.

- (a) *Setbacks.* The freestanding wood-burning furnace itself shall be deemed to be a building and shall meet all applicable setback requirements of the township zoning ordinance, as amended.
- (b) *Installation, setup, and location.* The freestanding wood-burning furnace shall be installed, set up, and located so that smoke, fumes, and noise produced by or coming from the unit shall not become an annoyance to, endanger the safety of, or unreasonably interfere with the residential uses of the occupant of

any dwelling located on any property adjoining or near the property on which the freestanding wood-burning furnace is located.

(Ord. No. 16-MY-01-LU, § 4, 6-12-2006)

Sec. 20-183. Conflicts between this article and other ordinances or laws.

This article shall not be construed as an exemption or exception to any other township ordinance, including the state construction code, fire prevention codes, zoning ordinance or any other code or ordinance. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this article and any other ordinance or other provision of law, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

(Ord. No. 16-MY-01-LU, § 5, 6-12-2006)

Sec. 20-184. Existing uses.

This article shall not apply to any freestanding wood-burning furnace that was lawfully installed, connected and operating prior to the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived. However, this article shall not be deemed as specific authorization for the use of any preexisting freestanding wood-burning furnace and shall not be deemed to bar, limit, or otherwise affect the rights of any person to take private legal action regarding damages or any nuisance caused by the use of a freestanding wood-burning furnace.

(Ord. No. 16-MY-01-LU, § 6, 6-12-2006)

Sec. 20-185. Nuisance declared.

Any freestanding wood-burning furnace installed or operated in violation of this article is hereby declared to be a nuisance per se.

(Ord. No. 16-MY-01-LU, § 7, 6-12-2006)

Sec. 20-186. Violation a municipal civil infraction.

Any person violating this article is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, punishable as provided in section 1-11.

(Ord. No. 16-MY-01-LU, § 8, 6-12-2006)

Secs. 20-187—20-210. Reserved.

ARTICLE VIII. FIRE LANES

Sec. 20-211. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Fire lane means any means of access, public or private, improved or unimproved, that is essential or designated for use by emergency vehicles by a municipal law enforcement agency or by the fire department.

(Ord. No. 01-AUGB-FL, § A, 8-13-2001)

Sec. 20-212. Designation.

Designation of fire lanes shall be made by the posting of signs which read "Fire Lane No Parking Tow Away Zone" or "No Parking Authorized Vehicles Only." The type of enforcement in designated fire lanes shall be determined by the county sheriff's department, office of traffic and safety and fire departments having jurisdiction within the township. All signs shall be posted and maintained by the property owner.

(Ord. No. 01-AUGB-FL, § B, 8-13-2001)

Sec. 20-213. Signage—Area, size and display.

Required signs shall not be less than 100 square inches in area. All lettering of signs shall be red letters placed on a white background. The words "FIRE LANE" or "NO PARKING" shall not be less than two inches in height per letter.

(Ord. No. 01-AUGB-FL, § C, 8-13-2001)

Sec. 20-214. Same—Location.

Signs shall be placed at both ends of the fire lane and at intervals along said fire lane not to exceed 100 feet. Sign height is not to be less than four feet and not more than six feet.

(Ord. No. 01-AUGB-FL, § D, 8-13-2001)

Sec. 20-215. Parking of nonemergency vehicles.

Parking of all nonemergency vehicles is prohibited in all designated fire lanes.

(Ord. No. 01-AUGB-FL, § E, 8-13-2001)

Sec. 20-216. Enforcement.

The fire chief or his designated agents as authorized by the **Gaines Charter Township** Fire Authority Committees of the township or the officers of the county sheriff's department or any duly authorized law enforcement officer may cause complaint to be made for the violation of the provisions of this article.

(Ord. No. 01-AUGB-FL, § F, 8-13-2001)

Sec. 20-217. Violations and penalties.

- (a) Any person who violates, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or resists enforcement of the provisions of this article, or any amendment thereof, shall be in violation of a civil infraction and shall be fined not more than \$100.00.
- (b) The means of complaint shall be made by:
 - (1) Placing a parking violation citation on said vehicle which shall plainly state the nature of the violation;
or

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- (2) In areas so designated "FIRE LANE NO PARKING TOW AWAY ZONE," placing a parking violation citation on said vehicle which shall plainly state the nature of the violation and by removing or causing to be removed said vehicle to a place of vehicle impoundment.
- (c) Whenever a parking violation citation is placed on a vehicle, a copy of such citation shall be transmitted to the 63rd District Court traffic bureau where a file record shall be made and kept of said violation.
- (d) The owner or operator of any vehicle upon which a parking violation citation has been placed and which has been removed to a place of impoundment may have said vehicle released by paying all charges which are due against said vehicle by reason of impoundment to the towing agent or agency of the township. Any lienholder may claim an impounded vehicle by entering into an indemnity agreement with the township from any and all liability the township may incur at the hand of the registered owner for releasing said vehicle to said lienholder, and upon paying all charges due against said vehicle.
- (e) Whenever any person authorized by this article to enforce this article shall determine that a vehicle parking in violation of this article shall be cited with a parking violation citation and removed to a place of vehicle impoundment, as provided, it shall thereafter be unlawful for any person to drive or otherwise remove said vehicle from the scene of the violation in disobedience of a direct verbal order given by such authorized person that the vehicle is not to be removed.

(Ord. No. 01-AUGB-FL, § G, 8-13-2001)

Sec. 20-218. Presumption of ownership.

In all cases of parking violations, either the registered owner or the operator of such vehicle may be proceeded against by complaint and warrant in the 63rd District Court which shall be in addition to the right of impounding heretofore given, and, in any such proceeding, proof by verifying ownership of the vehicle with the secretary of state that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time of the parking violation the registered owner of the vehicle shall be accepted by the court as establishing probable cause for the issuance of a warrant for an arrest of the registered owner, and creates in evidence a presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle was the person who parked the vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which, the violation occurred.

(Ord. No. 01-AUGB-FL, § H, 8-13-2001)



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MEMO

Staff Communication

DATE: January 28, 2026
TO: Gaines Charter Township Board of Trustees
FROM: Rod Weersing, Township Manager
RE: Chapter 32; Section 32-23-Waste Haulers; Licenses and Section 32-24 Insurance requirements for Waste Haulers-2nd Read

SUMMARY:

As discussed at our January 12th meeting, the Gaines Charter Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 32-Solid Wastes; Section 32-23 Waste Haulers; Licenses; and Section 32-24 Insurance requirements for Waste Haulers, requirements duplicate the requirements of Kent County's Solid Waste Management Ordinance, Article 5.

The requirements of Section 32-23 Waste Haulers, Licenses and Section 32-24 Insurance requirements for Waste Haulers, are not currently enforced by the Township because of this duplication factor.

Should the Board determine Sections 32-23 and 32-24 be rescinded, all remaining sections of Chapter 32-Solid Wastes remain enforceable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board adopts the resolution rescinding Sections 32-23 and 32-24, of Chapter 32-Solid Wastes, of the Township Ordinance.



GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP

**A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND SECTIONS 32-23 – WASTE HAULERS; LICENSES
AND 32-24 – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE HAULERS- (CHAPTER
32-SOLID WASTE) FROM THE GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE OF
ORDINANCES**

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-_____

WHEREAS, the Gaines Charter Township Board (“Township Board”) has previously adopted Chapter 32-Solid Waste, Section 32-23 – Waste Haulers; licenses; and Section 32-24 Insurance requirements for Waste Haulers; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the license and insurance requirements put forth in Sections 32-23 and 32-24 are a duplication of requirements of the County of Kent’s Waste Hauler Ordinance, Article 5.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the adoption of this resolution, Sections 32-33 Waste Haulers; License, and Section 32-24 Insurance requirements for Waste Haulers, of the Gaines Charter Township Code of Ordinances, are fully rescinded.

Motion by Township Board Member _____, supported by Township Board Member _____, that this Resolution be adopted, the vote being as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

(Date)

Michael A. Brew

Township Clerk

Chapter 32 SOLID WASTE¹

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Secs. 32-1—32-18. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Sec. 32-19. Finding of necessity.

It is hereby determined necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of all persons and property within the township to provide by ordinance for the collection of combustible waste and solid waste within the township, and also to provide that the township may grant licenses for the same to such waste haulers and vehicles of waste haulers as the township deems best so as to most efficiently and properly serve the township and its residents.

(Ord. No. D-2-89, § 1, 12-11-1989)

Sec. 32-20. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Approved incinerator and approved garbage grinder means incinerators and garbage grinders, respectively, which conform with all township ordinance requirements, are used exclusively to dispose of solid waste generated by the occupant of the site of generation on which they are located and are consistent with the solid waste management plan.

Approved sanitary landfill means a landfill which meets the solid waste management plan, as amended, and which has been licensed by or approved by the state and the county in which it is located.

Ashes means the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke, refuse, waste water sludge or other combustible materials.

Board of public works means the county board of public works established pursuant to the provisions of Public Act No. 185 of 1957 (MCL 123.731 et seq.).

Combustible waste means solid waste that is combustible in the mass-burn energy generating incinerator (MBI) as shall be determined solely by the board of public works.

¹State law reference(s)—Garbage disposal act, MCL 123.361 et seq.; solid waste facilities, MCL 324.4301 et seq.; hazardous waste management act, MCL 324.11101 et seq.; hazardous materials transportation act, MCL 29.417 et seq.; solid waste management act, MCL 324.11501 et seq.; waste reduction assistance act, MCL 324.14501 et seq.; clean Michigan fund act, MCL 324.19101 et seq.; low-level radioactive waste authority act, MCL 333.26201 et seq.

(1) The term "combustible waste" shall include:

- a. Garbage;
- b. Combustible rubbish, such as paper, cardboard, cartons, wood, boxes, rags, cloth, bedding, leather, yard rubbish, carpeting and combustible construction and demolition debris; and
- c. Any other solid waste that is combustible in the MBI as shall be determined solely by the board of public works.

(2) The term "combustible waste" shall exclude:

- a. Noncombustible solid waste, such as ashes, noncombustible rubbish, incinerator ash, incinerator residue, municipal and industrial sludges, animal waste, pathological and biological waste, asbestos and asbestos waste products, explosives, radioactive materials, appliances, concrete rubble, noncombustible construction and demolition debris, rock, gravel and earthen materials, automobiles, trailers, equipment, wire and cable;
- b. All waste other than solid waste (such as hazardous waste, site-separated materials and source-separated materials); and
- c. Any other waste that is predominantly noncombustible in the MBI as shall be determined solely by the board of public works.

Commercial operation date means the date when the MBI has been completed and tested and is, in the sole opinion of the county, ready for full commercial operation.

County means the County of Kent, Michigan, acting by and through its board of commissioners or its department of public works.

Director means the township supervisor.

Disposal site means any of the following:

- (1) A solid waste transfer facility;
- (2) A single incinerator having an average daily design capacity exceeding 50 tons of solid waste per day or two or more incinerators located at one site under the control of one person and having an aggregate average daily design capacity exceeding 150 tons of solid waste per day;
- (3) A sanitary landfill;
- (4) A solid waste processing plant; or
- (5) Any other solid waste handling or disposal facility utilized in the disposal of solid waste.

Garbage means rejected food wastes, including waste accumulation of animal, fruit, or vegetable matter, used or intended for food or that attends the preparation, use, cooking, dealing in, or storing of meat, fish, fowl, fruit or vegetables.

Hazardous waste means hazardous waste as defined in part 111 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994 (MCL 324.11101 et seq.), and as identified in administrative rules promulgated from time to time pursuant to said act by the director of the state department of environmental quality.

MBI means the mass-burn energy generating incinerator constructed by or on behalf of, or available by contract or lease with, the county within the City of Grand Rapids in accordance with the solid waste management plan.

Premises means any area used for residential, commercial or industrial purposes, separately or in combination, to which a separate street address, postal address or box, tax roll description, or other similar identification has been assigned to or is in use by a person having control of the area.

Rubbish means nonputrescible solid waste, excluding ashes, consisting of combustible and noncombustible waste, including paper, cardboard, metal containers, yard rubbish, wood, glass, bedding, crockery, demolished building materials, or litter of any kind that may be a detriment to the public health and safety.

Site of generation means any premises in or on which solid waste is generated by any person.

Site-separated materials means recyclable materials, including, but not limited to, bottles, cans, newspapers, corrugated containers, metals and yard rubbish, that are separated from solid waste after collection from a site of generation by a waste hauler or the operators of a disposal site to which it is delivered.

Solid waste shall be defined as in section 11506 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994 (MCL 324.11506).

Solid waste management plan means the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan approved by the county board of commissioners and by the director of the state department of environmental quality, pursuant to the requirements and provisions of part 115 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994 (MCL 324.11501 et seq.).

Solid waste transporting unit means any truck, apparatus or vehicle used to carry or transport solid waste.

Source-separated materials means recyclable materials (including, but not limited to, bottles, cans, newspapers, corrugated containers, metals, and yard rubbish) that are separated from solid waste prior to the collection of solid waste from a site of generation.

Tipping fee means the fee established by the board of public works to be charged upon delivery of combustible waste to the MBI.

Waste hauler means any person engaged, in whole or in part, in the business of collecting, transporting, delivering or disposing of solid waste within the township.

(Ord. No. D-2-89, § 2, 12-11-1989)

Sec. 32-21. Accumulation and storage of solid waste.

The occupant (or if no occupant, the owner) of any premises within the township in or upon which any garbage shall be accumulated which is not disposed of on site by an approved incinerator or approved garbage grinder shall maintain on said premises one or more approved garbage containers, each having a capacity of not less than five gallons, and the number of containers kept on each premises shall be sufficient to conveniently store the normal accumulation of garbage on said premises for a period of not less than five days. Each container shall be kept tightly covered with an impervious cover except when opened for deposit or removal of garbage. Garbage containers shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. Garbage containers shall be stored at a place which is reasonably inconspicuous, but shall be accessible to the waste hauler. No garbage, rubbish, solid waste, or garbage containers shall be placed or kept outside of a building within 50 feet of a private or public road or street longer than 24 hours prior to or after pickup by a waste hauler. Any solid waste other than garbage stored outside of a dwelling or building on any premises shall be placed in containers of not less than one bushel capacity, which containers shall be stored in a place which is reasonably inconspicuous, but shall be accessible to the waste hauler. No such solid waste may be stored or accumulated which is contaminated by any garbage, as herein defined, unless stored as garbage. Containers for solid waste other than garbage may be of wood or metal, or if a rigid container is not desired, large burlap, canvas, plastic or similar cloth bags may be used.

(Ord. No. D-2-89, § 3, 12-11-1989)

Sec. 32-22. Disposal of solid waste.

Solid waste shall be disposed of only to or by licensed waste haulers. Notwithstanding this provision, however:

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- (1) Any individual may dispose of solid waste from his own household in either of the following ways:
 - a. By an approved incinerator or approved garbage grinder; or
 - b. By personally transporting the same to an approved sanitary landfill but only in accordance with the rules and regulations pertaining thereto and the solid waste management plan. No person transporting any solid waste in accordance with this section shall fail to securely cover and secure the load so that no part of said load shall be lost while being transported.
 - (2) Any building contractor may transport nonhazardous used or scrap building materials including, but not limited to, wood, brick, rock, metal, piping and concrete if these materials are to be used on another construction site. These materials shall not be buried within the township and they must be used at any construction site to which they are moved within the township within one year after they are moved.

(Ord. No. D-2-89, § 4, 12-11-1989)

Sec. 32-25. Delivery of combustible waste.

Waste haulers shall either deliver to the MBI all combustible waste collected or transported from a site of generation within the township and pay the tipping fee for delivery of such waste at the MBI (unless otherwise provided by contract between the township and the waste hauler), or deliver to an approved sanitary landfill or approved disposal site all combustible waste collected or transported from a site of generation within the township. Waste haulers shall not deliver hazardous waste, or any solid waste that is not combustible waste, to the MBI, or to any approved sanitary landfill or approved disposal site which does not accept hazardous waste or solid waste that is not combustible waste.

(Ord. No. D-2-89, § 7, 12-11-1989)

Sec. 32-26. Operation of vehicles.

- (a) A solid waste transporting unit or any vehicle used to carry or transport solid waste shall have all openings closed and all doors or covers secured by an adequate latch or restraining mechanism to keep them closed while transporting solid waste. It shall be the responsibility of the driver and licensee to ensure that the available cover is in the proper position. Special covering shall be used where conditions require control of odor, vermin, liquids, dust or smoke.
- (b) The solid waste portion of any vehicle shall not be filled beyond its capacity.
- (c) Where spillage does occur from any solid waste transporting units, the material shall be picked up as soon as possible and the area of spillage shall be properly cleaned.
- (d) Where solid waste is purposely dumped from a licensed solid waste transporting unit due to a hot load or fire, the fire shall be immediately extinguished by the most effective means and the area properly cleaned as soon as reasonably possible.
- (e) A solid waste transporting vehicle shall be cleaned at intervals frequent enough to maintain it in a sanitary condition and as free from disagreeable odor as possible to prevent a nuisance or vermin attraction.
- (f) When making pickups, a solid waste transporting unit shall not be parked in a residential zone longer than necessary to collect solid waste. A solid waste transporting unit shall not be parked, stored, or established at any station so as to cause a nuisance or hazard to health.

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- (g) Any vehicle issued a permit by the township shall have the name of the duly licensed waste hauler and the number of the vehicle plainly marked upon both sides of the vehicle in a place and color plainly visible, in letters and figures at least three inches tall.
- (h) Any vehicle for which a license is issued to collect or transport solid waste shall meet the requirements of either subsection (h)(1) or (2) of this section:
- (1) *Compaction units.*
- a. The weight carrying portion of the vehicle shall be equipped with a unit for compacting, and shall be totally and permanently enclosed and of welded steel construction. Articulated units need not provide compacting devices in those instances where the portion of the vehicle designed to hold or contain solid waste is an independent transportable unit designed to be replaced rather than emptied at the premises.
 - b. Such vehicles shall be of tightfitting construction and shall have tightfitting doors and be of a design to form a totally enclosed body or unit.
 - c. Such vehicles shall be so equipped that all loading and unloading openings on the body have tightfitting doors or covers fitted with latches or clamps and rubber or other suitable gaskets to form a spillproof, leakproof and dustproof enclosed body or unit.
- (2) *Open body vehicles.*
- a. The solid waste carrying portion of all open body vehicles shall be of steel construction to a minimum height of two feet.
 - b. The vehicle shall be provided with a suitable cover, and the licensee shall be required to have the contents covered at all times so as not to permit the escape of any of the contents during both collection and transportation.
 - c. Built-up walls of open body vehicles shall be free of any gaps or spaces, and shall be of steel construction to a minimum height of two feet.

(Ord. No. D-2-89, § 8, 12-11-1989)

Sec. 32-27. Compliance with laws, rules and regulations.

In the collection, transportation, delivery, and disposal of solid waste and combustible waste, waste haulers shall comply with this article and the solid waste management plan and all applicable federal and state laws, statutes, rules and regulations (including, but not limited to, as the same may be amended from time to time, part 115 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994 (MCL 324.11501 et seq.) and administrative rules promulgated pursuant to such Act), as the same may be amended from time to time. Waste haulers shall also comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by the board of public works for the administration and operation of the MBI and other disposal sites of the county refuse disposal system.

(Ord. No. D-2-89, § 9, 12-11-1989)

Sec. 32-28. Littering and accumulation.

No person shall throw, dump, bury or deposit any solid or hazardous waste upon or into any street, alley or other property, public or private. It shall be the duty of every occupant of property and the owner of unoccupied property, at all times, to maintain the property in a clean and orderly condition, permitting no deposit or accumulation of solid or hazardous waste upon such premises unless stored or accumulated as permitted by this

article. No person shall throw, dump, bury or deposit any yard rubbish or vegetative matter upon or into any public or private street or alley, or property other than their own.

(Ord. No. D-2-89, § 10, 12-11-1989)

State law reference(s)—Littering, MCL 324.8901 et seq.

Sec. 32-29. Termination of license.

The township board may terminate any license granted to any waste hauler or any license granted to any vehicle of the waste hauler found to be in violation of any provision of this article; provided, however, that in such case the township board shall:

- (1) Furnish the waste hauler a written statement of its reasons for termination, at least 15 days prior to the hearing provided herein;
- (2) Grant such waste hauler a full hearing before the township board; and
- (3) Furnish the waste hauler with a written statement of findings within 30 days after any hearing, and if such statement is one of termination, shall indicate the effective date thereof.

(Ord. No. D-2-89, § 11, 12-11-1989)

Sec. 32-30. Enforcement.

If at any time following the issuance of a license hereunder, nonlicensed waste haulers operate in the township, the township shall take such action as it deems proper to abate the same, but the grant by the township of any license hereunder shall in no way obligate the township to any licensed waste hauler or any person for any damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of unlicensed hauling.

(Ord. No. D-2-89, § 12, 12-11-1989)

Sec. 32-31. Violation a municipal civil infraction.

Any person violating this article is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, punishable as provided in section 1-11.

(Ord. No. D-2-89, § 13, 12-11-1989)



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MEMO
Staff Communication

DATE: February 2, 2026

TO: Gaines Charter Township Board of Trustees

FROM: Rod Weersing, Township Manager

RE: Resolution 98—MA-01-PRK , Parks and Recreation Committee

SUMMARY:

The “Parks and Recreation” committee was formally established in 1998 by the adoption of Resolution 98-MAR-01_PRK. The scope and responsibilities of the committee have expanded well beyond those outlined in the resolution.

Additionally, the resolution sets the formal name of the committee (Park and Recreation Committee) which restricts any change in the name, requiring the adoption of a resolution by the Board to facilitate any change.

Given the Committee’s goals, functions and powers no longer conform to 98-MAR-01_PRK, and that the Committee is well established, and is hindered by the restrictions of this forming resolution, the Committee has requested that Resolution 98-MAR-01_PRK be abrogated.

Abrogating the resolution will allow the Committee to function without name changing, membership and other restrictions.

The Committee would continue to function as is, under the guidance of the Township Supervisor and Manager, seeking Board of Trustee input and approval as appropriate.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Resolution 98-MAR-01_PRK be abrogated.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH, AND PROVIDE RULES OF OPERATION FOR,
THE GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Community Opinion Survey conducted in the Fall of 1995 by the Gaines Charter Township Planning Commission indicated strong support for the creation, improvement, or expansion of parks, recreation areas or scenic and wildlife preserves; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Trustees and Planning Commission of Gaines Charter Township recognizes that the planning for and provision of parks and recreational opportunities promotes the health and welfare of Township citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Trustees of Gaines Charter Township intends to create an advisory body made up of an appropriate mix of Township residents and officials to study and make recommendations to the Township Board of Trustees for planning, improving and carrying out recreational facilities and programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Gaines, hereby establishes a committee to carry out such functions, and provides the rules of procedure for such a committee as follows:

1. **Creation/Name.** There is hereby established the Gaines Charter Township Parks and Recreation Committee (the "Committee").

2. **Membership.**

(a) The Committee shall consist of five (5) members. One (1) member shall also be a member of the Township Board, one (1) member shall be a member of the Planning Commission, and the remaining members shall be residents of the Township. Appointees shall be chosen by a selection committee consisting of the Township Supervisor, the Chairperson of the Planning Commission (or the Committee Chair), and a Township Board member. Preferred appointees will be those Township residents with an interest in parks, open space preservation and/or recreational activities. All members must be confirmed by the Township Board. The Township Supervisor shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Committee. Staffing will be provided by the Township Planning and Zoning Department.

(b) Members shall be appointed for three (3) year terms, except that the terms of the initial appointments shall be made as follows: the Township Board member and one (1) resident member shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, the Planning Commission member and one (1) resident member shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, and the third resident

member shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Members may be re-appointed by Township Board action without going through the selection committee.

- (c) If there is a vacancy on the Committee, interim appointments to complete the unexpired term shall be made in the same manner as provided in the original selection process for new members. Positions held by the Township Board and Planning Commission representatives shall become vacant if such persons are no longer members of the Township Board or Planning Commission, respectively.
- (d) Committee members shall receive compensation for their services in accordance with current Township compensation policy and may be entitled to reimbursement for expenses with approval of the Township Board.

3. Officers.

- (a) At its first meeting, the Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-chairperson from its members. It may thereafter create and fill other offices or committees as it considers advisable. The term of each officer shall be one (1) year. If an officer becomes unable or unwilling to occupy the office, the Committee shall elect another member of the Committee to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of such office.
- (b) The Chairperson shall preside over the meetings of the Committee.
- (c) The Vice-chairperson shall preside over the meetings of the Committee in the Chairperson's absence.
- (d) Planning staff shall give notice of meetings to members and the public, and shall keep and maintain records of the proceedings of the Committee.
- (e) The business which the Committee may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended. Public notice of the time, date and place of a regular or special meeting shall be given in the manner required by said act. The committee shall meet as often as necessary to conduct its business, and shall meet upon call by the Chairperson, a majority of the members of the Committee, or the Township Supervisor. The Committee shall keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations. It shall make a written report to the Township Board concerning its operation and the status of its activities and recommendations for action by the Township Board related to the functions and purposes of the Committee, on an annual basis, or as requested by the Township Board. A writing

prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the Committee in the performance of its functions shall be made available to the public in compliance with Act 442 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

4. Functions and Powers. The Committee shall be advisory in nature. The functions of the Committee are as follows:

- (a) To undertake research and investigation concerning the acquisition or improvement of recreational facilities, and the operation of recreational programs.
- (b) To make recommendations to the Township Board and to represent the recreational interests of the Township in other public forums pertaining to such matters.
- (c) To prepare plans for the future development and operation of parks, recreational facilities and recreational activities.
- (d) To research, prepare for, and advise the Township Board concerning the availability of grants, gifts, endowments or other funding or acquisition sources for parks and recreational facilities or programs within the Township.
- (e) To perform other advisory functions as directed or approved by the Township Board from time to time.

5. Funding for Activities. In carrying out its functions, the Committee may periodically, or annually if necessary, request funding for consultants, administrative costs, program management costs, preparation of opinion surveys, investigation of sites, attendance at seminars, subscription to appropriate periodicals and other literature, and similar matters to assist the Committee. If requested by the Township Board, the Committee shall prepare and submit a projection of expenditures for its activities. Expenditures may be made, and obligations incurred, only by the Township Board or other authorized Township official; no member of the Committee, acting as such, shall be authorized to make any expenditure or incur any obligation on behalf of the Township.

6. Volunteers. The Committee shall, when appropriate, encourage the participation of volunteers in order to obtain and disseminate information, to assist with recreational activities, and to assist in performing any other activities of the Committee.

7. Indemnifications. The Township shall indemnify any member of the Committee, or volunteer assisting with activities of the Committee, who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or

proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a member of the Committee or officer of the Committee, against expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Committee and the Township. The Township shall provide insurance for members of the Committee against liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her while acting in the capacity as a member of the Committee or arising out of his or her status as such.

8. Conflict. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Burkane, supported by Board Member Wilton, the vote being as follows:

AYES: Wilton, Osterink, Pieters, Naagema, Fryling, VanLaan, Ben

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Crystal Osterink
Crystal Osterink, Clerk
Charter Township of Gaines

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Gaines, at a regular meeting held on 3-9, 1998. I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Crystal Osterink
Crystal Osterink, Clerk
Charter Township of Gaines



RESOLUTION TO ABROGATE RESOLUTION 98-MAR-01-PRK

RESOLUTION NO: 2026_____

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Gaines Charter Township, held in the Township Hall in said Township, 8555 Kalamazoo Avenue, SE, Caledonia, MI 49316, on February 9, 2026 there were:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, Resolution 98_MAR-01_PRK established to the Parks & Recreation Committee. The Committee was established to aide in the creation, improvement, and/or expansion of parks, recreation areas, or scenic and wildlife preserves.

WHEREAS, the scope and responsibilities of the committee have expanded to include many initiatives not contained in the resolution, making the current name ("Parks & Recreation Committee") inaccurate or insufficient; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Gaines Charter Township to adopt a name that accurately reflects the committee's current duties and broader focus; and

WHEREAS, additionally Resolution 98-MAR-01-RK, highly restricts committee membership requirements, terms, and the Committee's functions and powers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution 98-MAR-01-PRK is hereby abrogated, lifting all restrictions contained in said resolution, including the restrictions on name change, membership, and functions and powers.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Resolution Declared Adopted on this ____ day of February 2026.

I, Michael A, Brew, Clerk of Gaines Charter Township, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by Gaines Charter Township at a meeting held February 9, 2026.

Clerk

Michael A. Brew, Township

Date



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MEMO

Staff Communication

DATE: February 2, 2025
TO: Gaines Charter Township Board of Trustees
FROM: Rod Weersing, Township Manager
RE: Chargeable False Alarm Fees

SUMMARY:

As we see cost increases in many aspects of the services provided by the Township, the Fire Chief and I have discussed increasing the fees for false alarms to recoup more of the costs related to these situations. The changes that are proposed put the Township more in line with the neighboring communities.

The increases that are being suggested still allow for up to three false alarms with no related fee. The fee for those that fall into the 4 to 6 alarm bucket would increase from \$100 to \$200 per offense. The fee for the next bucket of 7 to 9 alarms would increase from \$200 to \$400 per offense. Lastly, the fee for the final bucket of 10 or more false alarms would increase from \$275 to \$600 per offense.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the resolution for chargeable false alarms be adopted.



GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION SETTING FEES FOR CHARGEABLE FALSE ALARMS
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Gaines, Kent County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall in said Township on the 9th day of February 2026, at 7:00 PM local time, there were:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by member _____ and supported by member _____.

WHEREAS, Sections 16-21 in Article II of the Gaines Charter Township Code of Ordinances establishes the definition of Alarms, Alarm Instructions and Fees, and Chargeable False Alarms; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Township Board adopted Resolution No. 2017-14, setting a Schedule of Fees for Chargeable False Alarms payable to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board acknowledges since that time there has been a consistent escalation in operating expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Schedule of Fees, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted. This schedule shall remain in effect until amended or replaced.
2. Terms used in this Resolution shall have the meanings defined in the Code of Ordinances.
3. All resolutions, or part of resolutions, in conflict herewith shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

[illegible]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my official signature this 9th day of February 2026.

Schedule of Fees for Chargeable False Alarms payable to the Township as established by Resolution No. 2026-____, dated February 9, 2026. This schedule shall stay in place until amended or replaced.

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1 THROUGH 3 FALSE ALARMS	NO CHARGE
4 THROUGH 6 FALSE ALARMS	\$200.00 PER CALL
7 THROUGH 9 FALSE ALARMS	\$400.00 PER CALL
10 OR MORE FALSE ALARMS	\$600.00 PER CALL

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GAINES
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-14

Resolution Setting Fees for Chargeable False Alarms

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Gaines, Kent County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall in said Township on the 14th day of August, 2017, at 7:00 pm Local Time.

PRESENT: DeWard Lemke Osterink VanderStel Burnside Fryling

ABSENT: Haagsma

The following resolution was offered by Member Burnside and supported by Member VanderStel

WHEREAS, Sections 16-21 in Article II of the Gaines Charter Township Code of Ordinances establishes the definition of Alarms, Alarm Instruction and Fees, and Chargeable False Alarms and

WHEREAS, the Township deems it advisable to adopt by resolution a Schedule of Fees for Chargeable False Alarms payable to the Township,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Schedule of Fees, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted. This schedule shall remain in effect until amended or replaced.
2. Terms used in this Resolution shall have the meanings defined in the Code of Ordinances.
3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded.

AYES: DeWard Lemke Osterink VanderStel Burnside Fryling

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Crystal Osterink
Crystal Osterink, Clerk
Charter Township of Gaines

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

I, Crystal Osterink, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Gaines, Kent County, Michigan (the "Township") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township at a regular meeting thereof held on August 14, 2017, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by publication or posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my official signature this 14th day of August, 2017.

EXHIBIT A

Schedule of Fees for Chargeable False Alarms payable to the Township as established by Resolution No. 2017-14 dated August 14th, 2017. This schedule shall stay in place until amended or replaced.

NUMBER OF FALSE ALARMS (per calendar year)	ESTABLISHED FEE
1 through 3 false alarms	No Charge
4 through 6 false alarms	\$100.00 per call
7 through 9 false alarms	\$200.00 per call
10 or more false alarms	\$275.00 per call

EXHIBIT A

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GAINES

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH WATER SUPPLY AND
SEWER RATES AND CHARGES**

RESOLUTION NO. _____ WATER AND SEWER RATES

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Gaines,
Kent County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall in said Township on the _____ day of ____
_____, 2026, at _____ p.m. Local Time.

PRESENT: Members: _____

ABSENT: Members: _____

The following resolution was offered by Member _____ and supported by
Member _____:

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Ordinance provides that the amounts of the various
Water Supply Rates and Charges and Sewer Rates and Charges, shall be established by a Schedule
of Rates and Charges, adopted by resolution of the Township Board from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Township deems it advisable to adopt by resolution the Schedule of Rates
and Charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Schedule of Rates and Charges, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby
adopted. This schedule shall remain in effect until amended or replaced.

2. Terms used in this Resolution shall have the meanings defined in the Water and
Sewer Ordinance.

3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are
hereby rescinded.

AYES: Members: _____

NAYS: Members: _____

ABSTAIN: Members: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Michael Brew, Clerk
Charter Township of Gaines

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

I, Michael Brew, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Gaines, Kent County, Michigan (the “Township”) do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township at a regular meeting thereof held on _____, 2026, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by publication or posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my official signature this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Michael Brew, Clerk
Charter Township of Gaines

EXHIBIT A
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GAINES
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN
SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

EFFECTIVE _____, 2026, UNTIL AMENDED OR REPLACED

I. WATER SUPPLY RATES AND CHARGES

A. Inspection Fee (Section 1601)

- Minimum fee (connection and disconnection) for Residential Customer: \$100 per inspection. Additional fees based on actual costs incurred for missed inspection appointments, repeat inspections and complicated inspections requiring more than one (1) hour shall be charged as a Miscellaneous Customer Fee.
- Minimum fee (connection and disconnection) for Commercial or Industrial Customer: \$200 per inspection. Additional fees based on actual costs incurred for missed inspection appointments, repeat inspections and complicated inspections requiring more than two (2) hours shall be charged as a Miscellaneous Customer Fee.

B. Water Availability Fee (Section 1602(a))

Commercial/Residential Customers

- For Premises with a frontage of 120 feet or less, or combined frontage of 300 feet or less for a Corner Lot: \$7,160 for an application filed in calendar year 2026, subject to the annual adjustment set forth in M, below, for each calendar year thereafter; plus
- For frontage in excess of 120 feet, or 300 feet for a Corner Lot: \$71.60 per foot for an application filed in calendar year 2026, subject to the annual adjustment set forth in M, below, for each calendar year thereafter.

Commercial Customers needing an Unmetered Fire Protection Service and Industrial Customers

- For Premises with a frontage of 120 feet or less, or combined frontage of 300 feet or less for a Corner Lot: \$8,040 for an application filed in calendar year 2026, subject to an annual adjustment set forth in M, below, for each calendar year thereafter; plus
- For frontage in excess of 120 feet, or 300 feet for a Corner Lot: \$80.40 per foot for an application filed in calendar year 2026, subject to the annual adjustment set forth in M, below, for each calendar year thereafter.

C. Water Trunkage Fee (Section 1602(b))

\$805 per Trunkage Unit for applications filed in calendar year 2026, subject to the annual adjustment set forth in M, below, for each calendar year thereafter.

D. Water Service Fee (Section 1602(c))

\$1,655 for a 1 inch diameter Water Service, \$2,195 for a 1 1/2 inch diameter Water Service, and \$2,840 for a 2 inch diameter Water Service for an application filed in calendar year 2026, subject to the annual adjustment set forth in M, below, for each calendar year thereafter. The Water Service Fee for a Water Service with a diameter larger than 2 inches shall be determined on the basis of actual cost.

E. Water Meter Fee (Section 1602(d))

<u>Size</u>	<u>Fee</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	\$700 w/ bar - \$820 w/ horn
1"	\$820
1-1/2"	\$1,760
2"	\$2,015
Over 2"	Applicant pays actual cost of Meter and installation

F. Water Readiness to Serve Fee (Section 1603)

5/8" or 3/4" Meter	\$22.99 per quarter
1" Meter	\$22.99 per quarter
1-1/2" Meter	\$77.26 per quarter
2" Meter	\$135.86 per quarter
3" Meter	\$306.36 per quarter
4" Meter	\$546.12 per quarter
6" Meter	\$1,228.10 per quarter
8" Meter	\$2,181.82 per quarter
10" Meter	\$3,409.92 per quarter
12" Meter	\$4,915.08 per quarter

G. Water Use Fee (Section 1604)

\$3.65 per 1,000 gallons

H. Unmetered Fire Protection Fee (Section 1605)

<u>Size</u>	<u>Fee</u>
4" service or smaller	\$25 per quarter
6" service	\$55 per quarter
8" service	\$95 per quarter
10" service	\$150 per quarter
12" service	\$220 per quarter
16" service	\$390 per quarter

I. Water Meter Bypass Violation Fee (Section 1606)

The Water Meter Bypass Violation Fee shall be charged at the rate of \$7.74 per 1,000 gallons for Public Water used during the period of the bypass and shall be based upon 100% of the historical water usage before and after the Water Meter bypass violation.

J. Fee for Use of Fire Hydrants by Private Parties (Section 1305)

- Fee for one day use only: \$100
- Fee for use for more than one day: Administrative Fee of \$50 plus Water Use Fee for actual volume of water used, with an aggregate minimum of \$100.
- Seasonal Use Fee: Administrative Fee of \$50 plus Water Use Fee for actual volume of water used, with an aggregate minimum of \$200.

K. Miscellaneous Customer Fee (Section 1607)

See Section III.A., below.

L. Public Fire Hydrant Rental (Section 1608)

\$10.00 per year per hydrant

M. Annual Adjustment to Water Availability Fee, Water Trunkage Fee and the Water Service Fee.

The Water Availability Fee, the Water Trunkage Fee and the Water Service Fee shall be as presented in Section I. Water Supply Rates and Charges and increase every January 1st an amount equal to 3% of the Water Availability Fee, Water Trunkage Fee or Water Service Fee, as the case may be, applicable in the preceding calendar year, rounded up to the nearest one dollar.

Note: '3% is intended to approximate the 15-year annual average increase in the construction cost index maintained by the engineering news records (www.enr.com).

II. SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

A. Inspection Fee (Section 1609)

- Minimum fee (connection or disconnection) Residential Customer: \$100 per inspection. Additional fees based on actual costs incurred for missed inspection appointments, repeat inspections and complicated inspections requiring more than one (1) hour shall be charged as a Miscellaneous Customer Fee.
- Minimum fee (connection and disconnection) for Commercial or Industrial Customer: \$200 per inspection. Additional fees based on actual costs incurred for missed inspection appointments, repeat inspections and complicated inspections requiring more than two (2) hours shall be charged as a Miscellaneous Customer Fee.

B. Sewer Availability Fee (Section 1610(a))

Commercial/Residential Customers

- For Premises with a frontage of 120 feet or less, or combined frontage of 300 feet or less for a Corner Lot: \$11,570 for an application filed in calendar year 2026, subject to the annual adjustment set forth in L, below, for each calendar year thereafter; plus
- For frontage in excess of 120 feet, or 300 feet for a Corner Lot: \$115.70 per foot for an application filed in calendar year 2026, subject to the annual adjustment set forth in L, below, for each calendar year thereafter

Industrial Customers

- For Premises with a frontage of 120 feet or less, or combined frontage of 300 feet or less for a Corner Lot: \$12,440 for an application filed in calendar year 2026, subject to the annual adjustment set forth in L, below, for each calendar year thereafter; plus
- For frontage in excess of 120 feet, or 300 feet for a Corner Lot: \$124.40 per foot for an application filed in calendar year 2026, subject to the annual adjustment set forth in L, below, for each calendar year thereafter.

C. Sewer Trunkage Fee (Section 1610(b))

\$1,175 per Trunkage Unit for an application filed in calendar year 2026, subject to the annual adjustment set forth in L, below, for each calendar year thereafter.

D. Sewer Lateral Fee (Section 1610(c))

\$2,310 per Sewer Lateral 6 inches or less in diameter for an application filed in calendar year 2026, subject to the annual adjustment set forth in Section L, below, for each calendar year thereafter. The Sewer Lateral Fee for a Sewer Lateral with a diameter larger than 6 inches shall be determined on the basis of actual cost.

E. Sewage Meter Fee (Section 1610(e))

Applicant pays actual cost of Sewage Meter and installation.

F. Sewer Readiness to Serve Fee (Section 1611)

5/8" or 3/4" Meter	\$22.03 per quarter
1" Meter	\$22.03 per quarter
1-1/2" Meter	\$74.01 per quarter
2" Meter	\$130.15 per quarter
3" Meter	\$293.48 per quarter
4" Meter	\$523.16 per quarter
6" Meter	\$1,176.47 per quarter
8" Meter	\$2,090.09 per quarter

10" Meter	\$3,266.56 per quarter
12" Meter	\$4,708.44 per quarter

Consistent with Section 1611(d), the Sewer Readiness to Serve Fee for an Industrial Customer or a Commercial Customer not connected to the Water System and without a Well Water Meter shall be \$1.47/1,000 gallons of metered Sewage.

G. Sewer Use Fee (Section 1612)

The Sewer Use Fee shall be \$4.09 per 1,000 gallons of metered Public Water usage, as adjusted in the following manner:

- a. Public Water that does not enter the Sewer System, as metered by a Submeter in accordance with Section 1612(b), shall be subtracted from total metered Public Water usage.
- b. Separately metered Dwelling Units shall be billed at 74.6% of total metered Public Water usage, in accordance with Section 1612(c).
- c. The Sewer Use Fee for an Industrial or Commercial Customer with a sewage meter shall be based upon the actual metered flow of Sewage discharged to the Sewer System, in accordance with Section 1612(e).
- d. The Sewer Use Fee for a Residential Customer not connected to the Water System shall be based upon an assumed discharge to the Sewer System of 15,000 gallons of Sewage per quarter per Dwelling Unit, in accordance with Section 1612(f). The "flat rate" Sewer Use Fee shall be \$83.38 per quarter and includes a Sewer Readiness to Serve Fee equivalent to that charged for a residential customer with a 5/8" Meter.

H. Sewage Meter Bypass Violation Fee (Section 1613)

The Sewage Meter Bypass Violation Fee shall be charged at the rate of \$4.09 per 1,000 gallons for Sewage discharged during the period of the bypass and shall be based upon 100% of the historical Sewage usage before and after the Sewage Meter bypass violation. An Industrial Customer or a Commercial Customer not connected to the Water System and without a Well Water Meter that is subject to a Sewage Meter Bypass Violation Fee shall also pay a Sewer Readiness to Serve Fee upon the same volume of Sewage discharge that is subject to the Sewage Meter Bypass Violation Fee.

I. Customer Surcharge Fee (Section 1614)

The Customer Surcharge Fee is intended to be the amounts established and charged from time to time by the City and applicable to Township Customers in accordance with the applicable Interjurisdictional Pretreatment Agreement.

For Customers served by that portion of the Sewer System subject to the Interjurisdictional Pretreatment Agreement with the City of Wyoming, the Customer Surcharge Fee shall include the following:

PENALTIES AND SURCHARGES

Cyanide and Metals
Average Quarterly Flow, gpd

Concentration Level

	0-10,000	10,000-50,000	50,000-100,000	>100,000
	<u>Gals/Day*</u>	<u>Gals/Day*</u>	<u>Gals/Day*</u>	<u>Gals/Day*</u>
0-Limit (x)	No penalty	No penalty	No penalty	No penalty
>1(x) - 2(x)	\$ 50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$ 200.00
>2(x) - 3(x)	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$ 400.00
>3(x) - 4(x)	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$450.00	\$ 600.00***
>4(x)	\$200.00	\$500.00***	\$750.00***	1,000.00***

(x) Individual limits as listed.

	<u>Composite Limit (mg/L)</u>	<u>Grab Sample Limit (mg/L)</u>
Arsenic	1.8	2.7
Beryllium	0.005	0.0075
Cadmium	0.70	1.0
Chromium	2.50	3.70
Copper	2.00	3.00
Lead	1.80	2.70
Nickel	1.50	2.20
Silver	0.72	1.00
Zinc	6.00	9.00
Cyanide	0.80	1.20
Mercury	0.0005	0.0005
Phenol	0.10	0.15

*Based on average day for previous quarter

**Penalties shall be assessed on any sample exceeding the limits listed in this Section.

pH Penalty
Average Quarterly Flow, gpd

	0-10,000	10,000-50,000	50,000-100,000	>100,000
	<u>Gals/Day*</u>	<u>Gals/Day*</u>	<u>Gals/Day*</u>	<u>Gals/Day*</u>
pH	No penalty	No penalty	No penalty	No penalty
5.0 - 10.5	No penalty	No penalty	No penalty	No penalty
4.0 - 4.9	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$60.00
3.0 - 3.9	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$120.00	\$160.00
0 - 2.9	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$750.00***
>10.5 - 10.9	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$60.00
11.0 - 11.9	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$120.00	\$160.00
12.0 - above	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$750.00***

***Maximum penalty permitted by law.

SURCHARGE RATES

BOD	Rate/lb	Up to 300 mg/L \$0.00	> 300 mg/L \$0.011
SS	Rate/lb	Up to 400 mg/L \$0.00	> 440 mg/L \$0.115
Phosphorus	Rate/lb	Up to 20 mg/L \$0.00	> 20 mg/L \$0.65
Oil and Grease	Rate/lb	Up to 75 mg/L \$0.00	> 75 mg/L \$0.09
COD*	Rate/lb	Up to 700 mg/L \$0.00	> 700 mg/L \$0.04

*Alternative to BOD, surcharges will not be levied for both BOD and COD on any given sample

In the event the applicable Customer Surcharge Fee has been increased or decreased or discharge limits are revised, or additional Customer Surcharges are implemented by the City of Wyoming since the date of approval of this Schedule of Rates and Charges or the most recent amendment to the Schedule of Rates and Charges approved by the Township, the Customer Surcharge Fee, as increased, decreased or additionally implemented by the City of Wyoming shall be applicable within the Township as required by the Interjurisdictional Pretreatment Agreement.

J. Drainage Violation Fee (Section 1615)

The Drainage Violation Fee shall be equal to 300% of the average quarterly Sewer Use Fee charged to the Premises for the last four quarterly billing periods. The Drainage Violation Fee shall be billed periodically from the date of accrual and shall continue until unauthorized connections are disconnected in accordance with the Ordinance, unauthorized discharges are terminated or access is provided to a Premises to verify the absence of the same. The Drainage Violation Fee may be determined on a daily, weekly, monthly or quarterly basis, using as a basis of determination said average quarterly Sewer Use Fee.

K. Miscellaneous Customer Fee (Section 1616)

See Section III.A., below.

L. Annual Adjustment to Sewer Availability Fee, Sewer Trunkage Fee and the Sewer Lateral Fee

The Sewer Availability Fee, the Sewer Trunkage Fee and the Sewer Lateral Fee shall be as presented in Section II. Sewer Rates and Charges and increase every January an amount equal to 3% of the Sewer Availability Fee, Sewer Trunkage Fee or Sewer Lateral Fee, as

the case may be, applicable in the preceding calendar year, rounded up to the nearest one dollar.

Note: ¹3% is intended to approximate the 15-year annual average increase in the Construction Cost Index maintained by the Engineering News Records (www.enr.com).

M. Significant Industrial User Discharge Permit Fee (Section D104)

It is the intent that the wastewater discharge permit fee shall be set at the same amount established by the City of Wyoming. The fee shall be \$175.00 or such different amount as shall be hereafter established by the City of Wyoming.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Miscellaneous Customer Fee (Section 1607 and Section 1616)

The Miscellaneous Customer Fee shall, in general, be based upon the direct out-of-pocket expense of the Township not covered by other Rates and Charges, plus 10% of the total expense for administration and overhead. In addition, the following shall be charged:

1. The failure to connect fee provided by Section 1004 shall be based upon the Water Readiness to Serve Fee and Water Use Fee that would have accrued, effective upon the expiration of the connection period, based upon the actual Water Readiness to Serve Fee and Water Use Fee charged during the same period of time to similarly situated Water Customers.
2. The failure to connect fee provided by Section 1009 shall be based upon the Sewer Readiness to Serve Fee and Sewer Use Fee that would have accrued, effective upon the expiration of the connection period, based upon the actual Sewer Readiness to Serve Fee and Sewer Use Fee charged during the same period of time to similarly situated Sewer Customers.
3. The Water Meter and Sewage Meter testing fee provided by Sections 1213(a) and 1222(a), respectively, shall be as follows:
 - a. If a Customer requests that a Water Meter be tested, it shall be removed and sent to the factory or shop for testing and the Customer will be required to deposit with the Township a minimum fee, based upon the size of the Water Meter, of:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Fee</u>
5/8"	\$140.00
1"	\$140.00
1 1/2"	\$265.00
2"	\$265.00
3"	\$365.00
4"	\$465.00
6"	\$665.00
8"	\$865.00
10"	\$1,065.00

All additional charges not covered by the deposit will be the responsibility of the Customer as defined in Section 1213(a).

- b. If a Sewer Meter must be removed and sent to the factory or shop for testing, the Customer will be required to deposit with the Township a minimum fee of \$300.00. All additional charges not covered by the deposit will be the responsibility of the Customer as defined in Section 1222(a). The Township may determine that a Sewage Meter can be tested in place; however, the minimum deposit is still required.
4. The deposit for a portable Public Water Meter and Backflow Preventer provided by Section 1305(b) shall be \$500.
5. The central filling location fee provided by Section 1306(c) shall be \$50 for administration and a minimum of \$35 for metered water usage.
6. The fee for failure to submit an inspection report for a Grease Trap or an oil or sand interceptor, as provided by Section 1406(k) shall be \$100 per month (or partial month) per Grease Trap or sand or oil interceptor until such report is filed.
7. The cost incurred by the Township to clean and maintain a Grease Trap or an oil or sand interceptor, as provided by Section 1406(l), shall be the actual cost incurred by the Township plus 100% of the total for Township administration and overhead.
8. The cost of removing or abandoning a Water Service or Sewer Lateral, as provided by Section 1504(b), shall be the actual cost incurred by the Township plus 10% of the total for Township administration and overhead.
9. The fee to turn on or turn off a Water Service as provided by Section 1607 and Section 1616 shall be \$50 for each.
10. The fee for a check returned for insufficient funds shall be established by the Township Board from time to time.
11. The fee for water usage during the construction of a residential building prior to the installation of a Water Meter shall be as follows:
 - a. In accordance with Section 1103, \$25 per building shall be payable prior to the issuance of a permit to connect to the Water System. This fee applies to new construction only and covers the use of water during the period of time that the residential building is being constructed.
 - b. A Water Meter must be installed in the building before (A) the building is occupied or (B) water is used for irrigation purposes.
 - c. This fee will be charged to residential users only including single family homes, duplexes, site condominiums and attached condominiums. All other types of uses including industrial, commercial and apartments will be

required to use other means available and allowed by the Ordinance for the use of water during construction.

- d. Existing residential buildings with an occupancy permit making connection to the Water System should be exempt from this fee.

In addition to the above, it is the intent of the Township to charge as a Miscellaneous Customer Fee all industrial pretreatment fees, surcharges, fines, penalties and other expenses applicable to a Customer of the Sewer System by the terms of the Interjurisdictional Pretreatment Agreement and the related provisions of Appendix D or Appendix E and not otherwise included in other Rates and Charges.

B. Minimum Security Deposit

The Minimum Security Deposit provided by Section 1711(b) shall be \$500 per tenant.



Water & Sewer Department
8555 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Caledonia, MI 49316
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Ph: 616.433.2916 or 616.431.4660

2026 Water and Sewer Rates

Annually Gaines Charter Township Water & Sewer Department reviews the billing rates based on the *last fiscal year's expenses and revenues*. Annual rate adjustments are necessary to make sure the usage and service rates generate the correct amount of revenue and cash flow to provide reliable and sustainable services to the community. Our water and sewage treatment is provided by the City of Wyoming and the City of Grand Rapids therefore the rates have a direct correlation with the cost they charge us. In addition, the rates must reflect the cost of operations, insurance, and State of Michigan regulatory requirements. Ready to Serve (RTS) is the fee that captures the fixed expenses of operating and maintaining the water and sewer system for quality service.

The Water & Sewer Department does not receive revenue from property taxes or any other financial support from the Township. Water & Sewer are enterprise funds – *a fund that provides goods or services to the public for a fee that makes the entity self-supporting*. All operation and maintenance costs of the water & sewer system are financed from Ready to Serve (RTS) fees that are paid by customers every quarter.

On February 9, 2026, the Gaines Charter Township Board approved the rate resolution to establish the 2026 water & sewer rates. The “average” residential customer using 15,000 gallons per quarter will see their quarterly bill increase from \$133.91 to \$145.54 which equates to an overall increase of 8.7%. The new rates are effective January 1, 2026.

Water Ready to Serve Fee (RTS) – based on meter size and applicable to each domestic water meter account regardless of the consumption quantity.

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	RTS is unchanged from last year
5/8", 3/4", 1"	\$22.99	\$22.99	per quarter
1-1/2"	\$77.26	\$77.26	per quarter
2"	\$135.86	\$135.86	per quarter

Larger meter size RTS fees are on our website.

Water Use Fee – the charge applicable to each 1,000 gallons of water that passes through the water meter will increase from \$3.10 to \$3.65.

Sanitary Sewer Rates – Just like water rates, wastewater rates consist of two separate charges. Sewer Ready to Serve Fee (RTS) is based on the water meter size and applicable to each account regardless of the consumption and a consumption charge applicable to each 1,000 gallons of water that passes through the domestic water meter.

Sewer Ready to Serve Fee (RTS)

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	RTS is unchanged from last year
5/8", 3/4", 1"	\$22.03	\$22.03	per quarter
1-1/2"	\$74.01	\$74.01	per quarter
2"	\$130.15	\$130.15	per quarter

Larger meter size RTS fees are on our website.

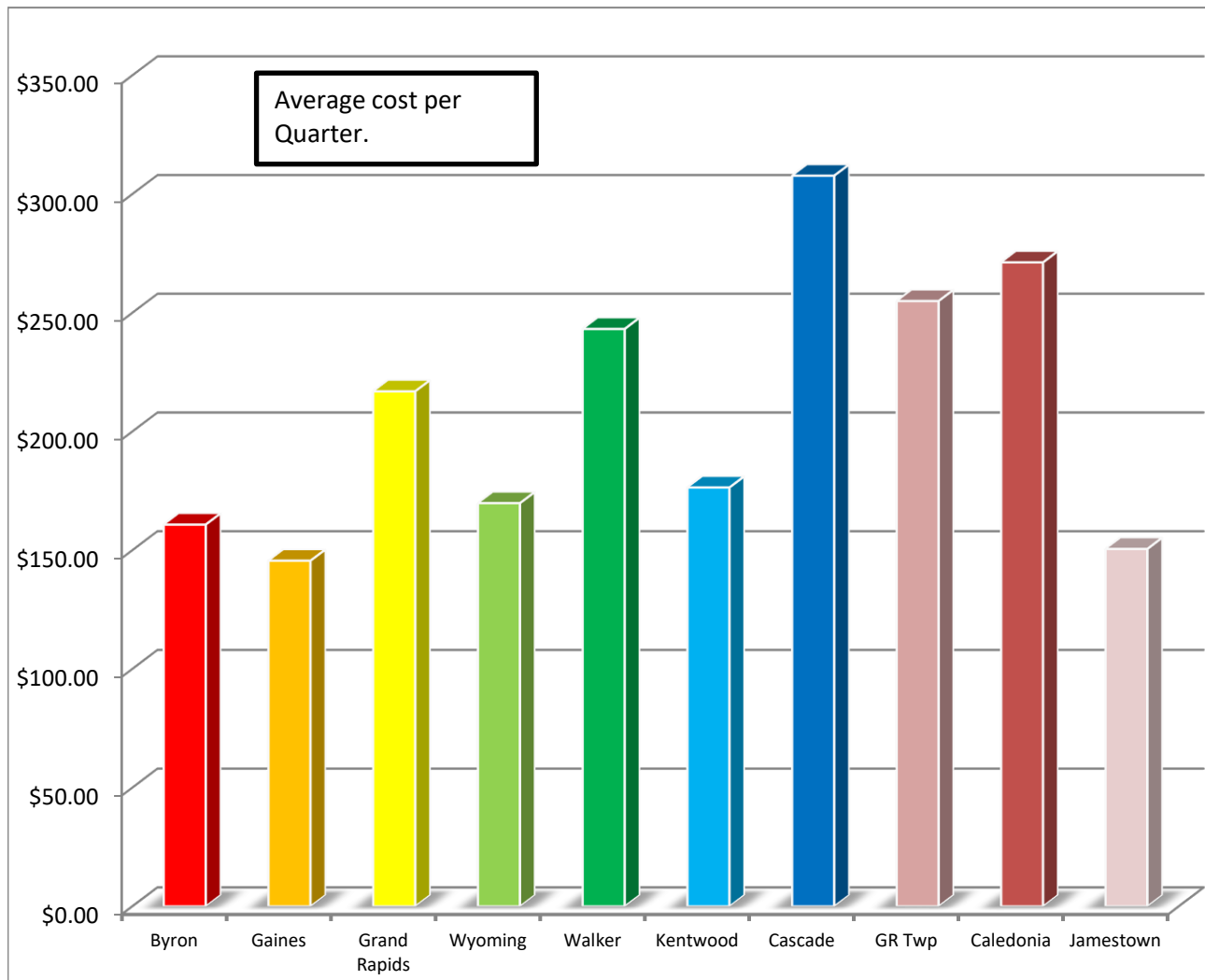
Sewer Use Fee – the charge applicable to each 1,000 gallons of water that passes through the water meter will increase from \$3.95 to \$4.09.

Residents will be billed sanitary sewer at 74.6% (\$3.05 per 1,000 gallons) of total metered public water usage which assumes a portion of the water used is consumed outside therefore not going into the sewer system. If a separate sprinkling meter is installed, the metered usage shall be billed sewer consumption at 100% of total metered public water usage. There are NO Ready to Serve Fees billed for water on an irrigation meter nor is there sewer usage on an irrigation meter.

Comparison of Neighboring Communities Water and Sewer Rates

Based on a Byron/Gaines ave customer use of 15,000 gallons. All usage rates are per 1,000 gallons. RTS per Qtr.

Community	W - rate	W - RTS	S - rate	S - RTS	Total/Qtr
Byron	\$3.65	\$22.99	\$5.45	\$22.03	\$160.76
Gaines	\$3.65	\$22.99	\$4.09	\$22.03	\$145.54
Grand Rapids	\$3.66	\$44.22	\$5.73	\$53.55	\$216.89
Wyoming	\$2.94	\$31.73	\$6.14	\$25.28	\$169.79
Walker	\$2.98	\$51.57	\$4.05	\$101.55	\$243.16
Kentwood	\$2.57	\$55.26	\$4.69	\$30.12	\$176.39
Cascade	\$3.57	\$77.49	\$4.63	\$124.92	\$307.71
GR Twp	\$3.24	\$62.40	\$3.82	\$101.22	\$254.93
Caledonia	\$4.90	\$79.00	\$7.90	\$95.00	\$271.20
Jamestown	\$2.49	\$22.00	\$4.93	\$36.00	\$150.52



**All rates associated with the GR system calculated from the preliminary rate study for 2025

***Wyoming rates calculated based on information published on the city website effective 7/01/2025

****Caledonia RTS includes 12,000 gallons of use.

*Actual Utility Rates should be confirmed with each individual Community.



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MEMO

Staff Communication

DATE: February 3, 2026

TO: Gaines Charter Township Board of Trustees

FROM: Tracy Lawrence, Water & Sewer Administrator

RE: 7149 Misty Morning – Utility Bill Sewer Relief Request

SUMMARY:

The homeowner contacted the Water & Sewer Dept after receiving a high quarterly bill. We advised on how to find a leak in the home and provided dye strips. They found a valve had been turned to the open position allowing the water driven sump pump to be engaged. When they turned the valve, the sump pump turned off. The homeowner and a friend came to our window at the township and provided pictures and a drawing of the sump pump and piping. We advised them to replace the water driven sump pump with a battery backup system however, financially they are unable to do so at this time; they will look into it a later date. The water used in the sump pump did not go into the sewer system. Two billing cycles were impacted with high usage due to the sump pump running.

WATER & SEWER ORDINANCE:

The Ordinance allows the Township Board to grant utility bill relief when the water is clearly not going into the sewer system.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Water & Sewer Committee passed a motion recommending that the Township Board approve the request for a **one-time** bill reduction due to the sump pump in the amount of \$1,242.29 which represents the cost of sewer that was charged for water that did not go into the sewer system. The Committee recommends a one-time reduction for sump pump relief because the homeowner did not remove the water-driven sump pump as advised.



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Memorandum

Date: February 2, 2026

Project Number: 0024

To: Gaines Township Board of Trustees

From: Jeff Gritter, P.E.

Regarding: Dutton Avenue Watermain

Message:

Dear Board of Trustees,

As the Thornapple Farms development continues to expand and the Dutton Center Phase 1 and 2 is under construction a “gap” in the watermain along Dutton Avenue is going to be left after the development of these two projects. The Township’s Water and Sewer Committee reviewed a proposed project that would complete the watermain along Dutton Avenue and recommends that the Township Board authorize the project to move forward.

Completion of the proposed watermain would provide additional looping in the water system in this area of the Township providing for additional resiliency in the event of watermain break. In addition, the project, if constructed, would also provide public water access to 20 homes located along Dutton Avenue.

The proposed watermain would be an extension of 8-inch watermain at about 1,200 feet in length. We roughly estimate the project would have an expense of \$230,000 plus 25% for administration and contingencies. If authorized to move forward the project would be engineered and put out for public bids this spring with completion of construction in the fall of 2026.

