

**MINUTES OF GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE REGULAR 7:00 PM MEETING
April 13, 2026**

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

Absent: Treasurer Lemke with notice

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 07:04 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 Haagsma to approve the published agenda.

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

5. Communications ~ Non-action Informational Items

- a) **March 2026 Gaines Charter Township Fire Dept. Run Report**
- b) **March 2026 Community Policing Officer's Report**
- c) **1st Quarter Community Policing Officer's Report**
- d) **Building Department March 2026 Revenue Report**
- e) **Kent County Administrator's Report**
- f) **Driftwood Acres Drain**
- g) **Stevens Pointe Drain**
- h) **Stevens Pointe Drain 2**
- i) **Parks and Trails Draft Minutes – March 18, 2026**
- j) **Budget Reports**
- k) **2025 Treasurer's Annual Report**

6. Scheduled Speakers

None.

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

April Moyer spoke about Taste of Gaines event.

8. Public Hearings

A. Dutton Center Phase I & II – Streetlighting Special Assessment District

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and seconded by Board Member Haagsma to open the public hearing for the Dutton Center Phase I and II Streetlighting Special Assessment District.

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

No one spoke

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and seconded by Board Member Fryling to close the public hearing for the Dutton Center Phase I and II Streetlighting Special Assessment District.

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

9. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the Consent Agenda including the March 09, 2026 draft minutes; the February 2026 Treasurer's Financial Report; General fund expenditures from 03/01/2026 through 03/31/2026 totaling \$137,771.46; Public Safety Special Assessment District expenditures totaling \$205,624.62; Building inspections totaling \$9,559.59; Sewer expenditures totaling \$381,571.18 and Water expenditures totaling \$701,009.59.

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

10. New Business

A. Rezoning 6875 Hammond Avenue SE from Suburban Residential to Village Residential

Motion by Board Member Fryling and supported by Board Member Vander Stel set a Public Hearing for Monday, May 11, 2026.

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

B. Planning and Zoning 2025 Report

Accepted by the Board with no further action

C. Dutton Center Development – Streetlighting Special Assessment District

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Haagsma to approve the Streetlighting Special Assessment District for Dutton Center Phase I and II.

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

D. Freedom of Information Act Policy and Procedures

Motion by Board Member Haagsma and supported by Board Member Vander Stel to approve the recommendation of staff.

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

E. Taste of Gaines 2026

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Haagsma that the Township Board allocate up to \$20,000 towards Taste of Games 2026.

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

F. Fire Apparatus Replacement

Motion by Board Member Vander Stel and supported by Board Member Haagsma that the Township Board approve the purchase of the two pieces of equipment outlined in the memo.

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

G. Special Liquor License Request

Motion by Board Member Fryling and supported by Board Member Haagsma to grant the Special Liquor License for the Grand Rapids Swing Dance one-time event.

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

11. Public Comments

Two residents spoke in opposition to data centers being built in Gaines Charter Township near neighborhoods and Caledonia's new elementary school.

12. Manager's comments

Assistant Planner Dakota Swan is now a Master Citizen Planner

Upcoming drain work in Stevens Point and Kalamazoo Avenue

Car 1 replacement has some interest from parties looking to buy it. More information will come next month

13. Supervisor's comments.

Gaines Charter Township Fire Department interviews are at the end of the month of April

Our receptionist is stepping down

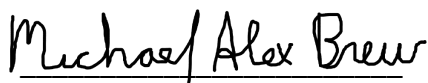
Planning Commission meeting at South Christian Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm

14. Trustees comments

Election Commission meeting will follow this meeting to establish precinct inspectors, set absentee counting board times, and set the date for the public accuracy test.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Michael Alex Brew, Clerk

Robert Terpstra, Supervisor