

LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, August 13, 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: Present – Trustee Bradley, Trustee Norman, Supervisor Hall, Clerk Winkelmann, Treasurer Gaines. Absent-0.	CALL TO ORDER Roll Call
Moved by Gaines, seconded by Norman to accept the regular meeting minutes of July 9, 2025, as presented. MOTION CARRIED	MOTION to approve regular meeting minutes of 7/9/25 as presented.
Treasurer's report received for information.	TREASURER'S REPORT
Public Comments: Mike Cool, UHY- Provided description regarding the fire deficit and the elimination plan that needed submitted to the state. Stated that the deficit was due to being forced to start our own department, we levy .5 mil with a headlee roll back which is not enough to cover costs and run the department. Start up costs were a large contribution to the fire department deficit, especially with such a low fire millage. Most fire millages are 1.5 mils. The general fund will need to kick money over and kick money over to cover the deficit. Without looking at the new year's data, stated that the board needed to look into the expenditures for future funding. All goes back to age of equipment, personnel ect. Twp General fund added \$111,000.00 to its fund balance because we didn't spend as much on roads this past year and we didn't transfer out to support the fire fund as past years. Discussed line items in the audit packet – fire fund showed a negative \$145,000.00. Brought in \$117,000.00 of revenue, which approx. \$100,000.00 was from the millage, we spent \$262,000.00, leaving us with the negative \$145,000.00. This took the fund balance which was a positive \$123,000.00, down to a deficit of \$21,000.00. Stated that from millage 2025-26, we know we will bring in around \$100,000.00 for fire, so we needed to plan with expenditures to not end up in another deficit. Right now, without a fire millage increase, that money will have to come from the Township's general fund. A lot of townships support their fire out of the general fund, so there is nothing wrong with that. Sewer had a changeover in operators, raised rates, but expenses went up \$10,000.00 which made us	PUBLIC COMMENTS <i>*corrected meeting 9/10/25</i>

\$20,000.00 from the year before. However, the bottom line is that there was a loss of \$102,000.00. The sewer fund is accounted for in a different way due to depreciation. Of the 102k there was 107k in depreciation, which means 5k profit. Stated that we needed to consider the repair, replace and improve of equipment and stressed that we need to continue to raise the rates for fund accumulation and resources showing revenue. Appreciates that we have continued to raise rates with these thoughts in mind.

Supervisor Hall mentioned that we had a rate study done in the past which cost around \$30,000.00. We have continued to raise rates apart from covid. Asked if he recommended paying for another rate study? Mike stated that the rate they wanted us to be at, we aren't even at that rate yet, then consideration to cost of living, he's not sure what we would want to do as our fiduciary responsibility to the users.

Bruce Sparks suggested the possibility of having MI Rural Water could help with a rate study although they are not engineers and the cost would be much lower.

Other: re-visit the pension plan documents, touched on the sick time law with the fire and sewer with the township board being exempt. Refine fire run collections to capture the most funds possible. Banking- Township investments, continue to monitor the rates for the best financial outcome (banking vs. MI Class).

Resolution 2025-2 Deficit Elimination Plan for Fire Fund Balance was read aloud by Clerk Winkelmann. **MOTION** by Winkelmann to adopt Resolution 2025-2 Fire Fund Deficit Elimination Plan. Seconded by Gaines. **MOTION CARRIED**. Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Norman, Bradley, Gaines, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent-0.

Chris Andersen- talking about millage, the millage is based on total capitalization of the township. Mike said, yes, you'll get your notification of change in January from assessor, everyone's taxable value is going up as values increase. Capped back from 1994. You get allocated millage with rollback as 1.4 from 2024. 2022-2027 fire millage .5mil. 2024 Township with headlee .4961.

Andersen stated that his calculation of 38.26% were a little off on his own calculations.

Connie DeHaan- Old well pit in the cemetery is covered with branches, can we get that taken care of? Hall- possible that it is an old cistern, it is raised up. Will have a well guy look at.

Ron Jones- Can we get a sign up for Helmer Park to keep people from going to the cul-de-sac? Blair/Walnut needs the street cleaned. Will the bathroom be closed in the winter? Will there be park rules? What about lighting? What is the completion date? Supervisor Hall: We will work on a sign/signs for Helmer Park. Will make a phone

MOTION to adopt Resolution 2025-2 Fire Fund Deficit Elimination Plan.

call about street cleaning. Not sure on the bathroom yet, but it is built with intention for winter use. Lighting is supposed to be worked on next week. Park rules will be established at a later date after discussion with attorney. Completion date is set for August 31, 2025 with liquidated damages if not completed by the August 31st date. Chick Bricker- Will there be fencing around Andrea's property? Hall- no, she requested no fencing with the natural brush left. Can you post no parking signs in the cul-de-sac? Is it possible to install a split rail fence to define parking at the cul-de-sac? What about noise and park hours? Hall- I will look into signs and a split rail fence. Noise and hours will be discussed when we figure out park rules. Dave Christle- When will the painting of lines be done at the Crooked Lake launch? Hall- I called twice, I will call again. Christle- Reith Riely leaked oil on the road and just put sand down. Hall- I will call Reith Riely to have them clean up. Chris Andersen- Stated that the Covid funds and ARPA money could have been spent on the sewer system. Hall- they couldn't because it wouldn't have served the whole township.	
Correspondence: • Supervisor Hall stated that he received a call from Ron Mortenson about dredging the Crooked Lake launch with the possibility to put stone down. Hall to make a call about dredging. • Clerk Winkelmann reported receipt of permit paperwork from DEQ about a seawall on Robb Trail.	CORRESPONDENCE
Committee Reports: Sewer- Meeting on August 11, 2025. Absent- Dani Lutke. Sparks highlighted work done this past month. Pond levels at 4'10", which are good and will stop at 4 ft. MisDigs are mostly Cherry Capital. The test equipment that was purchased was already used. Report from state came back and only 4 new monitoring wells are needed, abandoning 2. Bid from Pearson for \$8902.50 for the 4 new wells. Lost power to ponds 1&2, had electricians out to fix. Tractor needs serviced at Ellens for power loss while lifting. Phone number updates on step units are ½ done. Pat's truck going in on the 25th for repair to the exhaust manifold. Discussed clause in sewer ordinance to charge customers of at fault damage to equipment. Looked over financials without budget report. Budget report submitted via email the next morning. Adjourned	COMMITTEE REPORTS SEWER

at 4:25pm. Fire- Meeting August 11, 2025, 4:35pm. All members present. Financial reports were read and discussed. Fire run reporting was discussed for billing and re-billing. Waiting on DNR 50/50 grant check for reimbursement of turn-out gear. Received grant check for \$700.00 from Wexford Missaukee Community grant for ice tool (50/50 grant). Chief listed runs for last month. Power steering pump on rescue 62 was repaired. Oil pan needs repaired. Compressor repair and flow test is scheduled for August 13. Firefighter Molitor came back with Lake Township Fire and new firefighter Ethan Nixon came on board. Hose testing scheduled for Sept. 3 at 8am. Deputy Chief to arrange personnel. High Volume Pump from DNR is operational and almost ready to go online. Scene lights need replaced, Deputy West working on. CSU continuing ed is still being offered to our firefighters. Advisory voted to not fill swimming pools and will refer to Salisbury Trucking. Advisory to read through all SOP's and come back with approval at next meeting instead of every month taking a few sections. Updated job descriptions discussed and would like to see a meeting with fire officers to move forward. Adjourned 5:30pm. MOVED by Norman to purchase ice tool from Bohning up to \$1400.00 with receipt from grant for \$700.00. Seconded by Winkelmann. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Gaines, Hall, Bradley, Winkelmann, Norman. No-0. Absent-0. MOTION by Norman to spend up to \$1509.30 for a pressure switch for the cascade system from MES. Seconded by Bradley. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Winkelmann, Gaines, Bradley, Norman. No-0. Absent-0. Fire Recovery USA Billing System Service Program information provided. MOVED by Norman to use Fire Recovery USA for fire run billing. Seconded by Bradley. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Winkelmann, Gaines, Hall, Bradley, Norman. No-0. Absent-0. MOTION by Norman to adopt Resolution 2025-3 Change Mitigation Rates for Deployment of Emergency & Non-Emergency Services by the Fire Department for Services Provided/Rendered by/for the Lake City Area Fire Department. Seconded by Gaines. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Bradley, Winkelmann, Gaines, Norman. No-0. Absent-0. Roads- Checking into Metro Act money, which can only be spent on roads with consideration to chip & seal Lake St.	FIRE MOTION to purchase ice tool from Bohning up to \$1400.00. MOTION to spend up to \$1509.30 for a pressure switch for the cascade system from MES. MOTION to use Fire Recovery USA for fire run billing. MOTION to adopt Resolution 2025-3 Change Mitigation Rates for Deployment of Emergency & Non-Emergency Services by the Fire Department for Services Provided/Rendered by/for the Lake City Area Fire Department. ROADS
Unfinished Business: Waters Edge Quote provided for Helmer Park in the	

amount of \$10,158.00 to add an additional 20' of gangway. Includes installation, assembly and related components. MOVED by Norman to accept the quote in the amount of \$10,158.00. Seconded by Gaines. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Hall, Winkelmann, Gaines, Norman. No-0. Absent-0. Clerk Winkelmann receipt of draw's #3 and #4. Prein will submit for payment. Will be distributed pending receipt and completion of park.	MOTION to accept Waters Edge quote for \$10,158.00.
New Business: - Supervisor Hall reported that he received a request from Brett Colecchio to change the meeting times to 7pm and requested that the meetings be recorded and videoed. Hall stated that we videoed the meetings in the past due to covid and experienced technical issues with set up and the need to fix accessories. It was becoming costly. We already follow the Open Meetings Act. No action from the board. - Clerk Winkelmann presented Prein and Newhoff Annual Professional Service Agreement. MOVED by Gaines to accept the Annual Service Agreement with Prein & Newhoff. Seconded by Bradley. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Norman, Winkelmann, Hall, Bradley, Gaines. No-0. Absent-0. - Discussion of Cemetery Ordinance. MOTION By Gaines to adopt Ordinance #28 Cemetery Ordinance with Ordinance #20 Cemetery repealed. Seconded by Winkelmann. MOTION CARRIED.	MOTION to accept the annual Professional Service from Prein & Newhoff. MOTION to adopt Ordinance #28 Cemetery Ordinance, with Ordinance #20 repealed.
MOTION by Gaines, Seconded by Bradley to pay the Sewer bills as printed \$28,807.97. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Winkelmann, Hall, Norman, Bradley, Gaines. No-0. Absent-0.	MOTION to pay sewer bills as printed \$28,807.97.
MOTION by Gaines to pay township bills as presented in the amount of \$24,671.04. Seconded by Bradley. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Norman, Hall, Winkelmann, Bradley, Gaines. No-0. Absent-0.	MOTION to pay township bills as presented \$24,671.04.
MOTION by Gaines to pay Fire bills as printed in the amount of \$2378.07. Seconded by Norman. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Hall, Winkelmann, Norman, Gaines. No-0. Absent-0.	MOTION to pay Fire bills as printed \$2378.07.
Motion by Hall, seconded by Bradley to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.	ADJOURNED

_____ Korinda Winkelmann, Township Clerk Date		Minutes prepared by: Korinda Winkelmann, Township Clerk	
_____ Robert Hall, Twp. Supervisor Date			
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