

**ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

**April 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
7350 Lindsey Rd., Plainwell, MI 49080**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2026 Township Board Meeting, March 9, 2026 Township Budget Workshop Minutes, and March 24 Special Meeting and Public Hearing meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Paying of the bills

Correspondence:

Department Reports:

Fire Dept. - Chief Matt Elkins

District 6 County Commissioner, Marsha Bassett

Martin Township Library Report, attached

Barry County Planning & Zoning Monthly Inspection Report

Barry County Planning & Zoning presentation on the new Zoning Ordinance

Public Comments: Limited to five minutes per speaker.

Old Business: None

New Business: Plane Dumpster Transfer Station Agreement

Ballot language for Fire Dept Millage renewal proposal

General Appropriations Act

Board Member Comments

Adjourn...

Next Regular Meeting: May 5, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Americans with Disabilities Act: stating that if those with disabilities notify the clerk within 10 days prior to the meeting, accommodations will be furnished to satisfy such disabilities and allow meaningful attendance. Individuals with Disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the clerk; Mel Risner at 7350 Lindsey Rd., Plainwell, MI 49080 or phone number 269-664-4522.

DRAFT ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2026

Called to order at 6 pm. All board members present with exception of Treasurer Ritchie who was absent with notice. Fire Chief Elkins, Commissioner Bassett and 6 guests

Pledge of allegiance

Motion Trustee Ribble to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded Trustee Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Trustee Ribble to approve the Feb. 3rd board meeting minutes as corrected. Seconded Clerk Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Trustee Risner to approve the Feb. 10th budget workshop minutes. Seconded Trustee Ribble all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Trustee Risner to approve the Feb. 24th budget workshop minutes. Seconded Trustee Ribble all ayes, motion carried.

Treasurers Report by Deputy Treasurer Risner:

**February receipts \$132,943.93 February disbursements \$87,354.33 February balance \$544,186.90
Report on file**

Motion Trustee Risner to pay \$13,605.92 and any other bills forthcoming in the month of March. Seconded Clerk Risner, roll call vote; Trustee Ribble-yes, Clerk Risner-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, absent Treasurer Ritchie, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Report on file

Fire Dept Report:

Chief Elkins reported OVFD renewed their CPR certification and medical competency through WAEMS at no cost. Received the 800mhz pagers and switched over to the 800mhz on March 2nd along with Delton completing the first phase of 800mhz switchover

Report on file

Library Report: on file

Planning & Zoning Report: on file

Public Comment: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion Clerk Risner to purchase 800mhz radios, licenses and cases in the amount of \$125,615 with funds in the fire millage fund. Seconded Trustee Risner, roll call vote; Trustee Ribble-yes, Clerk Risner-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, absent Treasurer Ritchie, motion carried.

Motion Trustee Risner to approve Fire Chief Elkins hiring Gavin Poley immediately pending driving record, drug test and physical. Seconded Trustee Ribble, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to adopt Resolution 0326 Poverty Exemption and Income Guidelines. Seconded Trustee Ribble, roll call vote; Trustee Ribble-yes, Clerk Risner-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, absent Treasurer Ritchie. Supervisor declared resolution adopted.

Motion Clerk Risner to appoint Jodi Patrick, Tony Halloran and Robert Chase to BOR to fill their term that began January 1, 2025 and ends December 31, 2026. Seconded Trustee Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Trustee Risner to approve J.C. Wheeler library contract in the amount of \$6,890 beginning April 1, 2026 and ending March 31, 2027. Seconded Trustee Ribble, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve Ketchum 2026-2027 snow plow contracts ending March 31, 2027 as presented. Seconded Trustee Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve Siegfried Crandall PC auditor letter terms of engagement. Seconded Trustee Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve Bourdo Lawn Care amended service fee schedule as presented. Seconded Trustee Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve Wickham sexton contract as presented. Seconded Trustee Risner, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve budget amendments as presented using excess net revenue from current year budget. Funds being used to offset proposed 2026-2027 budget. Seconded Trustee Risner, ayes-Clerk Risner, Trustee Risner, Trustee Ribble, nay-Supervisor Conner, motion carried 3-1

Discussion: Plane Dumpster options for transfer station. Motion Clerk Risner to table to next budget workshop, all ayes, discussion tabled.

Consensus for final budget workshop on Monday March 9th @ 6 pm

Commissioner Bassett gave report

Board Comments: Consensus for South Michigan Food Bank food distribution in parking lot 3rd Saturday of every month April-October from the hours of 10 am-noon.

Motion Trustee Risner to adjourn. Seconded Trustee Ribble, all ayes, meeting adjourned 7:16 pm

Mel Risner/Clerk

Unapproved minutes

**DRAFT ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP BUDGET WORKSHOP
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2026**

Meeting called to order 6:02 pm. All board members present, no guests.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve the agenda. Seconded Trustee Ribble, all ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Board discussion

Motion Clerk Risner to approve option 4 from Plane Dumpsters transfer station 2026-2027 contract with in the amount of \$8720 with Plane Dumpsters providing bins until township's purchased bins are available. Seconded Treasurer Ritchie, roll call vote; Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Clerk Risner-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Trustee Ribble-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, motion carried.

Motion Trustee Risner to purchase 6 picnic tables, 3 park trash cans and 2 trash cans for stage area in the amount not to exceed \$3500 with an amended 2025-2026 parks capital improvement line item. Seconded Trustee Ribble, roll call vote; Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Clerk Risner-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Trustee Ribble-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, motion carried.

Board consensus for Trustee Ribble to order transfer station signage.

Board comment: None

Motion Trustee Risner to adjourn, seconded Trustee Ribble, all ayes, meeting adjourned 7:20 pm.

Mel Risner/Clerk

Unapproved minutes

DRAFT ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 24, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6 pm. All board members present, Fire Chief Elkins and 1 guest.

Pledge of allegiance

Motion Trustee Risner to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Treasurer Ritchie, all ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Conner recessed meeting and called public hearing to order at 6:02 pm

Supervisor Conner presented the 2026-2027 budget:

- Salary/wage increases were based on the federal government's 2.8% annual cost-of-living adjustment.
- Most vendor costs were negotiated, with some increasing slightly and others adhering to the 2.8% adjustment.
- Total projected revenues, including revenue sharing, are \$660,166.
- Total projected expenditures are \$557,815.
- This results in a projected net surplus of \$102,351.

Public comment those opposed to the budget: none

Public comment those in favor of the budget: none

Supervisor Conner closed the public hearing and reopened the meeting at 6:06 pm

Motion Trustee Risner to approve Resolution 0326-2 Township Officers Salary 2026-2027 in the amount of: Supervisor \$21,123-Clerk \$29,441-Treasurer \$28,767. Seconded Clerk Risner, roll call vote; Trustee Ribble-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Clerk Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes. Unanimous vote, Supervisor Conner declared resolution adopted.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve Fire Dept salary and wages of: Fire Chief salary \$7,450 plus \$25.70/hr, Deputy Chief salary \$2,235 plus \$23.05/hr, Captain salary \$1,242 plus \$23.05/hr, 3 Officers salary \$572 plus \$22.60/hr, Medical First Responders \$18.55/hr paid by WAEMS and additional \$2/hr paid by township, Fire Fighters \$20.55/hr. Seconded Trustee Risner, roll call vote; Trustee Ribble-abstain, Trustee Risner-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Clerk Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve Deputy Treasurer maximum annual wages of \$2,524 at \$16.60/hr. Seconded Treasurer Ritchie, roll call vote; Trustee Ribble-yes, Trustee Risner-abstain, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Clerk Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, motion carried.

Motion Clerk Risner to approve wages of: Deputy Clerk (maximum annual wage) \$4,909 @ \$16.60/hr, Trustees (per trustee maximum annual wage) \$2692 @ \$138/meeting, Board of Review (annual wage for 3 members) \$1,586 @ \$66/meeting, Election Inspectors: Chairperson \$17.90/hr, Deputy Chairperson \$17.10/hr, Inspectors \$16.35/hr, Assessor \$35,998 (Parcel inspection additional budgeted \$12,000), Maintenance \$23.65/hr, Hall Cleaning \$260 monthly. Seconded Trustee Risner, roll call vote; Trustee Ribble-abstain, Trustee Risner-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Clerk Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, motion carried.

Board deliberation on 2026-2027 budget: none

Public comment: none

Motion Clerk Risner to approve the 2026-2027 budget as presented with projected revenues \$660,166, projected expenditures \$557,815, projected net surplus of \$102,351. Seconded Trustee Risner, roll call vote; Trustee Ribble-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Clerk Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, motion carried.

Motion Trustee Ribble to approve 2025-2026 budget amendments as presented. Seconded Treasurer Ritchie, roll call vote; Trustee Ribble-yes, Trustee Risner-yes, Treasurer Ritchie-yes, Clerk Risner-yes, Supervisor Conner-yes, motion carried.

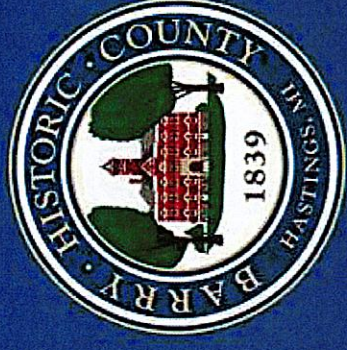
Motion Trustee Risner to adjourn, seconded Trustee Ribble, all ayes, meeting adjourned 6:23 pm

Mel Risner/Clerk

Unapproved Minutes

Martin Township Library Report for Township Meeting – April 2026

- **1st Monday Book Club** will discuss “The Librarian of Burned Books” by Brianna Labuskes on Monday, April 6th at 5:30pm.
- **4th Monday Book Club** will discuss “The Wedding People” by Alison Espach on Monday, April 27th at 1:00pm.
- **Adult Programs**
 - **Plant Swap** Monday, April 20th from 4:00 – 6:00pm
Bring plants or cuttings to trade with others.
 - **Paint with Laura** Monday, May 11th at 5:30pm
A step-by-step guide to create a spring painting. The cost of \$25 includes all supplies, prep, instruction, and cleanup. Registration required, sign up soon before slots fill up.
- **Youth Program**
 - **Toddler Time**: Wednesdays at 10:30am
 - **After School Story Hour**: Wednesdays at 3:15pm
- **Teen Program**
 - **Dissection Program**: Monday, April 13th at 3:30pm
We’re partnering with the Outdoor Discovery Center for a teen owl pellet dissection program. Participants will dissect real owl pellets and learn what owls eat and how their digestive systems work. This program is free, but registration is required so we know how many owl pellets to have available.
- **Ongoing Book Sale**: 50% off all hardbacks
- **NEXT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**: Tuesday, April 28th at 5:00pm



Barry County Zoning Ordinance

Barry County, Michigan

Draft February 10, 2026

Zoning Map

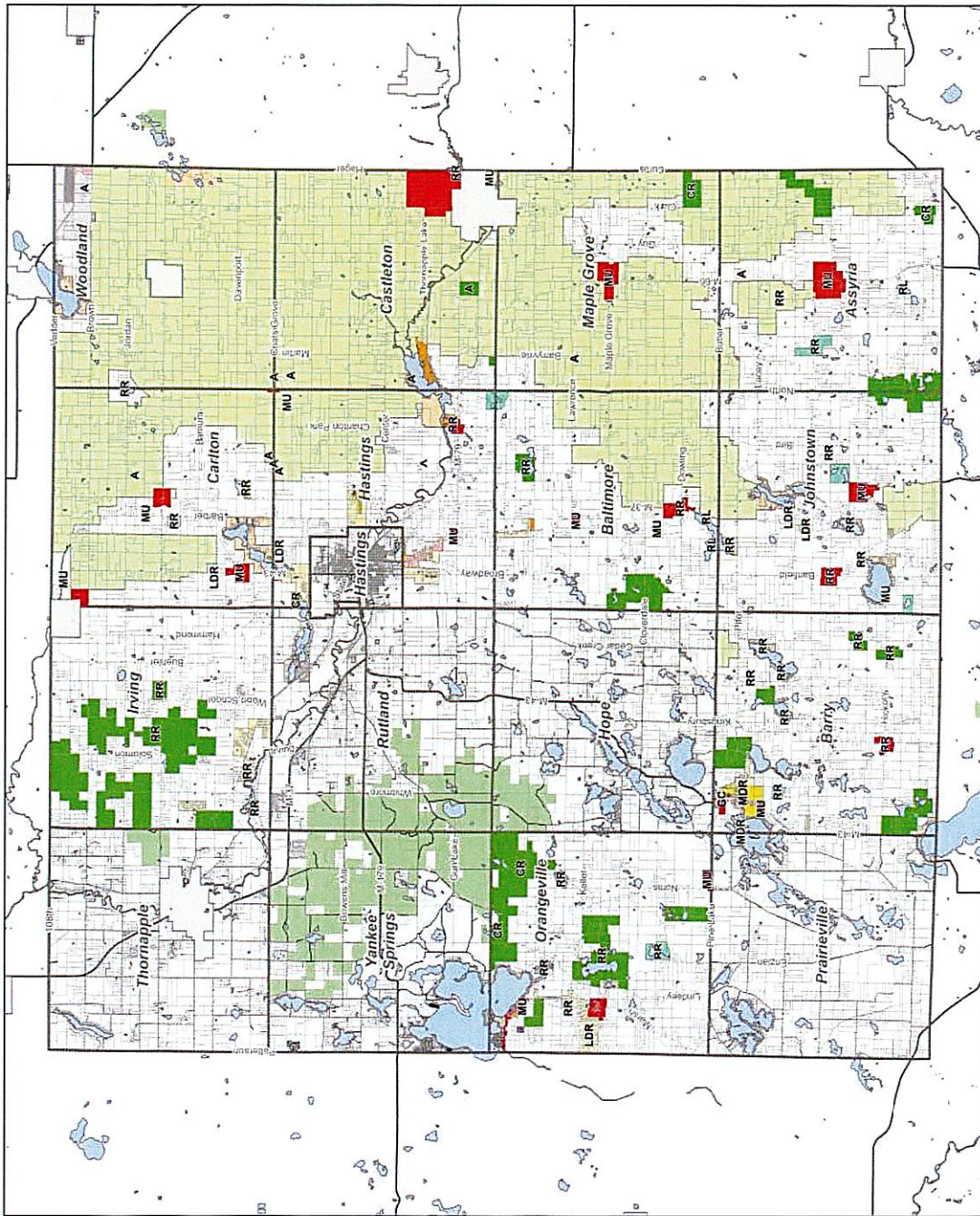
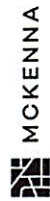
Barry County

April 22, 2025

- LEGEND**
- Agricultural
 - Conservation Reserve
 - General Commercial
 - General Industrial
 - High Density Residential
 - Low Density Residential
 - Light Industrial
 - Moderate Density Residential
 - Mixed Use
 - Natural Lakes and River
 - Recreational Lakes
 - Rural Residential



BaseMap Source: Michigan Center for Geographic Information, Version 17a
 File Source: Barry County, 2024, March 2024



New Format – Rural Residential




Article 11.
RR – Rural Residential District

Section 1100 PURPOSE AND INTENT

The intent of this district is to promote a range of low intensity land uses including low-density residential, farming and farm-related activities, light industrial uses, alternative energy activities, and resource extraction. Those lands with important wood stands, lakes, streams or wetlands or with important wildlife or view corridors should be carefully developed to protect these contributing features, while enabling a reasonable degree of low intensity development.

Section 1101 PERMITTED USES

- Accessory Buildings
- Accessory Uses
- Animal Grooming Facility
- Bed and Breakfast
- Dwelling, Single Family
- Farm
- Farm Operation
- Farm Worker Housing
- Governmental Office
- Greenhouse
- Home Occupation, Minor
- Open Space Community
- Parks or parkland
- Place of Public Assembly, Small
- Stable/Riding Academy
- Subdivisions, conventional

ADDITIONAL STANDARDS

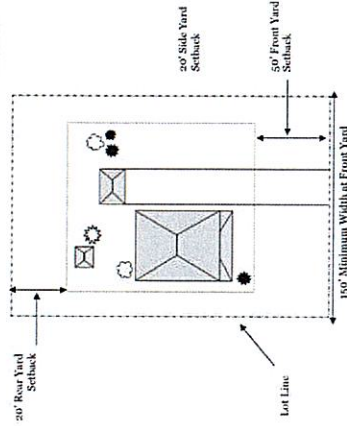
- Outdoor Lighting, subject to Section 523
- Parking, subject to Section 527
- Signage, subject to Article 24
- Site Plan, subject to Article 26

Section 1102 SPECIAL LAND USES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessory Dwelling Unit • Accessory Use to a special land use • Adult Foster Care • Airport • Assembly Operation • Automobile Repair • Battery Storage Facilities • Campground • Cemetery • Clinic • Contractor's Facility • Convenience Store • Data Centers • Day Care - Group • Eating and Drinking Establishment • Educational Facility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Product Processing Facility • Gasoline Station • Golf Course • Gun/Archery Club • Home Occupation, Major • Junkyard/Salvage Operation • Kennel/Animal Day Care • Landing Strip • Marina • Mechanical Repair Facility • Mini/Self-Storage Facility • Open Air Business • Outdoor Recreation • Personal Storage Building • Place of Public Assembly, Large • Planned Mineral Removal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned Unit Development • Principal Use Solar Energy Systems • Private Road • Roadside Stand • Sawmill • Solid Waste Disposal • Veterinary Clinic • Water Access Lot • Well, extraction • Wind Energy Conversion Systems • Wireless communication antenna • Zoo |
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Section 1103 DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

Without Sewer		With Sewer	
Lot Area	Width	Lot Area	Width
1 acre	150 ft	1 acre	na
Setbacks		Setbacks	
Front		50 ft	
Rear		20 ft	
Waterfront		30 ft	
Building Height (ft)		Maximum	
		45 ft	





New Format – Rural Residential

Section 1104 RESERVED

Section 1105 DISTRICT REGULATIONS

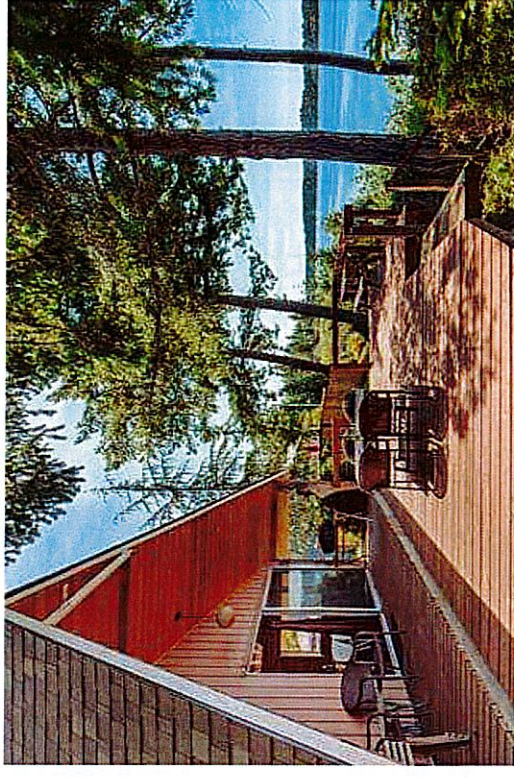
- A. **Minimum Lot Area.** The minimum lot area in RR - Rural Residential District shall be one (1) acre in areas.
- B. **Minimum Lot Width.** The minimum lot width shall be one hundred-fifty (150) feet wide at the front setback line.
- C. **Public Sewer & Water.** The RR - Rural Residential District does not require a public sewer or water hookup.
- D. **Maximum Building Height.** No dwellings, buildings, or structures, or parts thereof shall be hereafter erected, altered or moved on any land or premises in this district which shall exceed a height of forty-five (45) feet, except that buildings and structures permitted in this district under this Ordinance for non-dwelling purposes may be erected, altered or moved on any land or premises in this district to a height of not exceeding fifty (50) feet.
- E. **Minimum Building Setbacks:**
 - 1. **Measurement.** All setbacks shall be measured to the foundation, or to the face of the building if cantilevered.
 - 2. **Front.** Each lot shall have a front yard of not less than fifty (50) feet in depth from the right-of-way line.
 - 3. **Side.** All lots shall maintain a twenty (20) foot side yard along each side lot line.
 - 4. **Rear.** Every dwelling or other principal building hereafter erected shall have a rear yard not less than twenty (20) feet in depth.
 - 5. **Waterside Setback.** No building or structure shall be built closer than thirty (30) feet from the ordinary high water mark of any lake, stream or water course, excepting stairways and stairway landings of the same width as the stairway and pump enclosures of no greater size than three (3) feet high, three (3) feet wide and three (3) feet long.
- F. **Minimum Floor Area.** All dwellings shall contain a minimum of seven hundred-twenty (720) square feet of floor area and a minimum core area of living space measuring at least twenty-four (24) by twenty-four (24) feet.
- G. **Maximum Lot Coverage.** Twenty five percent (25%).

Short-Term Rentals



Section 536 SHORT TERM RENTALS

- A. Only Single-Family Dwellings shall be allowed for Short Term Rental Activity
- B. Where allowed, short term rental activity shall be considered a residential accessory use
- C. A dwelling unit in which short term rental activity is allowed to occur shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Ordinance and any local Short-Term Rental Ordinance.
- D. A dwelling unit in which short term rental activity is allowed to occur must have a minimum of one (1) off street parking space on the same lot as the short term rental activity for each occupant's vehicle in addition to any other parking spaces required under applicable laws, rules and regulations for any other uses in the building or on the premises.
- E. A Land Use permit is required and shall be obtained from the County Zoning Administrator in accordance with Section 2902. Land Use permits are valid for the calendar year in which it was obtained.



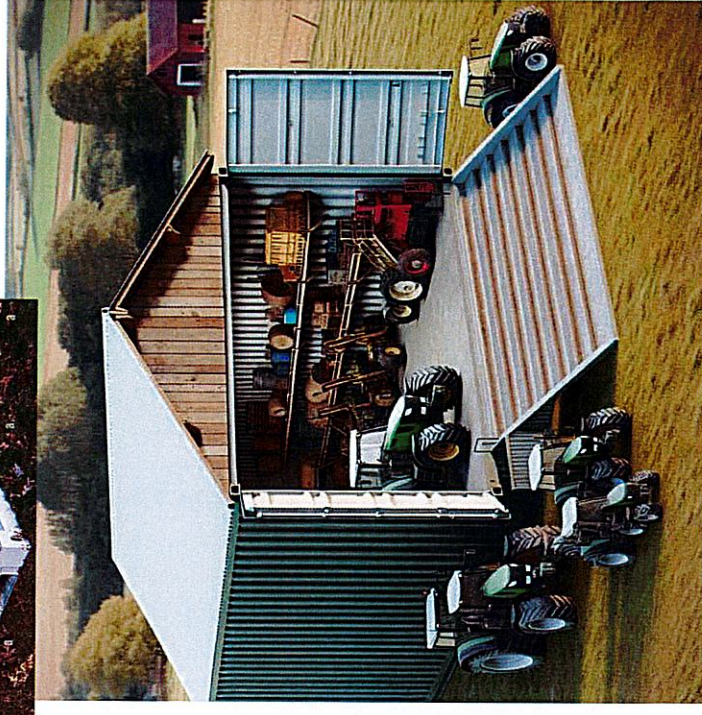
Shipping Containers

Section 535 SHIPPING CONTAINERS

A. Cargo Containers and portable storage containers shall be allowed in the residential zoning districts (RR, LDR, MDR, and HDR) and in the Agricultural (A) zoning district as accessory use storage buildings, subject to the following requirements.

1. All Cargo Containers.

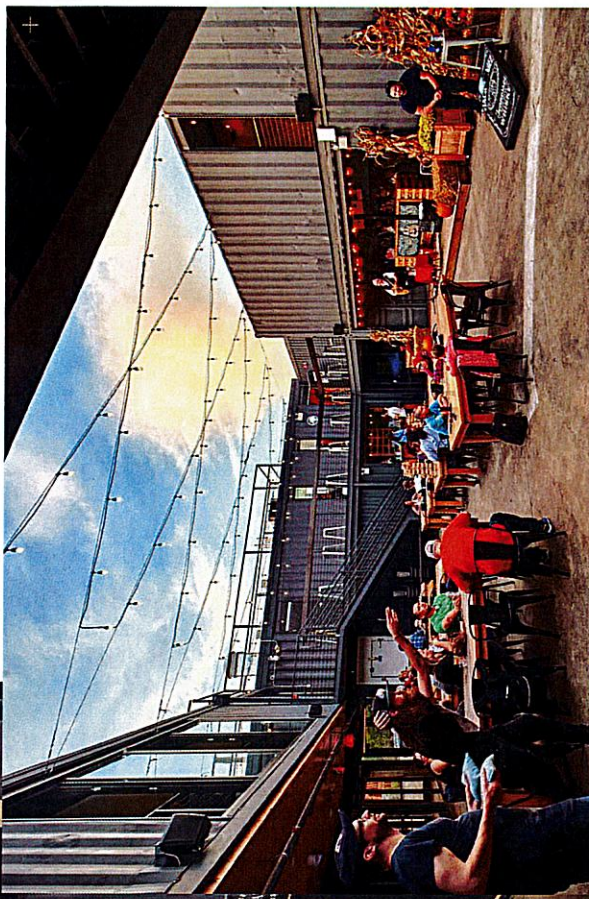
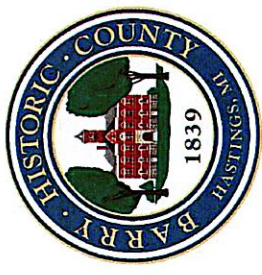
- a) **Location:**
 - 1) Cargo Containers shall be subject to the location requirements applicable to accessory buildings established in Section 502.
 - 2) Cargo Containers shall not occupy required off-street parking, fire lanes, loading/unloading areas or landscape areas nor shall they be located where they may cause hazardous conditions or constitute a threat to public safety.
- b) **Setbacks:** Cargo Containers shall be subject to the setback requirements applicable to accessory buildings established by Section 502.
- c) **Number:** No more than two (2) cargo containers may be placed on a lot at any one time.
- d) **Height:** Cargo Containers shall not be stacked above the height of a single container.
- e) **Lot Coverage:** The surface area covered by Cargo Containers shall be included in the lot coverage calculations for the lot, unless it is sited over an existing impervious surface.
- f) **Utilities:** Cargo Containers may be provided with electrical service but shall not be provided with plumbing service.
- g) **Use:** Cargo Containers shall not be used as living quarters nor as housing for livestock or pets.
- h) **Modifications:** Structural modifications shall not be made to Cargo Containers that expand the footprint of the container.
- i) **Nonconforming lot/use:** The placement of a Cargo Container on a nonconforming lot or to serve a nonconforming use shall not be considered an expansion of the nonconformity.



Detroit Shipping Co.



Detroit Shipping Co. – cont.



Data Centers

Section 2322 DATA CENTER

A. Definition. Any facility, structure, or portion thereof, used primarily for the housing of computer servers, telecommunications equipment, data storage systems, or cryptocurrency mining operations, with a connected load of five (5) Megawatts (MW) or greater at full build-out. These include Hyperscale, Co-location, Enterprise, and Edge Data Centers. Facilities under 5 MW used solely for internal business (e.g. Farm office servers) are excluded.

B. Procedures. A Detailed Site Plan shall be required.

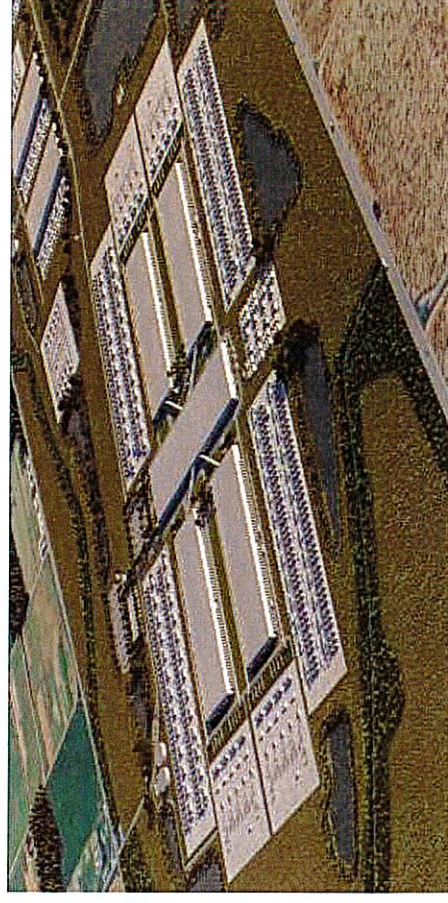
C. Specific Standards.

1. Minimum Site Requirements

- a) The minimum parcel size for a Data Center shall be Fifty (50) acres.
- b) Any Data Center building or accessory use shall be located at least 500 feet from a residential dwelling, school, church or residential zoning district.

2. Utility and Infrastructure Standards

- a) All equipment for cooling, ventilation, and otherwise operating the facility, including generators and other power supply equipment, shall be fully enclosed unless it is determined that it is not mechanically feasible.
 - b) Any equipment not enclosed including any accessory substations shall be screened by a wall or similar barrier.
 - c) A closed loop cooling system shall be required.
3. The maximum water withdrawal shall be 0.1 gallons per kWh of energy used.
 4. At least 50% of the annual energy consumption must come from on site or contracted renewable energy sources (solar, wind, or certified green power)
 5. The applicant shall provide a utility impact study showing no adverse effects on local grid stability
 6. Any back-up generators on site shall be limited to emergency use only.



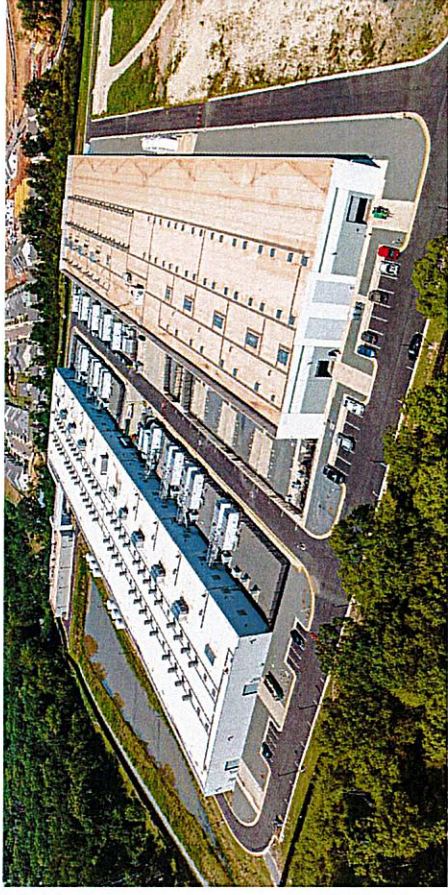
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D. Design Standards.

1. The Main entrance shall be differentiated from the remainder of the building by a change in building material, pattern, texture, color, or accent material.
2. The main entrance shall project outward from the main adjoining building plan.
3. The Maximum height of a Data Center shall be 50 feet.
4. The buildings shall be screened with evergreen trees and or architecturally compatible fencing.
5. A maximum noise of 55 dBA at any property line. The applicant may use sound walls or berms to lessen the noise.
6. Parking requirements for a Data Center shall be based on the Ordinance requirement for the office component of the facility.

E. **Decommissioning Plan.** A fully funded decommissioning and site restoration plan shall be submitted and bonded before issuance of the final land use permit.

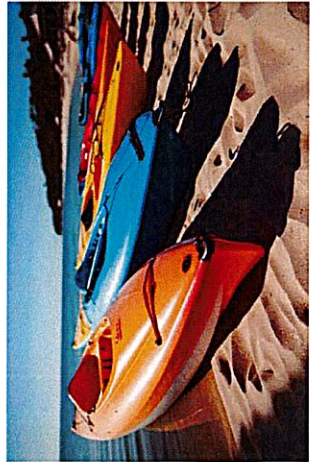
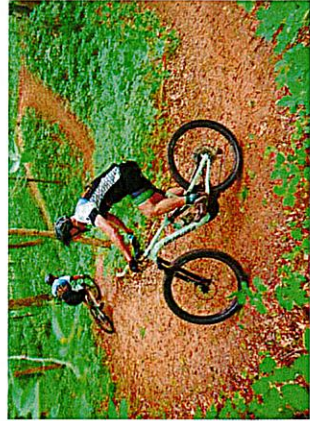
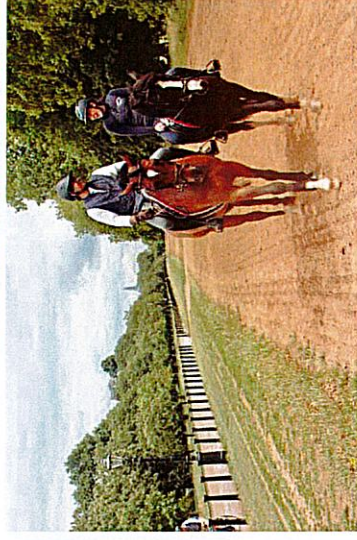
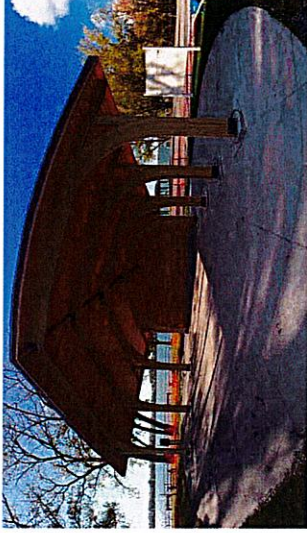
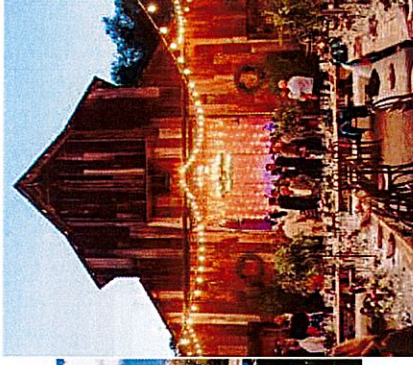


Outdoor Recreation



Section 2353 OUTDOOR RECREATION

- A. **Definition.** Such uses shall include, but are not limited to the following: recreational fields, rinks or courts, including football, softball, soccer, tennis, basketball, ice skating, and similar activities, swimming pools open to the general public or operated by a private non-profit organization, commercial riding stables, animal racing, go-cart, automobile or motorcycle tracks, music concert pavilions and band shells, amusement parks and uses accessory to the above uses, such as refreshment stands, retail shops selling items related to the above uses, maintenance buildings, office for management functions, spectator seating and service areas, including locker rooms and rest rooms.
- B. **Procedure.** A detailed site plan shall be submitted.
- C. **Standards.**
1. The site shall be adequate to accommodate the intended use(s), parking and adequate buffer areas without significant impact on nearby properties in terms of noise, traffic, lighting glare, views, odors, trespassing, dust or blowing debris, as determined by the Planning Commission. The applicant shall provide documentation that the site area is adequate using national facility standards.
 2. The site shall be located on a paved road.
 3. No building or spectator seating facility shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of a property line, and five hundred (500) feet from residential district or use.
 4. The site shall be periodically cleared of debris.



Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)



Section 2305 ACCESSORY DWELLINGS

- A. **Definition.** A second dwelling located on the same parcel as another, single unit dwelling.
- B. **Procedures.** A Detailed Site Plan pursuant to Section 2601, B, shall be required
- C. **Specific Standards.**
 - 1. A proposed accessory dwelling shall be located on a parcel with not less than 10,000 square feet in area and not less than 75 feet of width.
 - 2. Such accessory dwellings shall conform to all dimensional, structural and maintenance requirements of this ordinance and all applicable health and building codes.
 - 3. Accessory dwellings shall have a minimum size of 300 square feet, and a maximum size of either 1,250 square feet or 50% of the size of the principal dwelling, whichever is less.
 - 4. Not more than one (1) accessory dwelling shall be permitted on any one (1) parcel.
 - 5. At least one (1) off-street parking space shall be provided for an accessory dwelling.
 - 6. Accessory Dwellings shall not be used as short term rentals





Private Roads

Section 528 PRIVATE ROADS

A. General Provisions.

1. A private road shall include all roads, streets, easements and rights-of-way for ingress and egress which are non-public and which are used to calculate or measure the required frontage or lot width for the zoning districts in which it is located.
2. Private roads shall be permitted in all Zoning Districts. Private roads serving more than ten (13) dwelling units, more than one commercial or industrial use, or any use in the CR and A districts, shall require a special land use permit according to Section 2362.
3. A maintenance agreement for the maintenance and upkeep of the private road shall be submitted and approved prior to the issuance of any permit associated with a private road.

B. Design and Construction Requirements.

1. A private road shall be constructed centrally within a 66-foot-wide right-of-way or easement.
2. All private roads serving up to nine (9) parcels of land shall have a finished road surface width of at least 18 feet. All private roads serving ten (10) or more parcels of land shall have a finished road surface width of at least 24 feet.
3. All private roads shall have a surface layer of not less than six (6) inches of bank run gravel and three (3) inches of compacted processed gravel, unless the private road is paved. If the private road is paved, it shall comply with Barry County Road Commission paving specifications for public roads.
4. A private road may connect to (extend) an existing private road, as long as the new private road conforms to the standards set forth herein.
5. A private road connecting to (extending) an existing paved private road shall be paved. A private road connecting to (extending) an existing gravel private road may be paved or gravel.
6. A private road with a single connection to a public street shall not exceed 1,750 feet in length, measured along the centerline. A private road longer than 1,750 feet in length shall be provided with two (2) exits. A dead-end private road shall be provided with a cul-de-sac.
7. Cul-de-sacs shall have a minimum right-of-way or easement radius of 50 feet and a minimum running surface radius of 40 feet. The cul-de-sac may have a center landscape island, however, the minimum paved or gravel lane width shall be 20 feet. "T"-type private road endings are not permitted.



Private Roads – cont.



8. Maximum private road grade shall be 10%. T intersections shall slope between – 0.6% and – 0.2% in a direction away from the through street for a distance of at least 50 feet from the centerline of the through street.
9. All private roads shall be constructed with sufficient slopes and grades as to provide adequate stormwater and road drainage and shall provide adequate culverts and ditches at all drainage courses and waterways.
 - a) Storm water management shall consist of ditches and storm sewer designed to a 10-year storm event and basins designed to a 25-year storm event and shall not result in an increase in storm water run-off from the subject property onto any adjoining land.
 - b) All improvements must be able to convey the 100-year storm event without resulting in property damage from surface storm water on or off the subject property.
 - c) Storm water run-off calculations prepared by a professional licensed engineer shall be included with the private road construction plans.
 - d) Private road construction plans shall include an erosion control plan.
10. Where a proposed private road will intersect a public road, approval from the Barry County Road Commission and/or the Michigan Department of Transportation shall be required prior to any County permits being issued.
11. All private roads shall be designed and constructed to accommodate vehicle speeds of not less than 25 mph or more than 35 mph.
12. Private road construction plans shall include private road sign details and location(s).
13. All private roads shall be uniquely named throughout the County so as not to confuse emergency responders.



Smaller Changes

Accessory Dwellings – changes size allowance....would allow a tiny house as an option.

Will be adding Battery Storage and Compassion Home standards. (Separate pages)

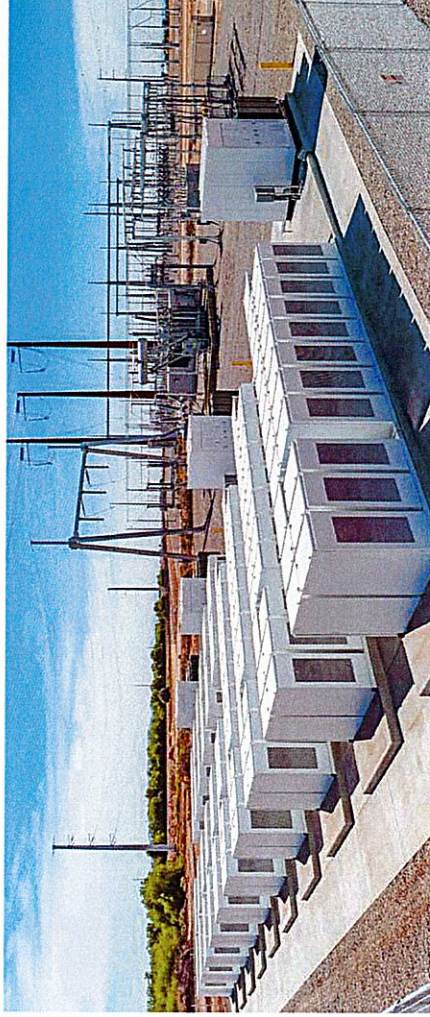
Added Data Center and Hotel/Motel regulations.

Upgraded junkyard standards

Tweaked kennels for 4 animals (previously 3)

Removed Libraries, Well (extraction) and similar uses sections from this Article

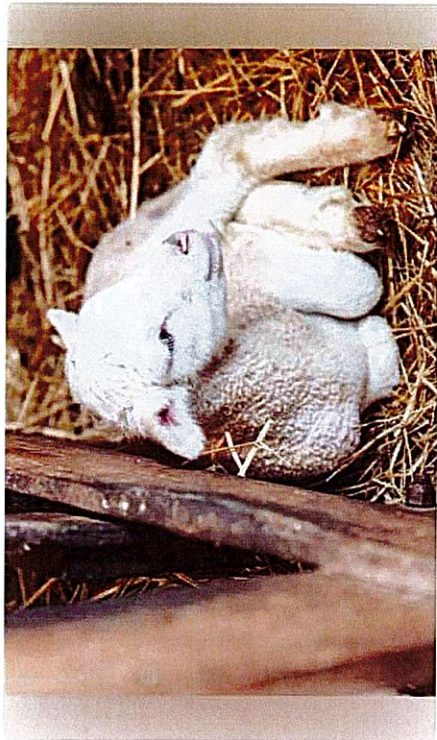
The Planned Mineral Removal section was included as written by Mike Meyers.



Challenges

Michigan lost 100,000 acres of farmland in a year. Where is it going?

Story by Rose White, milive.com • 2w • 9 min read

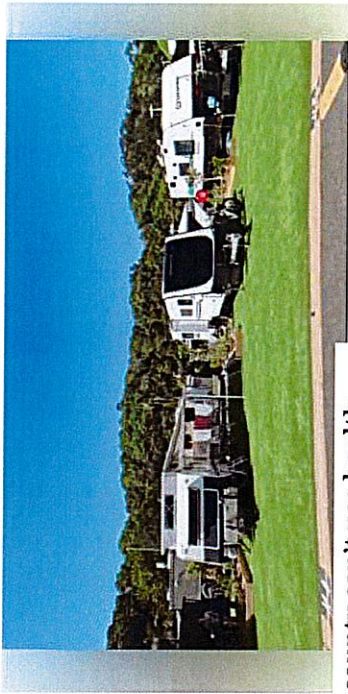


A lamb at the Steady Side Farm in Holland, Mich., on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.
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Mike Bronkema spent years raising young hens for egg farms before he shifted to raising lambs and growing heirloom beans in the sandy soils of his 130-acre farm near the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Michigan lawmakers weigh long-term campground living amid housing shortage

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Judge rules Michigan county can't use health code to restrict solar farms

Updated Feb. 08, 2026, 6:52 p.m. | Published Feb. 06, 2026, 3:32 p.m.

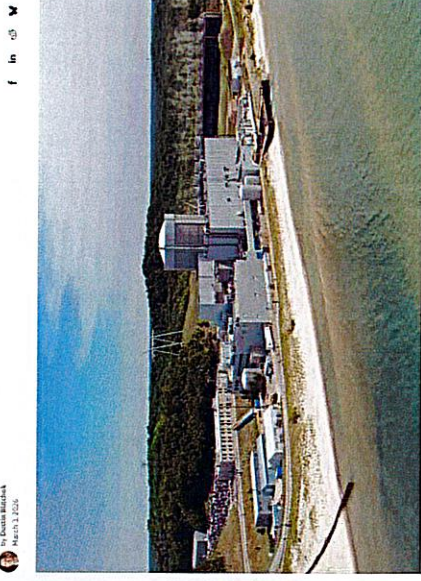


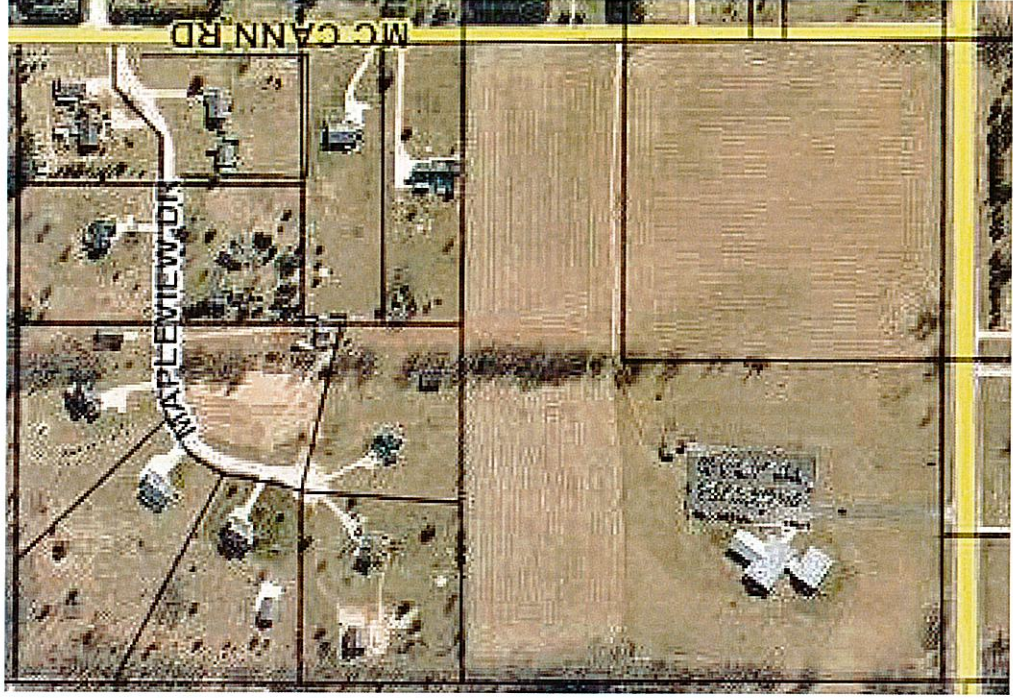
Aerial images of the Ceres City Solar Energy Center near Marshall, Mich., on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, in Michigan's Thumb. St. Clair County sought to use the public health code to restrict solar and battery storage projects, but a judge struck the rules down. Jack Bissel | MLive.com

Data center news: DTE Energy's data center pipeline could require power of 6 nuclear plants

Experts warn Michigan's aging grid, flat energy demand, and lengthy interconnection queues make accumulating data center growth a major challenge, though many proposed projects may never be built.

By Devin Bialik
March 3, 2024

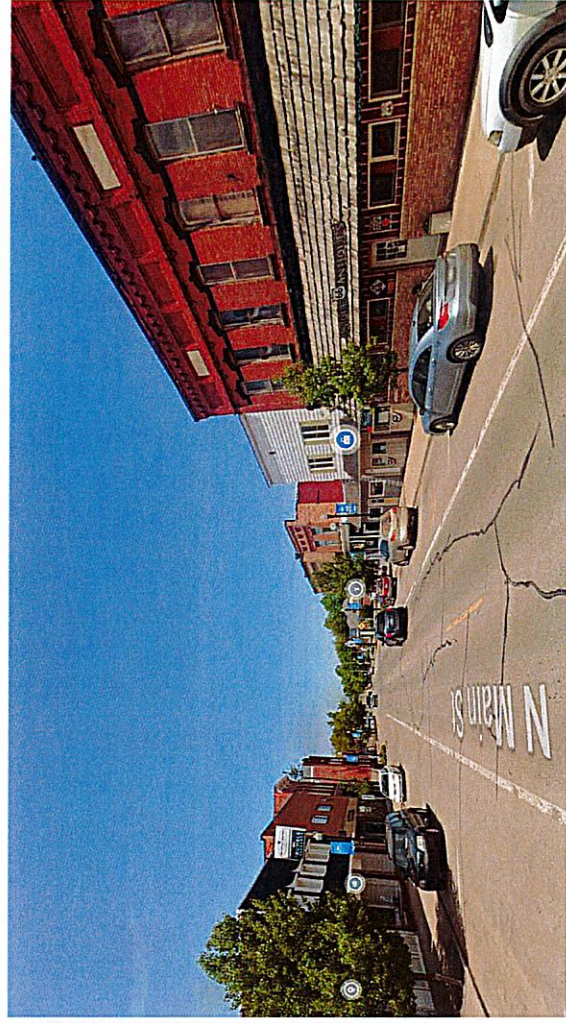
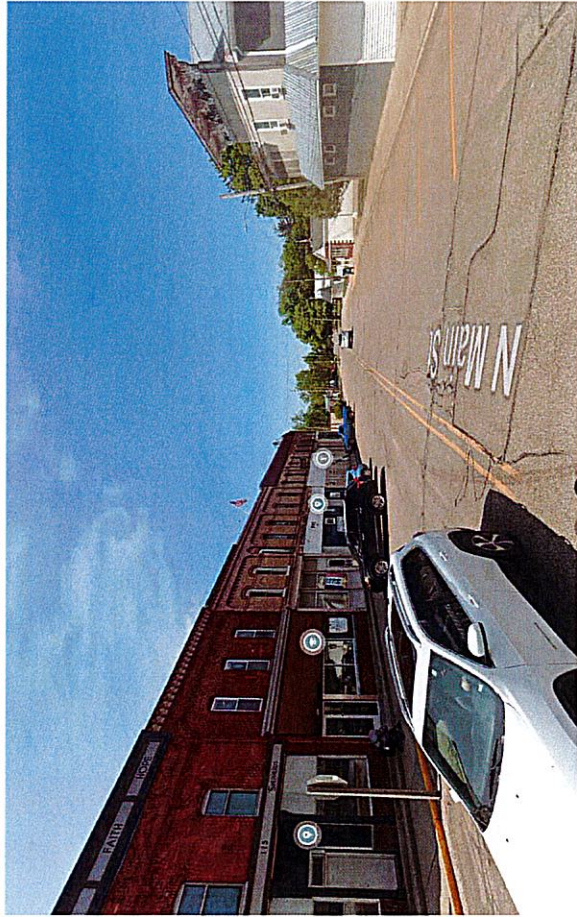




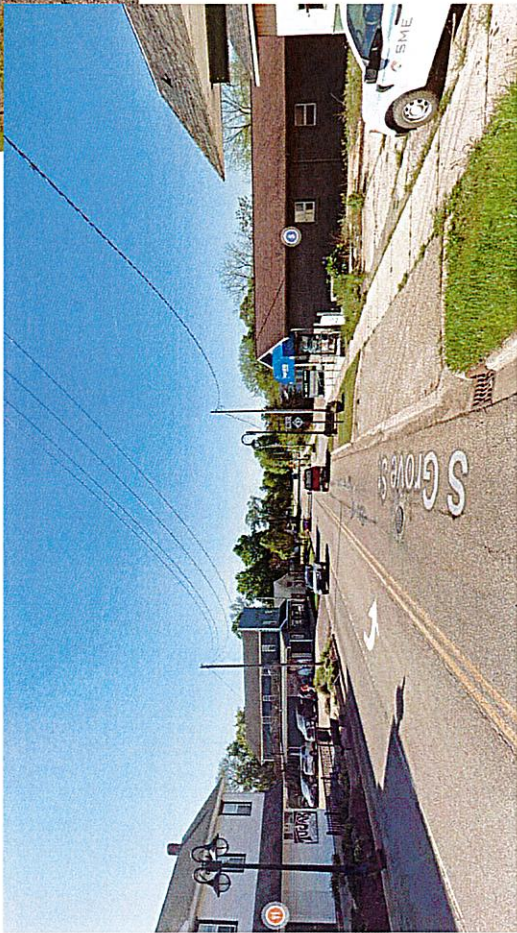
Farmland Preservation



MU – Mixed-Use



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Questions?

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AGENDA REQUEST MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026

Requestor/Contact Person: Vivian Conner, Supervisor

Budget Line Item (if applicable): 101-525-804.000 and 101-525-955.000

REQUEST DETAILS: Approve the 2026 -2027 Plane Dumpsters Trash Agreement for transfer station and recycling.

ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING/CEMETERY TRASH AGREEMENT 2026

THIS AGREEMENT, is made between contractor, Plane Dumpsters, and the Township of Orangeville, Barry County, Michigan, a municipal entity of the State of Michigan.

IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

This agreement is for the budget year 2026-2027, commencing April 1, 2026 and ending March 31, 2027. This agreement may be renewed annually upon terms agreed upon by both the contractor and Township Board.

Either Party may terminate the Agreement at any time during the term thereof upon 30 days written notice to the other party. The written notice must be issued certified mail.

Orangeville Township agrees to pay Plane Dumpsters the monthly sum of \$180 per dumpster bin to transport to landfill and return bin to transfer station. During the months of November thru February the Township agrees to pay an additional attendant service fee of \$200. Orangeville Township to provide 2 20yd bins for the transfer station and to pay Plane Dumpsters the monthly sum of \$600 for any month the Township does not provide transfer station dumpster bins.

An additional transport fee of \$180 and a rate of \$80/ton will be payable at every time the Township notifies Plane Dumpsters to empty cemetery bin. Orangeville Township to provide 1 10yd dumpster bin for cemetery.

Orangeville Township further agrees to pay Plane Dumpsters a transport fee of \$180 per trip and a rate of \$80/ton for recyclables with a minimum of one ton. Orangeville Township to provide recycle bin.

CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS: *Provide attendant service to the Orangeville Township Transfer Station located at 7350 Lindsey Road, Barry County, for the sole purpose of disposal of materials classified as solid waste and access to recycle bin. Contractor to transport bins to the appropriate landfill and recycle station.*

To set and retain all disposal fees for dumping, subject to change based on final disposal as determined by Contractor and current economic conditions. Township Board to be given written notice of all rate changes and or adjustments prior to implementing said rate changes. Fee schedule is attached.

Hours of operation are to be 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on the first Saturday of every month (except on holidays then it will be the second Saturday).

Shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations for Transfer Station Operation as regulated by Barry-Eaton District Health Department of Environmental Quality.

Shall provide for safe disposal/recycling/documentation of Refrigeration and/or Freon containing appliances (refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc.). Rates to be adjusted as necessary.

Shall provide a current certificate of liability.

Shall maintain the site and cleanliness thereof. Area to be kept orderly and free of weeds and tall grass as needed to promote safety and cleanliness. Orangeville Township will be responsible for plowing snow to provide access to the transfer station area.

REFUSAL OF ITEMS: Substances may be refused on basis of danger or difficulty in handling, such as chemicals, truck and automobile bodies, machinery or other refuse. Commercial refuse truck and

commercial haulers will be refused. Propane tanks and lead-acid automotive batteries are not allowed in Landfills and will not be accepted by the Transfer Station. Liquid or hazardous waste WILL NOT be accepted.

The Transfer Station/Recycle Bin is intended for use of the residents of Orangeville Township. The Township shall have the responsibility of enforcement of rules, if any, allowing only township residents to utilize the facility. All vehicles or users not able to show proof of residency shall be refused.

CONTRACTOR _____ (Plane Dumpsters representative) DATE _____

ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE _____ DATE _____

AGENDA REQUEST MEETING DATE: April 7 2026

Requestor/Contact Person: Clerk Risner

Budget Line Item (if applicable):

REQUEST DETAILS: Approve ballot language Fire Dept Millage Renewal Proposal for the August primary.

Orangeville Township Ballot Language

August 4 2026 Election

PROPOSAL FOR RENEWAL OF FIRE EQUIPMENT MILLAGE

“Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Orangeville Township, of up to 0.75 mills (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable valued) and levied for five years, 2027 through 2031 inclusive, for the purposes of purchase of fire equipment and apparatus, raising an estimated \$184,435.31 in the first year that the millage is levied?”

[] Yes

[] No

AGENDA REQUEST MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026

Requestor/Contact Person: Supervisor Conner

Budget Line Item (if applicable):

**REQUEST DETAILS: Approve General Appropriations Act for 2026-2027
Budget**

General Appropriations Act

Orangeville TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 0426

A resolution to establish a general appropriations act for Orangeville Township; to define the powers and duties of the Orangeville Township officers in relation to the administration of the budget; and to provide remedies for refusal or neglect to comply with the requirements of this resolution.

The Board of Trustees of Orangeville Township ordains (resolves):

Section 1: Title

This resolution shall be known as the Orangeville Township General Appropriations Act.

Section 2: Chief Administrative Officer

The Supervisor shall be the Chief Administrative Officer and shall perform the duties of the Chief Administrative Officer enumerated in this act.

Section 3: Fiscal Officer

The Clerk shall be the Fiscal Officer and shall perform the duties of the Fiscal Officer enumerated in this act.

Section 4: Public Hearings on the Budget

For general law townships: Pursuant to MCLA 141.412, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on March 8, 2025 and March 15, 2025 and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on March 18, 2025.

Section 5: Estimated Revenues

Estimated township general fund revenues for fiscal year 2026 – 2027 shall total \$660,166.

Estimated township fire millage revenues for fiscal year 2025-2026 shall total \$167,050.

Estimated township road millage revenues for fiscal year 2025-2026 shall total \$368,000.

Section 6: Millage Levy

The Orangeville Township Board shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the township upon the current tax roll an amount equal to 1 mill as set forth by the Tax Allocation Board.

Section 7: Estimated Expenditures

Estimated township general fund expenditures for fiscal year 2026 -2027 are \$557,815 (see attached account numbers)

Estimated fire millage fund expenditures total \$0

Estimated Road millage fund expenditures total 250,000

Section 8: Adoption of Budget by Reference

The general fund budget of Orangeville Township is hereby adopted by reference, with revenues and activity expenditures as indicated in Sections 5 and 7 of this act.

Section 10: Appropriation not a Mandate to Spend

Appropriations will be deemed maximum authorizations to incur expenditures. The fiscal officer shall exercise supervision and control to ensure that expenditures are within appropriations, and shall not issue any town order for expenditures that exceed appropriations.

Section 13: Periodic Fiscal Reports

The fiscal officer shall transmit to the board at the end of each of the first three quarters, and at the end

of each month occurring during the fourth quarter, a report of financial operations, including, but not limited to:

- a. a summary statement of the actual financial condition of the general fund at the end of the previous quarter (*month*);
- b. a summary statement showing the receipts and expenditures and encumbrances for the previous quarter (*month*) and for the current fiscal year to the end of the previous quarter (*month*);
- c. a detailed list of:
 - i. expected revenues by major source as estimated in the budget; actual receipts to date for the current fiscal year compared with actual receipts for the same period in the prior fiscal year; the balance of estimated revenues to be collected in the then current fiscal year; and any revisions in revenue estimates resulting from collection experience to date.
 - ii. for each cost center: the amount appropriated; the amount charged to each appropriation in the previous quarter (month) for the current fiscal year and as compared with the same period in the prior fiscal year; the unencumbered balance of appropriations; and any revisions in the estimate of expenditures.

Section 14: Limit on Obligations and Payments

No obligation shall be incurred against, and no payment shall be made from any appropriation account unless there is a sufficient unencumbered balance in the appropriation and sufficient funds are or will be available to meet the obligation.

Section 15: Budget Monitoring

Whenever it appears to the Chief Administrative Officer or the Township Board that the actual and probable revenues in any fund will be less than the estimated revenues upon which appropriations from such fund were based, and when it appears that expenditures shall exceed an appropriation, the Chief Administrative Officer shall present to the township board recommendations to prevent expenditures from exceeding available revenues or appropriations for the current fiscal year. Such recommendations shall include proposals for reducing appropriations, increasing revenues, or both.

Section 16: Violations of This Act

Any obligation incurred or payment authorized in violation of this resolution shall be void and shall subject any responsible official(s) or employee(s) to disciplinary action as outlined in Public Act 621 of 1978.

Section 17: Board Adoption

Motion made by Clerk Risner, seconded by Supervisor Conner to adopt the foregoing ordinance (*resolution*). Upon roll call vote, the following voted aye: _____.
The following voted nay: _____ The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted on the _7th_ day of April, 2026 _____.

Mel Risner

Township Clerk Type text here

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Mel Risner, the duly elected Clerk of the Township of Orangeville, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Orangeville Township Board at a public meeting held on April 1, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present; that the members of said Board voted upon the aforesaid Resolution as shown; and that said meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

Mel Risner

_____ Date

Mel Risner
Orangeville Township Clerk

ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP 2026-2027 BUDGET

APPROVED

FUND 101 (EXPENDITURES)	
DEPT 101 TOWNSHIP BOARD	
101 101 703 000 TRUSTEES SALARY	\$5383
101 101 727 000 PENSION EXPENSE	\$6900
101 101 752 000 OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$3150
101 101 791 000 MISCELLANEOUS & DUES	\$4675
101 101 800 000 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$14600
101 101 802 000 AMBULANCE (2 YR IN 2025-2026 BUDGET)	
101 101 861 000 TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT	\$2250
101 101 880 000 COMMUNITY PROMOTION (2 YR IN 2025-2026 BUDGET)	
101 101 900 000 PRINTING & PUBLISHING	\$1700
101 101 909 000 EDUCATION	\$1100
101 101 935 000 INSURANCE	\$440
DEPT 171 SUPERVISOR	
101 171 703 000 SALARY	\$21123
DEPT 215 CLERK	
101 215 703 000 SALARY	\$29441
101 215 703 001 SALARY DEPUTY CLERK	\$4909
DEPT 228 IT DEPT	
101 228 750 000 OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1300
101 228 800 000 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$2145
101 228 802 000 SOFTWARE/SUPPORT	\$8188
101 228 931 000 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$4000
DEPT 247 BOARD OF REVIEW	
101 247 703 001 SALARY	\$1586
101 247 928 000 MEALS	\$200
101 247 955 000 MISCELLANEOUS	\$300
DEPT 248 SOCIAL SECURITY	
101 248 709 000 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$11000
DEPT 253 TREASURER	
101 253 703 000 SALARY	\$28767
101 253 703 001 DEPUTY TREASURER SALARY	\$2524
DEPT 257 ASSESSOR/EQUALIZATION DEPT	
101 257 800 000 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$47998
101 257 804 000 ASSESSING SUPPLIES	\$500
DEPT 262 ELECTIONS	
101 262 703 001 SALARY	\$12,600
101 262 750 002 OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$5522
101 262 804 000 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1645
101 262 861 000 TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT	\$185
101 262 928 000 MEALS	\$470
101 262 970 000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$23000
DEPT 265 TOWNSHIP HALL	
101 265 750 000 OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$1030
101 265 802 000 SNOW PLOWING	\$2200

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101 265 804 000 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$10731
101 265 805 000 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$7800
101 265 850 000 TELEPHONE	\$2460
101 265 916 000 UTILITIES	\$15500
101 265 931 000 EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$3244
101 265 935 000 INSURANCE	\$7568
101 265 955 000 MISCELLANEOUS	\$185
DEPT 336 FIRE DEPT	
101 336 703 000 SALARY-VOLUNTEERS	\$39080
101 336 703 001 SALARY-OFFICERS	\$12643
101 336 750 000 OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$23000
101 336 791 000 MISCELLANEOUS & DUES	\$1200
101 336 802 000 PHYSICAL EXAM	\$500
101 336 804 000 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$14882
101 336 807 000 SNOW PLOWING	\$1400
101 336 808 000 SOFTWARE/SUPPORT	\$5500
101 336 850 000 TELEPHONE	\$2280
101 336 909 000 EDUCATION	\$7000
101 336 916 000 UTILITIES	\$5200
101 336 928 000 MEAL ALLOWANCE	\$500
101 336 930 000 BUILDING REPAIRS	\$21525
101 336 931 000 EQUIPMENT REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$33000
101 336 934 000 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$1935
101 336 935 000 INSURANCE	\$32795
DEPT 443 BRAY DRAIN	
101 443 956 000 MISCELLANEOUS	\$2142
DEPT 448 STREET LIGHTS	
101 448 920 000 UTILITIE	\$3450
DEPT 525 TRANSFER STATION	
101 525 804 000 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$8720
101 525 955 000 MISCELLANEOUS	\$2000
101 525 970 000 CAPITAL OUTLAY (IN 2025-2026 BUDGET)	
DEPT 576 CEMETERY	
101 576 802 000 SNOW PLOWING	\$1700
101 576 804 000 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$15832
101 576 916 000 UTILITIES	\$360
101 576 928 000 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$10761
101 576 930 000 EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$2900
101 576 955 000 MISCELLANEOUS	\$1150
101 576 970 000 CAPITAL OUTLAY (IN 2025-2026 BUDGET)	
DEPT 751 PARKS & RECREATION	
101 751 750 000 OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$950
101 751 800 000 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$2457
101 751 934 000 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$1650
101 751 935 000 INSURANCE	\$2484
101 751 955 000 MISCELLANEOUS	\$500
101 751 970 000 CAPITAL OUTLAY (IN 2025-2026 BUDGET)	

DEPT 000 (REVENUES)	
101 000 402 000 PROPERTY TAXES	\$199000
101 000 434 000 TRAILER TAX	\$333
101 000 448 000 COLLECTION FEES	\$46000
101 000 546 000 METRO ACT MONIES	\$850
101 000 574 000 STATE SHARED REVENUE	\$361945
101 000 642 000 CEMETERY	\$2000
101 000 648 000 GRAVE OPENING	\$15000
101 000 665 000 INTEREST INCOME	\$14000
101 000 667 000 HALL RENTAL	\$7500
101 000 671 000 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$1000
101 000 677 000 REIMBURSEMENTS	\$7288
101 000 680 000 SUMMER TAX PARCEL FEE	\$5250

TOTAL

Revenues \$660166

Expenditures \$557815

Net \$102351

FUND 204 MUNICIPAL STREET FUND (ROAD MILLAGE)

DEPT 000 (REVENUES)	
204 000 402 000 PROPERTY TAXES	\$343000
204 000 665 000 INTEREST INCOME	\$25000
DEPT 446 X VOTED RD MILLAGE (EXPENDITURES)	
204 446 800 000 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$250000

TOTAL

Revenues \$368000

Expenditures \$250000

Net \$118000

FUND 206 FIRE FUND

DEPT 000 (REVENUES)	
206 000 402 000 FIRE DEPT MILLAGE	\$166000
206 000 665 000 INTEREST REVENUE	\$1050
DEPT 336 FIRE DEPT (EXPENDITURES)	
206 336 750 000 OPERATING SUPPLIES (IN 2025-2026 BUDGET)	\$0
206 336 970 000 CAPITAL OUTLAY (IN 2025-2026 BUDGET)	\$0

TOTAL

Revenues \$167050

Expenditures \$0 (SAVING FOR NEW FIRE ENGINE)

Net \$167050