

<p style="text-align: center;">LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, February 11, 2026, 4:30 P.M. LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL 8105 W. KELLY ROAD, LAKE CITY, MI 49651</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p><b>Draft Minutes</b></p>
<p>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.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b> Roll Call</p>
<p>Moved by Norman, seconded by Gaines to accept the regular meeting minutes of January 7, 2026, as printed. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to approve regular meeting minutes of 1/7/26 as printed.</p>
<p>Moved by Gaines to approve the budget workshop minutes from January 29, 2026, at 10:00am with one correction. Seconded by Norman.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to approve budget workshop minutes with correction 1/29/26.</p>
<p>Treasurer’s report received for information purposes.</p>	<p><b>TREASURER’S REPORT</b></p>
<p><b>Public Comments:</b> <b>Terri Christle-</b> LaChance &amp; Jennings rd. intersection. Is there anything that can be done about the traffic? The drivers turning left off Jennings onto LaChance assume that everyone is turning onto Jennings rd. and not going through to Jennings. Feels this intersection is dangerous. Hall- will talk to road commission. <b>Daine Berry-</b> Gave a Peckham property update. Spoke with a mountain bike trail person who has designed trails. Rec Plan details will be looked at. Stated that the conservation district received a grant for designs. Touched on the Cadillac Visitors Bureau and the Cadillac Community Foundation who have also been good about grants. Hall- Doesn’t believe the boundary lines were marked on the original survey, will check again when the snow is gone. <b>Pat Bennett-</b> Just found out that his health insurance vendor for Miss. Drain is not paying Blue Cross, so they cancelled him. If he is unable to go through marketplace, he will have to go through the vendor directly. Cost is around \$1200.00. Still in the communication process with this. Hall- get taken care of as soon as possible. If you need help, let us know.</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b></p>
<p><b>Correspondence:</b> • FEMA floodplain study for Twp. Government to be</p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p>

<p>held on 2/18/26 via zoom. Will update the public with information from this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helmer Park- Connie from Prein notified Supervisor Hall that there is extra money from the Spark Grant that was not used by other recipients. Clerk Winkelmann turned in all extra invoices and payments that were overages- engineering fees, the overage on the Cj's bid, the dock, project manager and consumers fees. Waiting for approval from DNR. Sparks/Bennett- the pressure switch and threshold in the bathroom need looked at in the park. Hall to call Pearson's.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Committee Reports:</b>  <b>SEWER-</b>  Meeting Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Norman absent. Sparks went over his reports and submission. A lot of plowing had been done since last meeting. Land management application approved by EGLE and information turned over to Supervisor Hall for twp attorney. Confined space policy returned from lawyer for approval. <b>MOVED</b> by Norman to approve the Confined Space policy- Resolution 2026-1. Seconded by Bradley. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Intergovernmental Agreement drwn up by lawyer between city of Lake City and Missaukee Drain for sewer. Agreement is for contracted labor charges for mutual aid services. Ordered truck for Missaukee Drain, should be here soon. Additional warranty can be purchased for \$3900.00. Changed the misdig location areas of service to not include the north side of the lake. Attended free classes in Lansing for 811 Miss Dig for CEC. Located new monitoring wells, Arrowhead trail step unit and data being loaded into program. Electrical short in Bruce's truck located, going to need new tires. Contacted Valley Linen about switching service (cost savings), they brought samples for the guys to try on. Due to contract with Cintas, we must wait until July to switch service providers. Free rate study performed by MI Rural Water, should be completed next week. Information to be presented at March meeting. Discussed budget and rate increase. Advisory board approved a rate increase of 20% that will be presented to the twp board for approval for 2026-27 FY budget. QR code to be added to sewer bills with rate increase information. Discussed monthly bills paid- couple questions answered about lawyer fees for preparing documents. Adjourned at 5pm.  Roll Call: Yes- Gaines, Bradley, Hall, Norman, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent: 0. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b>  <b>FIRE-</b>  Meeting 2/9/26 Norman absent, Supervisor Hall sat in for</p>	<p><b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>  <b>SEWER</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to adopt Resolution 2026-1 Confined Space Policy.</p> <p><b>FIRE</b></p>

Norman. Reviewed bills and account balance. Deputy West read over Chief Bradley's report. Discussed runs for the month. DNR grant- submitted and received back signed, so now can obtain bids for basic wetland PPE. Listed training for February. Annual maintenance completed: oil changes, report of blow by leaks and misc. shortcomings. Engine 61 needs quote to fix front oil seal. Engine/pumper 67 needs work, still has water leak. Discussion of morale and welfare. Chief submitted all billable runs as of January 1, 2026, to the new billing company. NERIS is up and operational an overview report was submitted to the fire board and twp Supervisor. Still waiting on helmet order from a year ago. Premier Safety was onsite for flow testing and to replace air flow regulator on air compressor. Federal fire grant should be available soon. Would like to get new SCBA bottles to replace out-of-date ones. Grievance (within the dept.) letters read by Deputy West and Robbie Powers. Others in the department commented on those letters. Officers meeting will be scheduled at the end of the month for further discussion. Adjourned at 6:39pm.

**ROADS-**

Supervisor Hall spoke with Road Commission about a larger match from them. The response was no because they took a big hit to their budget. Road commission to pay 25% of the Lake Street project that was already bid out.

**ROADS**

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

- Missaukee Humane Society and Greatest 4<sup>th</sup> in the North Contracts presented. **TABLED.**
- Prein & Newhoff as needed professional service agreement for 2026. **MOVED** by Bradley, Seconded by Norman. **MOTION CARRIED.** Roll Call: Yes- Gaines, Winkelmann, Hall, Norman, Bradley. No-0. Absent-0.
- Request from Assessor to appoint Shawn Redman as Board of Review Alternate. **MOVED** by Winkelmann to appoint Shawn Redman as Board of Review Alternate. Seconded by Bradley. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- Budget, Hearing and Settlement meeting date scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 4:30pm.
- Discussion of wage rate increase for Assessor in coordination with the inflation rate multiplier (IRM). Assessor is requesting wages from May 2025-current to be brought up to date along with the

**TABLED** contract requests from Missaukee Humane Society and Greatest 4<sup>th</sup> in the North.  
**MOTION** to approve the as needed professional services agreement with Prein & Newhoff for 2026.  
**MOTION** to appoint Shawn Redman as Board of Review Alternate.

<p>increase to be paid current – April 30, 2026. The next increase according to the IRM will take place May 2026-April 2027. <b>MOVED</b> by Bradley to update assessor’s wages for the past 9 months at \$108.50 per month in the amount of \$976.50 with the addition of post months increase at \$108.50 per month, equaling a total monthly pay of \$3608.50 per month through April 30, 2026. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Gaines, Winkelmann, Norman, Bradley. No-0. Absent-0.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of hiring a service processor for people who ignore ordinance violations. Having a hard time finding someone locally.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to increase assessor’s wages by \$108.50 per month through April 30, 2026 retroactive May 1, 2025 totaling a monthly pay of \$3608.50 per month in alignment with the IRM.</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Gaines, Seconded by Bradley to pay the Sewer bills as printed \$68,705.96. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Winkelmann, Norman, Hall, Bradley, Gaines. No-0. Absent-0.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to pay sewer bills as printed \$68,705.96.</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Gaines to pay township bills with addition \$122,432.47. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Bradley, Winkelmann, Hall, Norman, Gaines. No-0. Absent- 0.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to pay township bills with addition \$122,432.47.</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Gaines to pay Fire bills as printed \$7,141.48. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Winkelmann, Bradley, Norman, Gaines. No-0. Absent- 0.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to pay Fire bills as printed \$7,141.48.</p>
<p>Motion by Hall, seconded by Winkelmann to adjourn <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ADJOURNED</b></p>
<p>_____ Korinda Winkelmann, Township Clerk                      Date</p>	<p>Minutes prepared by: Korinda Winkelmann, Township Clerk</p>
<p>_____ Robert Hall, Twp. Supervisor                                      Date</p>	
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