

LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 4:30 P.M. LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL 8105 W. KELLY ROAD, LAKE CITY, MI 49651 MINUTES	Approved Minutes
Supervisor Hall called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll Call: Treasurer Gaines, Clerk Winkelmann, Supervisor Hall, Trustee Norman, Trustee Bradley. Absent-0.	CALL TO ORDER
Moved by Norman, seconded by Gaines to accept the minutes of June 11, 2025, as presented. Motion Carried.	MOTION to approve minutes of June 11, 2025, as presented.
Treasurer's report received for information	TREASURER'S REPORT
Public Comments: • Ben Taylor/Heidi Phaneuf- Explanation of the M-55 bi-ways recreational project to promote tourism and recreation. Involves 60 communities that consist of townships, cities and villages. Discussed tunnel of trees as used that area as an example of this project. They were asking Lake Township to participate which will involve a resolution from our board then MDOT would adopt a byway after an application and resolutions were submitted. Houghton Lake shows the most interest and there are a couple of communities still on the fence about the program. Previously Lake Township tabled this item back in November of 2023 due to lack of support and wanting to investigate this further. Today the board asked for time again and will make a decision by August 2025 meeting. This project is separate from the M-66 corridor. • Connie DeHaan- Stated that she has family in the Oak Grove cemetery and she is bothered with all of the old artificial flowers that are left behind and not tended to. She requested a sign to be put at the cemetery with rules stating that flowers have to be removed by a certain date seasonally. The board agreed to look into this further and have signs made. • Vickie Greenfield- Has a cottage on Lake Sapphire and has concerns with the sewer system due to the fact that her cottage cannot sustain running in the winter months and why is she being charged when she is not here. Questioned why the system doesn't run on meters for usage. Stated that her electric bill is only \$4.37 per month during the winter months and cannot justify the sewer payment while cabin is not in use. Supervisor Hall stated that 65% of the Township on the	PUBLIC COMMENTS

sanitation system are seasonal residents. Greenfield stated that she doesn't understand why she has to pay for others. • Chris Andersen- Asked Bradley what her foundation was for supporting the 1% admin fee for tax purposes. Supervisor Hall stated that the fee will assist with the assessor's salary and the programs needed for assessing, which costs around \$90,000.00 per year, along with supplementing the treasurer's salary for tax collection purposes. Hall also stated that almost all townships collect this fee, apart from Forest who recently voted to stop the collection of this fee. This was a recommendation from the auditors at FY audit 2024-25. Andersen then handed Supervisor Hall a paper and stated that he should call the State Rep about roads. Andersen then stated that we exceeded the spending for Helmer Park. Supervisor Hall – would you give the million-dollar grant money back? Hall then went on to say that Holland Twp has a bridge out and they cannot afford to replace it. Our township has the lowest millage collection for fire, the townships outside of here are collection at least one mil., some of those townships have two different millage collections for fire and/or roads. We tried to have a road millage at the November election, and it did not pass. The goal for that election was voter turn out with the majority of the township having a say. We had several road meetings with an extremely low turn out for explanation of road conditions. Andersen then stated he had concerns with the management of monies that we were taking in. • Dave Christle- Has concerns about the turn around at the Crooked lake launch and requested that new parking lot lines be painted. • Terri Christle- Not happy with a contractor at Helmer Park. They had a bunch of debris in a pile and the pickleball nets were in the mix of the throw-away debris pile. She picked the nets out of the pile. She also stated that she has concerns about some of the sidewalk that will have to be redone because it is a handicap accessible area and there should be joints in the sidewalk. Supervisor Hall and Trustee Norman will take a look and discuss with main contractor and/or Prein.	
Correspondence: • Clerk Winkelmann read an email aloud from Elise McCullough, Sapphire Lake resident. She is concerned about lily pad infestation and extremely low water levels. Discussed that she has been in contact with Casey Shoaff from PLM. Stated that the first treatment last fall didn't appear to make a dent and this year the issue seems worse as now bogs have formed. Clerk Winkelmann reported that she spoke with Ms. McCullough over the phone and directed her to the Sapphire Improvement Board for further discussion.	CORRESPONDENCE

Committee Reports:	COMMITTEE REPORTS
Sewer- EGLE is requiring 7 new monitoring wells at the plant with an approximate \$14,000.00 equipment bid. Operators Pat and Bruce presented the board with a quote for testing equipment in the amount of \$10,067.41. They stated that they would like to order this testing equipment now so that they have a chance to work with it as neither certified operator has used this in the past. There is a 3-year warranty on most and the portable machinery is calibrated. The probes and meters are USB compatible. They feel that 2 meters will help eliminate some of the Clam Union bills. Everyone renewing permits will be subject to this testing, so this is not specific to Missaukee Drain #2. MOTION by Norman to purchase the testing equipment in the amount of \$10,067.41 from USA Bluebook per EGLE specification requirements. Seconded by Winkelmann. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Gaines, Hall, Winkelmann, Norman. No-0. Absent-0. Ponds are currently at 9'11". Advisory Meeting was held on 7/7/25 at 4:00pm with all members present. DMR reports have been submitted along with Mis-digs for the month. Tractor at plant needs serviced to find out why its losing power while in use, possible pump issue. EGLE meeting with plant operators and Supervisor Hall- discussed updating permit site plan, Bruce already turned that in. Possibility that not all 7 monitoring wells will be needed due to elevation and direction away from lake. Pearson well drillings quote was almost \$2,000.00 lower than Shepler. Went over financial reports provided by Clerk Winkelmann and discussed how new wells will affect the budget. Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm. FIRE- Meeting was held on 7/7/25 at 4:35pm with all committee members present. Chief went over runs for the month of June. 2025-26 DNR 50/50 grant submitted on June 17, 2025. Received the water shipment from the Nestle grant. Checking on Community Grant. All-Pro conducting internet security training. Pump testing has been done and all trucks are back online. Steve's Tire invoice was received at Lake Missaukee Dept, rather than ours. Clerk Winkelmann corrected and submitted payment. Policy needed for filling residents pools. Signage needed in front of Fire barn doors – no parking and handicap signs. DNR 2024-25 grant needs completed by 8/1/25. We have not received the gear and we need an invoice and cleared check for submission to get 50% back. Advisory board voted to use the 3rd party billing company that McBain and Manton are using for Fire run collections. Most people ignore the submissions from the Clerk. This company has achieved a better return rate. Supervisor Hall to have twp attorney draw up paperwork. Trustee Norman to obtain pool filling policy with hold harmless from Cadillac. Discussed the free generator from the DNR and the amount of money that needs put into it to function	SEWER MOTION to purchase testing equipment in the amount of \$10,067.41 from USA Bluebook per EGLE requirements. FIRE

properly. No decision made to spend those funds, approx. 6k. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm. • ROADS- Government to give money for roads if legislation passes the gas tax. LaChance chip & seal has been done.	
Unfinished Business:	
• Helmer Park- Paving scheduled for July 23rd. Play equipment and fish pier next week, heating tubes next week, light bases this week, pickleball fencing next week with a 2ft. gravel boarder, paving to be drained into spillway. Looking into the price difference between an 8 and 10 ft. fence. Park is on track for a completion date at the end of August 2025. • PFAS- Supervisor Hall stated that Mary Galvanik was good on the testing for now and didn't need any township funds to test the Miller site	
New Business: • Supervisor Hall presented a resolution for a property tax administration fee recommended by auditors during FY audit 2024-25. Clerk Winkelmann read the terms aloud for a resolution to establish a one percent property tax administration fee to offset costs incurred by the township in assessing property values, in collecting the property tax levies, and in the review and appeal processes. MOVED by Bradley to adopt Resolution 2025-1 Property Tax Administration Fee of one percent effective immediately for taxes due in 2025 and any year thereafter. Seconded by Gaines. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Winkelmann, Gaines, Bradley. No-0. Absent- Norman. • Clerk Winkelmann discussed the fire barn payment that is due July 1, 2025, in the amount of \$54,094.00. This payment was discussed with auditors back on FY 2024-25 audit if the Township general fund could make this payment on behalf of the fire department. Before making this payment, the Clerk presented to the board to see how the board wanted to proceed. The budget for the fire department is set at \$140,000.00. As a board, we know that we could have unforeseen costs associated with the new building. Current bank balance for fire is approximately \$76,000.00. Milage monies will not start distribution until December 2025 into January 2026. MOVED by Gaines to make the fire barn payment out of General Fund in the amount of \$54,094.00. Seconded by Winkelmann. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Bradley, Winkelmann, Gaines. No-0. Absent- Norman. • Supervisor Hall discussed the blight within the township – Pavilion/Kelly-LaChance/Rosted/Jennings rds. All the residents have been fined, paperwork to back up the letter submissions, now moving forward with the attorney for assistance.	MOTION to adopt Resolution 2025-1 Property Tax Administration fee of 1%. MOTION to pay fire barn payment of \$54,094.00 out of the General Fund.

Supervisor Hall discussed Peckham 120 acres and the need to set up a committee in order to start looking for funding and grant opportunities with the ability to work with Conservancy. There is no rush to make improvements to this land, but the planning will take some time. Supervisor Hall said that he would like to recommend that Daine Berry be the Committee chair to include a sunset date. MOTION by Bradley to nominate Daine Berry as the Committee Chair for Peckham 120-acre forest with a sunset date of July 9, 2026. Seconded by Gaines. MOTION CARRIED.	MOTION to nominate Diane Berry as the committee chair for Peckham 120-acre forest.
Motion by Gaines, seconded by Bradley to pay Sewer bills as printed in the amount of \$10,291.78. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Norman, Hall, Winkelmann, Bradley, Gaines. No-0. Absient-0.	MOTION to pay sewer bills as printed.
Motion by Gaines, seconded by Norman to pay township bills as printed in the amount of \$468,292.09. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes – Winkelmann, Hall, Bradley, Norman, Gaines No-0. Absent- 0.	MOTION to pay township bills as printed.
MOTION by Gaines to pay the fire bills as printed in the amount of \$17,709.61. Seconded by Bradley. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Norman, Winkelmann, hall, Bradley, Gaines. No-0. Absent- 0.	MOTION to pay the Fire bills as printed.
Motion by Hall, seconded by Bradley to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.	ADJOURNED
_____ Korinda Winkelmann, Twp. Clerk Date	Minutes taken by:
_____ Robert Hall, Twp. Supervisor Date	
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