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LAKE TOWNSHIP  
ROSCOMMON COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
1380 N. MICHELSON ROAD  
HOUGHTON LAKE, MI 48629

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**Special Board Meeting  
Thursday February 26, 2026 @ 1 p.m.**

Special meeting of the Lake Township Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Supervisor; John Hibbard, Trustee; Pam Surprenant, and Treasurer; Harry Trier present. Clerk; Andrea Grabowski and Trustee; Scott Hassler absent.

**New Business:**

**Drainage Resolution** – Hibbard introduced the resolution for a Mary's street drain and a West Shore Drive drain. Trier opened discussion by stating he is uncomfortable with signing any of this paperwork. It is an open-ended contract, there is no dollar amounts on it, there is not any information on how money is being collected, no information on how construction is going to happen, and where it is going to happen. I'm very uncomfortable with signing this resolution. Chase recommended talking with Gerrish, Markey or Richfield they have drains. Chase stated he understands our concerns. Hibbard queried cost of project. Chase responded 10K per drain up front, drain office will split that cost per drains. Chase continued if the resolution was approved by the township it is sent to a determination board of three people, presented to the public and decide where and when it should be done. This will start the process and then it goes to the county board to sign off on it. A mailing goes out to the public that live in that district, requesting input, then a hearing is held and people living in that district can state whether or not they feel this drain project should or should not take place. The determination board will make the decision after the hearing and should the project move forward that is when the design and cost will be determined. The cost is a special assessment district along with a portion paid by the township. Chase is unclear how that is actually divvied up. Chase suggested reaching out to the other townships. Surprenant agreed and read from the resolution that Lake Township would be liable for assessment at large for an unknown cost. Hibbard stated so we would be signing off on a cost that we don't know what that is. Trier stated yes. Discussion regarding when the residents involved would receive a heads up on costs. Hibbard queried Chase on a more accurate cost. Chase replied not until an engineer looks at it. The engineer would draw a boundary and everyone in that boundary would chip in toward a piece of the pie. Discussion continues. Hibbard to call Gerrish and Richfield to obtain additional information. Chase stated this takes time, must make sure everyone has a voice, and at best construction could start in 2027.

Open discussion regarding deep ditch on West side of 27. Hibbard to contact RCRC regarding resident concern. Discussion continues with two residents regarding flooding.

**Parks and Recreation:** - Surprenant indicated the township board received the following packets from Prein. Proposed toilet building, bid proposal, standard plans, project specifications and budget. Discussion regarding Budget for park, **Mobilization**-this is the proposed budget from Prein – would like to keep budget more where we need to be. Chase indicated you can have this item or not but contractors will always max out their mobilization. If it is not there it will get spread across other items in the bid. Discussion regarding making gametime decisions.

**Toilet Building** discussion on square footage. Hibbard stated cost per square foot should equal square footage of township building. Surprenant stated these are the estimated costs for the project, the township needs to make sure the budget stays where it is supposed to stay. I want to bring it to the board so we are all on the same page. Hibbard stated is that is their square footage price than ours should be cheaper. Trier stated we should be at \$157,300 based on their square footage cost not 280K. Chase stated that number literally means nothing, it is just a number they think it could cost. Hibbard queried how much are we over budget. Surprenant replied about 200K. Trier stated there is 100K right there on one item.

**Parking Lot** Surprenant stated they are charging the township for parking bumpers; we already have parking bumpers. Discussion regarding having the parking lot HMA vs aggregate/concrete ADA. Hibbard stated bid both ways, but would prefer HMA for entire parking lot. **Motion:** Surprenant to bid the parking lot with aggregate/concrete ADA and HMA this would increase the park budget by \$25,000. Second: Hibbard **AIF. MC.**

**Pathways** Surprenant stated originally motioned to relocate some trees the cost is \$6,500.00 would like to remove that. Hibbard agreed. **Motion:** Surprenant to remove tree removal and relocate. **Second:** Trier **AIF. MC.**

**Pickleball Court** Discussion gravel maintenance strip. **Motion:** Surprenant to remove the gravel maintenance strip around the outside of the pickleball court. Second: Hibbard **AIF. MC.** (Set the outside fencing in the ground, do not extend the cement)

**Site Amenities** Open Discussion regarding benches, bike rack, and waste receptacles made from recyclable material. Hibbard queried can we take some of these items off. Surprenant stated no however the township can order them ourselves. Hibbard stated in kind donations could be plausible. Chase stated items must be made in the USA. Trier stated that sections also include the concrete pads, the benches, receptacles, bike rack total about \$9k. Discussion to bid concrete pads as HMA also. **Motion:** Surprenant to bid both ways – concrete pad and asphalt pad for waste receptacles, benches and bike rack. **Second:** Hibbard **AIF. MC.**

**Landscaping:** Surprenant discussed eliminating the plantings at this time. The rain gardens would remain. Board agreed to remove landscaping.

Discussion regarding HMA thickness of 3.5" – Prein stated this is for vehicle traffic. Open discussion with board and Chase. **Motion:** Surprenant to bid pathway with 2" and 3" thick HMA. **Second:** Hibbard **AIF. MC.**

Open discussion regarding eliminating the "cutoff path" from the Bathroom building heading NW. Discussion regarding reducing 10ft path to 8ft from the parking lot to the bathroom. Discussion regarding cost of a 6ft paver vs 8ft paver. **Motion:** Surprenant to remove what Prein is referring to as the

“cut off” pathway and reducing the 10 ft path to 8 ft and increase the 6 ft pathway to 8ft to bid it both ways. Chase stated 6ft paver is not a standard size. **Second:** Hibbard **AIF.MC.**

**Site Address:** Needs to be on the bid package.

**Bids** – Discussion on where bids should be sent. **Motion:** Surprenant to have the bids mailed to the PO Box and have Treasurer Trier compile those until Prein is ready to open the bids. **Second:** Hibbard **AIF. MC.**

Discussion regarding the mowing of the entrance and exit to the park to add to the township mowing bid. Hibbard stated let Andrea know to add it to the bid package. **Motion:** Surprenant to add the East side of entrance and middle island to the Lake Township bid for summer mowing season. The address of the park is 9530 W. Lake City Road. **Second:** Hibbard **AIF. MC.**

**Town Hall Open Discussion** -Discussion about new hall, staffed hall, and millage for new town hall. Discussion on how taxes are applied; not all taxes collected go to Lake Township. Discussion when resident brings something up the we should at least look at it, get costs and let residents decide. A new hall would be something to look into. Discussion on cost of approximately three years ago was \$800k. Discussion continues. Hibbard closed Town Hall.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Board Comment:** None.

**Motion:** Trier to adjourn meeting at 1:56 p.m. **Second:** Hibbard **AIF. MC.**

Respectfully Submitted:  
Pam Surprenant  
Trustee  
Subject to correction and approval