



AGENDA REPORT

New Haven, Michigan

Meeting Type

MEETING DATE: 8 September 2026

DEPARTMENT: Administration

DATE SUBMITTED: 1 September 2026

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ITEM TITLE: Community Dinner

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

We have been notified that Lenox Township does not wish to participate in the annual Lenox-New Haven Community Dinner this year. Community Dinner is a long-held tradition of bringing the community together while also fundraising for the New Haven Food Pantry and I believe we should continue to hold the Community Dinner as planned. Upon talking with the manager of food services at New Haven High School, we were informed that the food services vendor could – with school board approval – cater the event for the Community Dinner – ordering the food from their vendors, preparing, and cooking the meal. They can also handle the plates, napkins, etc. We are working on getting a quote from the vendor, but we were also told that if we gave them a budget they would work with us to adjust the menu to align with our budget constraints. Chief Stier also contacted a different food vendor to get a rough idea on how much catering for 250-300 individuals would cost through their restaurant and we were quoted \$5,000.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve a starting budget of \$5,000 for the Community Dinner. If approved, we will also work towards getting sponsorships to offset the cost as much as possible.