



MEMO
New Haven, Michigan
Regular Council Meeting

MEETING DATE:	11 August 2026
DEPARTMENT:	Village President
DATE SUBMITTED:	4 August 2026
PREPARED BY:	Brian Meissen
ITEM TITLE:	Lenox Township Fireworks Invoice

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As we have previously discussed on the topic of fireworks, although we agreed to Lenox Township splitting off and hosting their own fireworks show on the 4th of July, we did not formally approve nor did we receive any formal request to pay half of their fireworks. The fireworks were advertised as a joint celebration between Lenox Township and the Village of New Haven.

During a Lenox Township Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, which I was a member of until recently, I was made aware that Lenox Township not only was increasing their fireworks budget from the usual \$12,000 to \$20,000, but they also wanted the Village of New Haven to pay half of the cost. I had brought this up when we discussed the approval of our own fireworks invoice months ago.

We've now officially received the invoice for our half of the fireworks, minus what was covered by sponsorships, leaving our portion to \$8,500.

While I can appreciate what Ms. Cazal states in her summary, and despite the strained relationship with Lenox Township, Lenox Township has been contributing towards our fireworks show for over 10 years – easily over \$50,000 spent chipping in towards our fireworks. I feel like it is only fair that this one year we return the favor to the residents of Lenox Township and chip in our portion of their fireworks show for the 250th Celebration.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I would like to formally request that we approve the invoice in the amount of \$8,500 for our portion of Lenox's firework show.