

Lake Township-Roscommon County
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday September 9th, 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 Surprenant seconded by Grabowski to approve the agenda correct HLAA Sandi to Jeff F., Ordinance changes to reference 55D, public comment at the end of the agenda or after board comment there, and the resignation of Keith G and Tonya C. (2-yes, 3-no). Motion Not Carried.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler to approve agenda with changes without public comment above board comment. (2-no, 3-yes) MC

Motion Surprenant seconded by Grabowski to approve August 12th, 2025, minutes with changes as discussed. AIF MC

Motion Trier seconded by Hibbard to approve the bills and payroll checks #46243 through #46285 and post audit of bills presented on EFT check register. Surprenant noting check for deputy supervisor is \$300.00 and that check should have been prorated. Questions on the Fahey Attorney bill and that the survey costs came from the 101.101.827 Marihuana renewal application fees. The Firemen's Association dinner fees were provided by Angelo's at the cost of \$444.76 with payment coming from the 213.336.972 Capitol Equipment over \$300.00. Surprenant suggests to setup additional account for future Firemen's Association meeting meal expenses. RC: Hibbard-yes, Hassler-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-no, Grabowski-no (3-yes, 2-no) MC.

Open public comment 7:20 pm

Public Comment: Survey (2), issues and comments, STR, resolution, blank check, cost of attorney bills questions, ordinance changes (3) questions. FOIA appeal questions recycling, OMA, publish posting for open positions (2), cameras, zoom, hostile work environment, and ordinance citation.

Closed public comment 7:45 pm

Unfinished Business:

Motion Grabowski seconded by Hibbard to adopt Resolution 2025-10A with the addition of T-Mobile to the list of ach/eft payments. Surprenant-yes, Grabowski-yes, Hibbard-yes, Hassler-yes, Trier-yes. (5-yes, 0-no) MC

Discussion of sending a letter out to Super 8 regarding the townships bid process and costs to be split 60% Super 8 and 40% Lake Township for lawn maintenance and snow plowing of parcel 1 as outlined in the Land Use Agreement. Super 8 will be responsible for 2, 2a ,3, and 4, 4a.

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

Planning Commission Report given.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Surprenant to accept Keith Gave's resignation from the planning commission (PC) and zoning board of appeals in good standing. AIF MC

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler to appoint Mark Zaroff to the PC (2-yes, 3-no) Motion not carried. Ad to be placed in paper.

Another letter of interest received from Laura Ordiway and interest in being on PC from Renee Nichols. Supervisor to check with attorney if there is a conflict of interest for Renee to be on PC.

ZBA Report no ZBA's.

Assessor Report read.

Houghton Lake Improvement Board Report not given

Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority given by Scott H.

Parks & Recreation Report ~~August 19 Riss and Surprenant met with Prein and Newhof plans are in the hall. P&R met on Aug 19th. Plans are available at the hall for township board and public to view. Dates for maintenance of the park are September 20th and September 27th to help clean up walking trails. Prien & Newhoff bathroom plans are completed. Supervisor will be helping with equipment. Soon Parks and Rec will be working with MI Grant coordinator on project. Electrical to be run in conduit under the pickle ball courts because there may be issues with changing the solar batteries out every two years. Discussion Solar batteries for the bathroom.~~ Hibbard stated the boundary maps looked good as far as he could tell. Surprenant read Tonya C. resignation letter. **Motion** Surprenant seconded by Hibbard to accept Tonya Clare's resignation letter in good standing from parks and recreation advisory board. AIF MC

Supervisor Report nothing given.

Leaf & snow bid advertisements need to be updated and sent out next week.

Hibbard to get with Surprenant to go over specs to include parcel 1 so it can be bid on properly.

Motion Surprenant seconded by Hibbard for trustee Hassler and Surprenant to attend the 2 day MTA 2025 Trustees Professional Development Retreat at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth from October 27th and 28th at the price of \$1,120.00 + fuel charges. AIF MC

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier the cameras to be put back where they were if it's not against the rules. Supervisor to check with attorney. Hibbard-yes, Hassler-yes, Trier-yes, Surprenant-no, Grabowski-no. (3-yes, 2-no) MC

Discussion of check policy.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Trier to adopt the written determination provided by the township attorney. 1. Upholding the FOIA Coordinators Denial of Jayne Vanness August 19th, 2025 FOIA request seeking the legal opinion from Township attorney read at August 12th, 2025, meeting. 2. Upholding in part and reversing in part the FOIA Coordinators denial of Jayne Vanness August 25th, 2025, FOIA request seeking information to, related to West Shore Property Management DBA. Trier-yes, Hibbard-yes, Hassler-yes, Surprenant-no, Grabowski-no. (3-yes, 2-no) MC

Survey discussion 1635 surveys were sent out 991 surveys came back Question 1. **SHORT TERM RENTALS:** Currently, short term rentals STR's are not allowed in Lake Township. A short-term rental is defined as a rental of 29 days or less. Without some sort of ordinance in Lake Township allowing short term rentals, the State of Michigan could, in the future, force us to allow them. **Would you be in favor of short-term rentals now if the township had strict controls and could regulate them?** Yes-419, no-508, no opinion-44. 2a. **FENCES: Should a 6-ft high see-through fence be allowed from the front of the house to the rear property line on waterfront properties?** 217-yes, no-668, no opinion-80. 2b. **Should a 3-ft high see-through fence be allowed from the front of the house to the rear property line on waterfront properties?** 403-yes, 470-no, no opinion 92. 3a. **ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:** Currently, any new building must be 20-ft back from your roadside property stakes. **Should the current 20-ft building set back from the property stakes be reduced?** Yes-325, no-537, no opinion-115. 3b. Currently, the ordinance restricts building of a garage or pole barn to no more than the square footage of the house or 1500 square ft. **Yes-552, no-330, no opinion-74.** 4a. **TOWNSHIP: Do you feel the Township is overly strict in zoning ordinances and should loosen some restrictions?** Yes-394, no-400, no opinion-166. 4b. **Do you feel Lake Township is growing or declining?** 495-growing, 246-declining. **Motion** Hibbard seconded by Hassler that we put the survey and all the results out on the website. AIF MC

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler to table 55D ordinance changes till we can have a work session for ordinance changes. AIF MC

Board Comment: was given.

Motion Hibbard seconded by Hassler to adjourn meeting at 8:42 pm. AIF MC

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea L. Grabowski,

Lake Township Clerk,

www.lake-township.com.

Approved w/changes 10.14.2025 LTBM.