

**Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday February 10th, 2026**

Regular meeting of the Lake Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Supervisor; John Hibbard, Treasurer; Harry Trier, Trustee; Pam Surprenant, Trustee; Scott Hassler, and Clerk; Andrea Grabowski.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler to approve the agenda with additions. AIF MC

Motion Hibbard seconded by Surprenant to approve the Minutes of January 13th, 2025, Regular Board Meeting with the changes. AIF MC

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler to approve the bills and payroll checks including check #46456 through #46486 and all EFT post audit of the bills. AIF MC

Old Business:

Motion Trier seconded by Hassler to pay all deputies \$300.00/month. Tabling deputy clerk election duties until next month. 3-ayes, 2-nays MC

New Business:

Motion Surprenant seconded by Hibbard to approve the 26/27 FY year meeting dates. AIF MC

Motion Surprenant seconded by Hibbard to approve Apothecare renewal from 04.10.26 to ~~04.11.27~~ 04.09.27 AIF MC

Motion Trier seconded by Hibbard to approve Fire Equipment Millage and Road Millage for renewal not an increase but a renewal. AIF MC

Effective 02.28.26 Deputy Treasurer Cheryl Trier to resign. Pat Ryan will be appointed as of 03.01.26 in the position of Deputy Treasurer.

Financial Report was given by Treasurer Trier.

HLSA/HLBA was given.

Fire Chief's Report received and filed.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler to sell Fire tanker 826 for \$2,000.00 with funds being placed into 213.336.702 to Kevin Koscielecki and transported in a safe manner with no liability to Lake Township. AIF MC

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report given and filed.

Planning Commission Report not received.

Motion Surprenant seconded by Grabowski to move the possible fee enforcement on operation of food trucks, revisit port-a-potty for the commercial district for an extension of a annual port-a-potty, definition of what 50% parcel coverage is and a definition of see through fence. (2 ayes, 3 nays) Motion Failed

ZBA Report no ZBA's.

Assessor Report received and filed. Next meeting of the board of review will be March 3rd, 2026. March 9th, 9am – 3:00pm, March 11th, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Houghton Lake Improvement Board Report Thursday February 12th, 2026, at Denton Township 7:00 p.m.

Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority nothing.

Parks & Recreation Report given by Trustee Surprenant

Would like to place Parks n Rec opening onto website to fill term April 12, 2025, to April 11, 2028.

Motion Surprenant seconded by no second Special Board Meeting to meet at 1:00 pm on February 26th, 2026, to cover Prein, Township Parks and Recreation and Budget. AIF

Supervisor Report was given.

New Business

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier adopted Resolution 2026-01 Supervisor salary no increase. (5 ayes, 0 nays) MC Supervisor declared resolution adopted.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Surprenant adopted on 02.10.26 Resolution 2026-02 Clerk salary no increase. (5 ayes, 0 nays) MC Supervisor declared resolution adopted.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier adopted on 02.10.26 Resolution 2026-03 Treasurer salary no increase. (5 ayes, 0 nays) MC Supervisor declared resolution adopted.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler adopted on 02.10.26 Resolution 2026-04 Trustee Hassler salary no increase. (5 ayes, 0 nays) MC Supervisor declared resolution adopted.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler adopted on 02.10.26 Resolution 2026-05 Trustee Surprenant salary no increase. (5 ayes, 0 nays) MC Supervisor declared resolution adopted.

STR discussion tabled.

Township hall was damaged by an ice dam in December. Supervisor Hibbard thanked Scott and Harry for helping place ice *melt* on the roof to remove the dam. Vice Restoration pulled the wall insulation to remediate. Now that there is no water leaking in Supervisor Hibbard would like to wait till spring to make a claim and would like for Vice Restoration to place insulation up and place a water barrier over it. Will wait to pay Vice the \$1,200.00 until the claim is finished and roof is fixed.

Trier noticed that Ordinance 55D had several deficiencies. Changes were discussed regarding attached and detached accessory structures and fences. Supervisor Hibbard will collect all issues of 55D and send them to the attorney then forward them to the PC and onto the board to look over at the next meeting.

Hibbard motioned to enter closed session to pursue to MCL15.268(I)(e) and MCL15.268(I)(h) to consider confidential written legal opinion from the township regarding litigation pending against the township in Roscommon County Circuit Court caption VanNess vs Lake Township case number 26-3028-CZ that could have detrimental financial impact on township if discussed in open session. Seconded by Trier. RC: Trier-nay, Hassler-nay, Surprenant-aye, Hibbard-nay, Grabowski-aye. (3 nays, 2 ayes) *MC Motion Failed.*

Hibbard motions to direct the township attorney to defend the township in the litigation in Roscommon County Circuit Court Caption VanNess vs Lake Township case number 26-3028-CZ. Seconded by Trier

RC: Surprenant-nay, Trier-aye, Hassler-aye, Hibbard-aye, Grabowski-nay. (3 ayes, 2 nays) MC

Public Comment: was heard.

Board Comment: was given.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier to adjourn meeting at 9:10 p.m. AIF MC

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea L. Grabowski,

Lake Township Clerk,

www.lake-township.com.

Approved with corrections at the LTRM March 10, 2026