

LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, September 10, 2025, 4:30 P.M. LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL 8105 W. KELLY ROAD, LAKE CITY, MI 49651 MINUTES	DRAFT 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 Norman, seconded by Gaines to accept the regular meeting minutes of August 13, 2025, with correction. MOTION CARRIED	MOTION to approve regular meeting minutes of 8/13/25 with correction.
Treasurer's report received for information. Reporting budget amendment from GENF to Fire fund in the amount of \$120,053.00 from deficit elimination plan. (Resolution 2025-2)	TREASURER'S REPORT
Public Comments: Terri Christle: people working at the park need to clean up better. Norman responded to give them until the end of the month. Power is scheduled to be working by 9/22/25, they are held up on the well because of no power and they have a few other things to finish. Gerard Hindy: Lives in the Crow's Nest/Pine Drive area. The road was blocked with a truck by a resident for a year and a half which resulted in the halt of garbage and EMT service for residents living beyond where this truck was blocking the road (4 homes). There are 50 homeowners being sued in the Crows Nest for 10 ft of the road. Discussed the legal definition of a private road and that 16.5 ft is needed for a private rd. Supervisor Hall: Reported that he received a large packet from an attorney and Lake Township is named as a defendant in this (Crow's Nest) case. Will elaborate on further later in the meeting. Earl Chiles: Lives on W. Pine Dr. and has a neighbor to the North Anton and a neighbor to the South Anton, the person with the lawsuit for wanting 10ft of the road. Anton kept his truck (Red Dodge Ram) sitting in the road for a year and a half. Claims the truck sat there to bother the neighbors. No fed ex, no garbage, no EMS. After Chiles garbage wasn't picked up, he went to ask Anton if he could move the truck 3ft so that the garbage truck could get through. He stated that Anton responded with, "we'll see," and then Anton left for the winter. Hindy parked a truck on the other side of Anton's truck so that	PUBLIC COMMENTS

deliveries could be dropped off for the neighbors. We then had to haul our garbage totes down near Anton's truck so that we could have garbage service. In the Spring, the garbage cans were smashed against the red truck. He doesn't want a revision to the plat. Whitbuy (lady): Lives on the other side, public road. Side they want the road moved to was purchased land and was thought it was a common law plan. The property was already purchased. The property was surveyed and the survey and Michigan law need followed. All property owners in the homeowners association could be sued. Requested that the board look at the survey and the 10 ft of road in question. Supervisor Hall showed the board the survey, the home in question that wants to adverse possess, the strip of land that was purchased by Gerard Hindy and stated that Anton was wanting 10ft of the road due to the location of his garage and that he claims he has no parking. Anton was previously parking on the property that Hindy purchased. Will discuss further. Supervisor Hall then thanked all the residents of Pine Drive/Crow's Nest that attended the meeting. There were 8 residents present. Terri Christle: asked for permission to take a few trash can liners for the park.	
Correspondence: • None	CORRESPONDENCE
Committee Reports: Sewer- Last meeting 9/8/25 at 4:00pm. DMR submitted and still working on pumping out manholes and air release chambers. 55 more units left to replace phone numbers. New permit issued, effective Oct. 1st. Silversmith data is continuously updated. Contacted Prein & Newhof about updates on items for permitting, getting quote for permit. Ponds are down to 4'4", irrigation done for the year. New items: replaced all electrical feeds for pond 2 and south of pond 1. Need 15-20 yards of gravel. Tractor went to Ellens for repair, cost \$4003.00. Old items: questioned the status on amending ordinance on property damage- if homeowner at fault they will be liable. Supervisor Hall to contact attny. Call out boxes need new batteries. Homeowner at 8715 N Sapphire allowed access to assess unit charges, moved from 2 units to 1. Suggestion of ordinance officer to look behind Cobblestone plaza. Several propane cylinders sitting out back and not in cage. Several other items in disarray which makes it hard for Consumers and Sewer to get to areas of service. Discussed financial reports	COMMITTEE REPORTS SEWER

and bills. On track for overall budget at 43%. Adjourned at 4:30pm. Fire- Meeting 4:35pm on 9/8/25. Financial report and bills paid were discussed. Aware of hose testing invoice for \$2632.50 and stone needed for dry hydrant. Chief's report- No runs last month. Officers met on 9/7/25 to discuss changes. Deputy West will present. Cameron and Karly Parr resigned and moved to Merritt area effective 9/1/25. Water points for dry hydrants have been established, 4- Green rd. LaChance Rd. Redman Island and Crooked Lake. Testing needs finished on 2. Flow Testing/Compressor done and back online. Hose testing completed on 9/5/25. Lost 3 hoses due to seepage and leaks, no reported problems with couplings. Received \$3665.00 from DNR grant for their share of turnout gear. Both FF Roy Lutz and Daymon Fields passed their FF1 and FF2 testing. Revised SOP's and SOG's and made changes – will present to board next month. Reviewed officer job description and made changes, will present to board next month. New business- Payroll will be completed on Oct 1st and ready for approval for Advisory meeting on Oct. 6th. Adjourned 5:30pm. Roads- American Asphalt quote for Lake Street and off Lake Street, 5 roads in total. Too small for Reith Riley. Basins and drainage to be done by County. Roads will hold up approximately 7 years. Supervisor Hall stated that he is hoping to see something with the 3 billion that the government has been talking about for roads. Quote is for a 75/25 split with the county with Lake Township's portion being \$44,091.00. MOVED by Norman to accept American Asphalts proposal in the amount of \$44,091.00 to tar and chip SW Lake Street and side roads with a 75/25 match with County out of the FY 2026-27 budget. Seconded by Gaines. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Winkelmann, Hall, Gaines, Norman. No-0. Absent-0.	FIRE MOTION to accept the proposal from American Asphalt for a 75/25 split with Missaukee Road Commission for the tar and chip of SW Lake Street and side roads with Lake Township's portion being \$44,091.00 for FY 2026-27.
Unfinished Business: Helmer Park- Striping done on parking lot and the pavilion is complete. Pickleball painting scheduled this week, weather permitting. Parking lot lights are on backorder with no other options for purchase. Hung up due to power & permitting. Supervisor Hall asked Norman to look into the nails at the Pavillion. Shower head on the bathroom was questioned. Hall stated that it can go on the backside of the building. Drinking fountain can go in. Gangway is coming on Monday due to low lake level. Charitable Gaming Resolution- Deputy West asked for support with the gaming resolution and having this raffle is how monies are raised to grow pumpkins and support the local school kids. Stated that this is a positive	

reflection on the department even though Northern MI Firefighters for Children is separate from our department. MOTION by Bradley pending attorney approval to support the Charitable Gaming Resolution for Northern MI Firefighters for Children. Seconded by Norman. MOTION CARRIED.	MOTION of support pending attorney approval for Northern MI Firefighters for Children Gaming Resolution.
New Business: • Crows Nest Plat- Supervisor Hall gave a description and discussed the conversation with our attorney and Anton's attorney which contained a cross claim and an amended complaint with an order to add necessary parties. Lake Township is served as a "cross defendant" along with other property owners. Anton's filed a cross claim (from original suit with Gerard & Molly Hindy). In the cross claim dated 7/11/25, Anton is claiming 10 feet of the platted Pine Drive in Crow's Nest Plat is theirs under the doctrine of adverse possession and that the plat should be revised to reflect their additional property. Under the State Land Division Act, the Act requires that the party sue everyone who owns property in the plat. The amended cross claim dated 7/17/25 revised some of the owners names and added a set of owners. On 8/1/25 there was an order to add Lake Township as a defendant, along with other defendants required to be sued under the LDA (land division act) that were originally omitted from the first and amended cross claims. The complaints that were served make no allegations regarding the Township or added defendants. Under the LDA there is a requirement that the municipality where the plat is located be added as a party. There is no information on the township's status in the litigation or why the township is required to be named to revise a plat. This plat and Pine drive is a private road which is used by other plat owners, not public. The township was served with a summons on 8/25/25 and has until 9/22/25 to file a response to the amended cross claim. Anton's were not present at tonight's meeting. Supervisor Hall stated that the Anton;s could have purchased the property years ago when it was for sale. The Hindy's purchased. • Mrs. Hindy- The canal property is losing 1ft of property per year. When they purchased the land, they didn't let people drive on it anymore because it was eroding, so they put a fence up due to destruction and disrespect. Also stated that Anton could have purchased the property when it was for sale. • MOTION made by Winkelmann to hire attorney	

Tom Yeadon to defend the Township for Anton vs. Watertown Charter Township with no consent. Seconded by Bradley. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Norman, Gaines, Hall, Bradley, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent-0. • Helmer Park Sign- Treasurer Gaines reported a state of Michigan grant available to preserve MI history. Thoughts on having a sign made for Helmer Park and the Historical society and applying for the grant. Requesting if we don't get the grant, if the township would be willing to pay for the sign without the grant. MOTION by Norman to approve up to \$5,000.00 for DeRuiter woodcraft to make a sign for Helmer Park. Seconded by Gaines. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Winkelmann, Bradley, Gaines, Norman. No-0. Absent-0. • Supervisor Hall requested the purchase of 320 potted spruce using Metro Act Funds that can only be used in a right-of-way. Would like to have the trees planted past the wilderness store down to first chance garage. MOTION by Gaines to spend up to \$7,000.00 of Metro Act Funds for 320 potted trees from Dutchman. Seconded by Norman. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Hall, Winkelmann, Norman, Gaines. No-0. Absent-0. • Supervisor Hall bought up having a festival called Jennings Days in the community of Jennings during the car show. Talked with the Chamber who was interested in looking into further. • Supervisor Hall proposed a stipend for the care of Clam River Park and the overall operations paid quarterly \$1250.00 in total \$5000.00 per year. MOVED by Gaines to pay a \$5,000.00 stipend to C. Bradley to be paid quarterly retroactive to April 1, 2025. Seconded by Norman. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Winkelmann, Hall, Norman, Gaines. No-0. Absent-0. Abstain-Bradley. • Supervisor Hall proposed a \$5,000.00 per year stipend for Clerk Winkelmann and Cemetery Sexton position to be paid quarterly \$1250.00 retroactive to April 1, 2025. MOVED by Gaines and seconded by Norman. Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Hall, Norman, Gaines. No-0. Absent-0. Abstain-Winkelmann. • Nightly rate at Clam River Park will be increased from \$10.00 to \$20.00.	MOTION to hire Tom Yeadon as the Township's representative with no consent for Anton vs. Watertown Charter Township. MOTION to approve up to \$5,000.00 for Helmer Park sign. MOTION to spend up to \$7,000.00 for 320 potted trees from Dutchman Tree Farms out of the Metro Act Funds. MOTION to pay a \$5,000.00 per year stipend for the Clam River Park operations paid quarterly \$1250.00 retroactive April 1, 2025. MOTION to pay \$5,000.00 per year stipend to Clerk Winkelmann, Cemetery Sexton paid quarterly at \$1250.00 retroactive April 1, 2025.
MOTION by Bradley, Seconded by Norman to pay the Sewer bills as printed \$22,924.22. MOTION CARRIED.	MOTION to pay sewer bills as printed \$22,924.22.

Roll Call: Gaines, Winkelmann, Hall, Norman, Bradley. No-0. Absent-0.	
MOTION by Norman to pay township bills as presented in the amount of \$221,408.39. Seconded by Bradley. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Winkelmann, Gaines, Hall, Bradley, Norman. No-0. Absent-0.	MOTION to pay township bills as presented \$221,408.39.
MOTION by Norman to pay Fire bills as printed in the amount of \$10,307.59. Seconded by Gaines. MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Hall, Winkelmann, Gaines, Norman. No-0. Absent-0.	MOTION to pay Fire bills as printed \$10,307.59.
Motion by Hall, seconded by Bradley to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.	ADJOURNED
_____ Korinda Winkelmann, Township Clerk Date	Minutes prepared by: Korinda Winkelmann, Township Clerk
_____ Robert Hall, Twp. Supervisor Date	
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