

**Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday August 12th, 2025**

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, Clerk; Andrea Grabowski and Trustee; Scott Hassler

Motion Hibbard seconded by Surprenant to approve the agenda with changes. AIF. MC.

Discussion of Flooding Issues on M-55 to Mary Street and West Shore Drive ditches are small and there is flooding. Setting up a Special Assessment District (SAD). Possibility of setting up with engineer and Roscommon County attorney. The board would be sent a power point presentation package from drain commissioner Schepke and decide to set up a SAD to maintain watershed.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier to adopt the Synopsis minutes with changes from July 8th, 2025. (3-ayes, 2-no response). MC

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier to approve the bills and payroll checks #46209 through #46242 and post audit of bills presented on EFT check register. AIF. MC.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of Treasurer to reconcile with clerk the uncashed checks with auditor. Treasurer will print out uncashed checks list and give it to clerk to review during audit.

Discussion of Duquet fence whether it is still not in compliance with Roscommon County Road Commission (RCRC) and is still on Road Commission property by 8 inches. Therefore, it is not in compliance with township. The supervisor will not withdraw his previous motion. The \$400 ZBA hearing cost stay until the fence complies with RCRC.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier to cover expenses of survey that was already approved. Surprenant-nay, Grabowski-nay, Hibbard-aye, Hassler-aye, Trier-aye. (3-ayes, 2 nays) MC

Motion Surprenant seconded by Hibbard to accept the Marihuana Renewal Application of ENDO, annual renewal ~~date to be added at next meeting~~ Issued August 12th, 2025, Expiration date October 28th, 2026. AIF MC

New Business:

Financial Report was given by Treasurer and filed.

HLSA/HLBA was given.

Fire Chief's Report given and filed.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report given by OEO and filed. Flood insurance info.

Planning Commission Report 12 ordinance changes made June 19th, 2025. Public Hearing of changes August 7th, 2025, passed Ordinance 55D and sent to board for board approval. Next meeting of PC. August 21st, 2025

ZBA Report nothing.

Assessor Report nothing.

Houghton Lake Improvement Board Report given.

Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority nothing.

Parks & Recreation Report Prien & Newhoff bathroom plans are completed. Parks and Rec will be meeting in August. Supervisor will be helping with equipment. Soon Parks and Rec will be working with MI Grant coordinator on project.

Supervisor Report nothing.

Meeting minutes discussed already.

Discussion about appointing public information officer.

~~Chief Information Officer will keep minutes as public heard and comments made.~~

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler to pay the snow bills for Hotel 8 \$700.00. AIF MC

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier that Pam writes a letter to Super 8 to how we're going to go forward in the future of all the contracts and costs for the shared property. AIF MC

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler to make Melissa ~~my deputy~~ Zaroff my deputy supervisor, motion that her pay will be \$300.00 a month and prorate starting August 12th, 2025. AIF MC

Discussion of deputies pay across the board.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) to discuss a confidential written legal opinion from the township regarding removal of a member of the Planning Commission. RC: Grabowski-no, Surprenant-no, Trier-yes, Hibbard- yes, Hassler-yes. We don't go into closed session because we need four of five. No closed session.

Here's the Legal Opinion these are to be read and handed back to me. They are not to be kept, photographed anything else. We're going to read these and this is pursuant to our attorney's directions. We're going to read these to ourselves, no comment, no elaboration, no nothing. Then we are going to take a vote to pursue this. It's gonna take a few minutes folks.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler I'm inserting a date here to schedule a public meeting regarding the removal of Pat Riss from the Planning Commission on September 2nd at 1:00pm (this date could change) and to direct the township attorney to prepare a list of charges regarding the same. RC: Hassler-yes, Hibbard-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-no, Grabowski-no. (3-yes, 2-no) MC

Public Comment: ~~where heard.~~ Comment on survey/process 4, lack of confidence in board, Meeting conduct, STR against 3, Lack of communication, Support of Pat, Boiler system, keep things professional, Recycling, Work together, Organized board meeting, Public feels there is talk among board members before the meeting, Dysfunctional.

Board Comment: ~~was given.~~ Surprenant stated she received 4 STR letters, Surprenant read two letters. Surprenant stated one of the letters made me change my mind about the survey.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea L. Grabowski,

Lake Township Clerk,

www.lake-township.com.

Approved @ 09.09.2025 LTRM with corrections.