

<p style="text-align: center;">LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, June 10, 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 May 13, 2026. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to approve regular meeting minutes of 5/13/26 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>Mike Cool (UHY)-</b> Tax collection was positive. Sewer is showing \$277,000.00 available for future repairs, replacement &amp; improvements. This is good, but not enough. Stated that we have been good and intentional at following the rate study and the recommended increases. Continue to follow that guideline for reserve. Fire fund/General fund/Public Improvement Fund- Received a 1 million spark grant, compliance audit done on that grant with the DNR confirming compliance. \$120,053 transferred to fire fund due to deficit a year ago. Transferred in current year due to shortfall. A shortage of \$37,000.00 prevented deficit in the current year. The general fund is a positive \$106,000.00. Fire fund- we only take in .5mil for fire operations, which is not enough to fund the fire operations. We should consider an increase in the milage. Supervisor Hall- we started with a new billing company that a couple surrounding departments use which should help draw funds and we changed the billing structure by increasing the run fees. Those that use and need the service are paying for their services. Mike- suggested adopting a policy when we deem runs uncollectable. Fire run reconciliation is needed. Either write off the uncollectable runs or send them to collections. Public Improvement fund- we were continuously moving 10k per year into the public improvement fund from the general fund. Can be used for roads or other projects: roof, well etc. Computer controls should be public data protected. Pension plan- doesn’t meet the requirements, the plan document needs updating. Mike stated that he is aware that we are</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b></p>

<p>working on changing companies. Health Insurance- who's eligible? Cost sharing? Co-pays? Supervisor Hall- stated he called MTA who suggested that the sewer employees get a raise then they can pay for their own health insurance coverage and it removes the Township from the 80/20 split and being forced into group coverage with the higher costs. Lake Improvement Fund- make a motion to get rid of this fund. We are being charged fees to audit this fund, and it defeats the purpose when those funds are intended for lake projects. These monies will be moved back to the general fund. Clerk Winkelmann- We submitted engineering costs and consumer energy fees from Helmer Park into the DNR for reimbursement due to extra unused funds from other awarded projects. How will receipts of those funds work for the new fiscal year? Mike- we will not have to do a separate audit because those funds are under a million dollars. On the township side it will be added additional federal funds.</p> <p><b>Diane Berry</b>- Haven't heard any information on the Wild Child program that was offered last year on Crooked Lake. No new projects have been addressed or suggested from the Lake Enhancement Committee. Would like to become a member of the Riparian magazine of the MI Lakes and Streams Assoc., wondering if the township would pay for her subscription. Twp Rec Plan- was discussed at the Crooked Lake Assoc. meeting. Looking to create a Tuesday night league for Pickleball. In reference to the 100-acre woods- should we include mountain bike trails and walking trails?</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> by Winkelmann to reimburse Daine Berry \$50.00 for a subscription to MI Lakes and Streams magazine. Seconded by Gaines. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p> <p>Roll Call: Yes- Norman, Hall, Bradley, Gaines, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent-0.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to reimburse Diane Berry \$50.00 to the MI Lakes and Streams magazine.</p>
<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cadillac Area Land Conservancy (CALC)- received our 2026 conservation easement monitoring report. We are in compliance.</li> <li>• Jerry Levine- request regarding sewer bill. Tore down cottage and have been building a home therefore they haven't used any water since tear down in October. No action from the board. User is responsible for payment because he is hooked up to the system.</li> <li>• Bev Stebner, Lake City Women's Club- Hall rental sometime in December. Would the Township consider renting for free since they are non-profit? The board decided no.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p>

**Committee Reports:**

**SEWER-**

Meeting 6/8/26 all members present. DMR has not been submitted for May because of 6 violations due to new limits per the permit. Waiting on call back from EGLE. Mowing being done by Missaukee Drain with new mower. Irrigation has started and the manholes have all been raised but one on Lakeview. Sampled ponds and spraying. Attended wastewater class in West Branch. Ponds at 12 ft. Miss Digs are 119 to date. Filed complaint against Prosource Utilities for multiple tickets at same address. Received 5 calls on rate increase due to no notification of increase. Still no reply from the City of Lake City and Mc Bain about a sewer mutual aid agreement. Suggested a line item for equipment rental and valve turning equipment. New screens will take about 6 weeks to be fabricated. Bruce has been working with someone whose septic system has failed and needs to hook up to our system. Advisory Board agreed to work with resident. Reports and bills were reviewed. Still trying to work out health insurance. Township received a complaint about garbage on property in Jennings that was blocking the view at intersection of oncoming traffic. Due to hazard, Supervisor Hall had sewer guys and a trustee from the jail remove the garbage with assistance from the homeowner. Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm. The board discussed audit suggestions and MTA rules regarding health insurance. Supervisor Hall calculated costs for sewer operators' health insurance. It was presented at a \$4.00 per hour raise per operator due to health insurance costs with the operators obtaining health insurance on their own rather than the township's current 80/20 split. The quotes obtained didn't include dental and vision and were added as separate policies. **MOVED** by Winkelmann to increase sewer operators' hourly wages by \$4.00 each effective pay date of 6/17/26 to obtain health insurance coverage on their own removing the township of providing health insurance coverage. Seconded by Norman. **MOTION CARRIED.** Roll Call: Yes- Bradley, Gaines, Hall, Norman, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent-0.

**FIRE-**

Meeting 6/8/26 all members present. Reviewed bills and financial report. Chief's Report- presented fire runs as of last meeting. Updated billing collection of funds for this year \$22,696.00. Hiring committee met on 6/2/26 and hired 5 new members, which included 2 returns. Discussion with Norman that 3 main trucks need to go to CSI in Grayling for annual inspection. Wildland gear has arrived, which now completes DNR grant. Clerk Winkelmann has to provide cleared checks for final grant submission. 5 helmets arrived; one is the wrong color.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SEWER**

**FIRE**

Company looking into a discount for error. Need accountability tags updated which is not expensive. Need board approval to change the department's name to Lake Township Fire Department. Department is requesting a course for bus extrication. County has tried several times to be cancelled last minute. Looking into costs and open up to other departments. Received an update from Clerk Winkelmann on old run collections. What can we do to clear this up? Adjourned at 5:30pm.

**MOVED** by Gaines to change the name from Lake City Area Fire Department to Lake Township Fire Department effective July 1, 2026. Seconded by Norman. **MOTION CARRIED**. Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Winkelmann, Bradley, Norman, Gaines.

**ROADS-**

Contract received from the Missaukee County Road Commission for Lake Street and surrounding streets: Golden Rod, Alley 1(Green to Missaukee), Rose St, Alley 2 (Green to Missaukee), Mayflower.

**MOTION** by Norman to accept the Lake Street contract with Missaukee County Road Commission in the amount of \$65,950.34 with the Township portion at \$49,462.76. Seconded by Bradley. **MOTION CARRIED**. Roll Call: Yes- Gaines, Winkelmann, Hall, Bradley, Norman. No-0. Absent-0.

**MOTION** to change the fire department's name from the Lake City Area Fire Department to Lake Township Fire Department effective 7/1/26.

**ROADS**

**MOTION** to accept contract for Lake Street from the Missaukee County Road Commission in the amount of \$49,642.76.

**Unfinished Business:**

- RMM Annual Agreement with AllPro-Presented by Wes Brown. **TABLED**.
- Fairbrother Technologies computer agreement presented by Josh Fairbrother. **TABLED**.
- Discussion of retirement accounts and the low return that we receive on our monies. Clerk Winkelmann and Supervisor Hall have tried setting up meetings with Municipal Retirement to no avail. **MOVED** by Gaines to surrender our Gleaners funds that will be payable to the Township and enter into contract with MERS as of 6/12/2026. Seconded by Winkelmann. **MOTION CARRIED**. Roll Call: Yes- Norman, Hall, Bradley, Winkelmann, Gaines. No-0. Absent-0.
- Helmer Park- dock poles shifting. Need to get some more poles to secure dock. Bathroom handle keeps getting locked. American Lock will be out to install a new lock that will be timed. Outside spigot has been left on intentionally. This will be changed to a push valve so that people can wash their feet. Terri Christle reported that a green pontoon staying over at Crooked Lake Campground intentionally rammed the dock. Bruce to address. The swim area is to the right of the dock. Cherry Capital will be setting up internet

**TABLED-** AllPro RMM annual agreement.  
**TABLED-** computer service agreement Fairbrother Technologies.

**MOTION** to surrender Gleaner's retirement and move funds into MERS retirement.

<p>at the park free of charge to the township according to the previous agreement. Internet is still not set up at Green rd.</p>	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quote for services received by Raymers in the amount of \$9060.00 to fix the erosion issue from the storms at Helmer Park. <b>MOVED</b> by Winkelmann to accept the proposal of \$9060.00 from Raymers to fix the erosion at Helmer Park pending Prein &amp; Newhof assessment. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Gaines, Bradley, Norman, Winkelmann. No-0. Absent-0.</li> <li>• Presented invoice from Chris Andersen with documented photos of tree removal performed by Joe's Tree Service in the amount of \$2,000.00. Andersen requested that the Township reimburse him for the removal. Supervisor Hall stated that it is a county road and this should be between him, the county and consumers energy. No action by the board.</li> <li>• NSF Resolution 2026-2 and computer/email use policy presented to the board by Treasurer Gaines. <b>MOVED</b> by Norman to accept NFS Resolution 2026-2 and the computer/email use policy to be added to the personnel manual. Seconded by Winkelmann. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></li> <li>• Township to pay Fire barn bill.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to accept quote from Raymers in the amount of \$9060.00 to fix the erosion at Helmer Park pending Prein &amp; Newhof assessment.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to adopt the NFS Resolution 2026-2 and add a computer/email use policy to the personnel manual.</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Gaines, Seconded by Bradley to pay the Sewer bills as presented \$21,043.56. <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 presented \$21,043.56.</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Gaines to pay township bills as presented \$10,999.78. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Hall, Bradley, Winkelmann, Norman, Gaines. No-0. Absent- 0.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to pay township bills as presented \$10,999.78.</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Gaines to pay Fire bills as printed \$8,652.90. Seconded by Norman. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Roll Call: Yes- Hall, Bradley, Winkelmann, Norman, Gaines. No-0. Absent- 0.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to pay Fire bills as printed \$8,652.90.</p>
<p>Motion by Hall, seconded by Gaines to adjourn <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ADJOURNED</b></p>

