

Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday January 13th, 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 Surprenant to approve the agenda with corrections. AIF MC

Motion Surprenant seconded by Trier to approve the Minutes of November 11th, 2025, Regular Board Meeting with the changes. AIF MC

Motion ~~Surprenant~~ Hibbard seconded by Hassler to approve the Minutes of December 9th, 2025, Regular Board Meeting with the additions. AIF MC

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler to approve the bills and payroll checks including check 46455 to Prein&Newhof for \$2,275.00 #46424 through #46455 and post audit of bills on EFT check register. AIF MC

Old Business:

John Hancock discussion.

New Business:

Financial Report was given by Treasurer Trier and clarification that his fiscal duties are being done.

HLSA/HLBA was given.

Fire Chief's Report received and filed.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report given and filed.

Planning Commission Report not received.

ZBA Report no ZBA's.

Assessor Report received and filed. Next meeting of the board of review will be March 3rd, 2026.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier to accept Resolution 2026-06 for Poverty Exemption Income Tax Resolution.

RC: Hibbard-aye, Hassler-aye, Trier-aye, Surprenant-aye, and Grabowski-aye. (5-aye's, 0-nay's) MC

Houghton Lake Improvement Board Report nothing to report.

Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority nothing.

Parks & Recreation Report given by Trustee Surprenant

Motion Surprenant seconded by Grabowski to accept Tony Farhat's resignation from Parks and Recreation in good standing. Clerk to send an email blast out to fill term April 12, 2025, to ~~April 11, 2026~~ April 11, 2028. AIF MC

Treasurer Trier to move township park materials from his home to the township park supervisor to help.

Supervisor Report was given.

New Business

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler to appoint supervisor Hibbard to the TAP Grant committee. AIF MC

The board discussed recent ice damage that occurred in the township office. As a result of this incident, an insurance claim in the amount of \$1,000.00 was filed with Municipal Underwriters of West Michigan to address the necessary remediation. Supervisor Hibbard and Trustee Hassler took action by reaching out to Vice Restoration, a moisture remediation company, to assess and begin necessary repairs in the office.

Discussion of redaction of financial information to begin immediately on all files.

Discussion of all deputies' job descriptions to be sent out and tabled until next meeting.

Discussion of election transparency with ideas we can use to overcome fears.

Discussion of Letters of intent to file referendum petitions received by the Township and denial of petitions.

Clerk Andrea Grabowski read into the record a written determination denying the filing of the referendum petitions.

Public Comment: was heard.

Board Comment: was given.

Motion Trier seconded by Hibbard to adjourn meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea L. Grabowski,

Lake Township Clerk,

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Approved at February 10th, 2026, LTRM w/corrections.