

<p style="text-align: center;">LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, May 13, 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 style="text-align: center;"><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><b>MOTION</b> by Bradley to approve Regular meeting minutes of April 8, 2026. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to approve regular meeting minutes of 4/8/26 as printed.</p>
<p>Treasurer’s report received for information purposes. Account balances as presented.</p>	<p><b>TREASURER’S REPORT</b></p>
<p><b>Public Comments:</b> <b>John Kenna</b> – presentation via zoom from TextMyGov. Description of a texting platform for communicating to residents. Proposal presented to the board by Clerk Winkelmann. No action by board. <b>Mitchell Barron (Jennings Rd)</b>- Voiced concerns about a fire bill that he received, and the cost associated with his services. Supervisor Hall previously decreased this bill due to no presence of a command car. Mr. Barron stated that he was still disputing the bill as he felt there was far greater response than the need. He doesn’t agree with the generic billing schedule or the review process for cost recovery. Supervisor Hall stated that he reviewed the 911 call which stated that it was a house fire and the house was full of smoke, 2 fans were needed for ventilation. He also explained how mutual aid works and elaborated with that we only charge .5mil through taxes to keep the taxes low and charge residents per call/need if they use the services. Fred West spoke up on behalf of the fire department for further explanation. No action from the board. <b>Gerard Winkle (Lake St)</b>- Thanks to the board. Questioned the lake levels and how those are monitored. Gave a description of last year vs. April and the draining of the lake, has concerns because it is a significant revenue source. Supervisor Hall stated that Lake Township paid for a lake level monitoring tool with the county, city and road commission so that those levels can be seen by residents on the county’s website. We should have that monitoring tool soon, He believes that the current elevation is 12.38.5, which is 6” higher than it</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b></p>

<p>should have been. Massive amounts of water coming in from little Goose on NW side of lake. Beaver dam over that way was removed due to flooding. Winkle's concerns that he doesn't want it to be like it was a year ago.</p> <p><b>Chris Andersen (Green Rd)</b>- Asked Supervisor Hall if he spoke to Brad from the road commission about fixing the pipe on Green rd. Is there any remediation for the pipe being too small? Supervisor Hall stated that they are supposed to start drainage work on Lake Street. Went back and forth about flow, depth and draining. Andersen looking for better flow from Smith farm into Green Rd area. Hall stated that he didn't realize that it was undersized but welcomed a meeting with Brad from road commission and Andersen. Then Andersen asked how complaints were handled at the Township. Hall stated that his Township phone rings into his cell phone &amp; he will respond to calls at a lunch break or at night.</p> <p><b>Pam Hill (Crooked Lake)</b>- Stated that she wanted the outhouse put back at the Crooked Lake launch (Poplar Street) and Jennings playground (Elm). Hall stated that we already called about the boat launch, but we will call and have one put at the playground.</p> <p><b>Josh Fairbrother (LaChance Rd)</b>- Presentation of proposal for Township's technology contract.</p>	
<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cemeteries- Post storm clean up done with trustee from Missaukee jail. Bruce and Pat fixed the fence. Will be mowed before Memorial holiday.</li> <li>• DEQ Permit received - Viox</li> <li>• MI Enviro Conference- Bruce and Pat to attend in June.</li> <li>• Tablet for fire department was ordered/received and ready for use on fire runs.</li> <li>• Charter franchise renewal notification received for a renewal date of 4/2029, re: Compliance Act.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p>

**Committee Reports:**

**SEWER-** Meeting Monday, May 11, 2026. All members present except Kate Cobb.

DMR submitted for April. Outside cleaning done around the plant, park and cemetery areas of township. Getting ready to start irrigating. Took pond samples. Found manholes uncovered by rain. Ponds are at 11'9". Getting I/I sewer system from manhole 115 and other locations that aren't identified yet. Trying to locate I/I run times almost doubled. Found a company out of Jackson that will drill manholes for \$425.00 per hole, includes travel. No reply yet from Cities of McBain or Lake City about a mutual aid sewer agreement. Requested a line item on the budget for equipment rental. Starting township mowing, new mower should arrive this week. Screens that are needed for the ponds will cost \$10,430.00- Cadillac Fab to make them, current ones are either missing or are 30 years old. All bills looked good with approval to be paid. Discussion of health insurance - requested quotes as we cannot purchase off marketplace. Clerk Winkelmann is still working on new health insurance, which will not take effect until June 1, 2026. All policy information has been shared with the board. Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm.

**MOTION** by Bradley to purchase screens for ponds in the amount of \$10,430.00. Seconded by Norman.

**MOTION CARRIED.** Roll Call: Yes- Gaines, Winkelmann, Hall, Norman, Bradley. No-0. Absent-0.

**FIRE-** Meeting 5/11/26. All members present.

Went over bills paid and balance sheets. Questioned bill from Hometown Door for \$356.00. Fred West explained that it was due to power outage during storm and the garage doors didn't work when the power came back on. Batteries were bad, so they were replaced. Checking on invoice due to warranty. Chief's Report- reported on runs for the month since last advisory meeting. Presented run billing sheet of runs invoiced to Fire Recovery. New run sheet designed for requirements of NEIRS and Fire Recovery. Sign in sheet revamped. Repairs- during Prosper Rd. barn fire, a truck caught a fence and put a dent in the truck and broke a grab handle. It is scheduled for repair at Red Fox. Repairs on boat will be done by Red Fox. Chief's office and supply closet had new door handles installed- fingerprint, code and key accessible. Records kept of who enters. Request to DNR for truck that can be used for pulling large pumps. Grants- applied for State Farm Good Neighbor grant, 10k, no match. Suggestions made for battery operated jaws. DNR grant update- received wildland gloves, delay on rest of order. 1<sup>st</sup> helmet received from the 5 that were backordered. SCBA bottles need to be in rotation for replacement. 3 new applications received, waiting on background

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**FIRE**

<p>checks. Hiring committee will be interviewing for a new Chief and then discuss officer structure- to be held this Wednesday. No new business. Meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> by Norman to hire Fred West as the new Fire Chief for the Lake City Area Fire Department. Seconded by Winkelmann. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>. Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Hall, Gaines, Winkelmann, Norman. No-0. Absent-0.</p> <p><b>ROADS</b>- Lake Street is too narrow for chip seal. County waiting on extra funding. Project was supposed to be completed by Memorial weekend. It has not been started.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to hire Fred West as the Fire Chief for the Lake City Area Fire Department.</p> <p><b>ROADS</b></p>
<p><b>Unfinished Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RMM Annual Agreement with AllPro-Presented by Clerk Winkelmann. <b>TABLED</b>.</li> <li>• Mower Update- Change in price due to availability of the mower we originally chose. New option with implements is \$20,467.00. <b>MOVED</b> by Winkelmann to approve the purchase of \$20,467.00 for the new mower due to availability. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>. Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Bradley, Gaines, Norman, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent-0.</li> <li>• Overhead lights Helmer Park- they were turned off due to complaints. We are checking the sensor for a dusk to dawn setting on the digital control panel.</li> <li>• Pat Bennett hired in terms- upon hire date 8/2/24 Pat was hired at a wage lower than requested, and the board agreed to an immediate one-week vacation. At the 90-day mark, Pat would receive one more week and then on the anniversary date he would have a roll over. <b>MOVED</b> by Gaines to correct hire in terms of vacation hours for Pat Bennett for documentation purposes. Seconded by Bradley. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>. Roll Call: Yes- Winkelmann, Norman, Hall, Bradley, Gaines. No-0. Absent-0.</li> <li>• Supervisor Hall communicated enforcement violations that he will need to take to court- Ryan Bugard, Gay Gunnerson, Rick Fowler, Dustin (Jennings Rd).</li> <li>• Township Clean-Up- No clean-up this year. Residents of Jennings are saving their trash all year long- regular household waste. People out of the township are bringing trash in. They are setting out items well over a month in advance. Other residents do not follow the guidelines regarding what we will and will not take. Other</li> </ul>	<p><b>TABLED</b>- AllPro RMM annual agreement.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to purchase mower in the amount of \$20,467.00.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to document vacation hours/terms upon hire date for Pat Bennett of one week vacation upon hire date, one week at the 90-day mark and then roll over on anniversary date.</p>

<p>concerns of cost and liability. Taking a year off to create new rules and a better plan.</p>	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website Update- Clerk Winkelmann has been communicating with Rob from AllPro about website upgrades. Presented board with email communication and documents shared. <b>TABLED.</b></li> <li>• Helmer Park Storm Damage- communication about repairs to park and suggestion made about the possibility of more dock poles needed.</li> <li>• Park Ordinance discussed. Need to update.</li> <li>• Helmer Park Sign- Need to come up with a date for installation.</li> <li>• MERS- Resolution 2026-1 was presented. Moving our defined contribution plans from Gleaner’s to MERS. <b>MOVED</b> by Gaines to adopt Resolution 2026-1 and move providers from Gleaners to MERS. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Bradley, Winkelmann, Norman, Gaines. No-0. Absent-0.</li> <li>• <b>MOTION</b> by Gaines to appoint Clerk Winkelmann and Supervisor Hall as authorized signers for the MERS defined contribution plan. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>TABLED-</b> website update.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to adopt Resolution 2026-1 and move our defined contribution plan from Gleaners to MERS.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> for authorized signers to be Clerk Winkelmann and Supervisor Hall for the MERS program.</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Gaines, Seconded by Bradley to pay the Sewer bills with addition \$22,490.80. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Norman, Hall, Winkelmann, Bradley, Gaines. No-0. Absent-0.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to pay sewer bills with addition \$22,490.80.</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Gaines to pay township bills with addition \$37,604.53. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Winkelmann, Bradley, Hall, Norman, Gaines. No-0. Absent- 0.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to pay township bills with addition \$37,604.53.</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Gaines to pay Fire bills with addition \$18,481.74. Seconded by Bradley. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Winkelmann, Norman, Bradley, Gaines. No-0. Absent- 0.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to pay Fire bills with addition \$18,481.74.</p>
<p>Motion by Hall, seconded by Gaines to adjourn <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ADJOURNED</b></p>
<p>_____ Korinda Winkelmann, Township Clerk                      Date</p>	<p>Minutes prepared by: Korinda Winkelmann, Township</p>

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Robert Hall, Twp. Supervisor _____ Date _____	
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