

# LAKE TOWNSHIP

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2025

**Meeting:** Called to order by Anna Grobe at 7:00PM. Motion to appoint Anna Grobe to moderate the meeting by Maryanne Goodman, supported by Penny Georgevich. Ayes: All; Absent: Mary Pitcher and Kyle Orr.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** recited by all.

Anna Grobe delivered apology for missing meeting due to COVID from Mary Pitcher.

**Roll Call:** Present: Treasurer Maryanne Goodman, Trustee Anna Grobe, Clerk Penny Georgevich; Absent: Trustee Kyle Orr, Supervisor Mary Pitcher.

**Approval of Agenda:** Under New Business Item E add cleaning for Township Office; add to Incoming Correspondence Housing North letter and Platte River Fish Hatchery. Motion to approve agenda as amended: Ayes: All; Absent: Pitcher, Orr. Motion carried.

**Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes for February 6, 2025, Board Meeting. Ayes: All; Absent: Pitcher, Orr. Motion carried.

### Financial Reports:

**General Fund** presented by Maryanne Goodman. Motion by Maryanne Goodman to approve the General Fund report as read; supported by Penny Georgevich. Roll Call - Ayes: Grobe, Georgevich, Goodman; Absent: Pitcher, Orr. Motion carried.

**Fire Budget** presented by Maryanne Goodman. Motion by Maryanne Goodman to approve the Fire Fund report as read; supported by Anna Grobe; Roll Call - Ayes: Grobe, Georgevich, Goodman; Absent: Orr, Pitcher. Motion carried.

**Budget Amendments** presented by Maryanne Goodman. Motion by Maryanne Goodman to approve budget amendments as presented; supported by Penny Georgevich. Roll Call – Ayes: Georgevich, Goodman, Grobe; Absent: Orr, Pitcher. Motion carried.

**Payment of Township Accounts:** Motion by Anna Grobe to approve Approval of checks #10091 through #10127 in the amount \$75,199.01 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, this includes VOIDED check #10126 and an EFPTS payment of \$1,245.17. Supported by Maryanne Goodman. Roll Call – Ayes: Goodman, Grobe, Georgevich; Absent: Orr, Pitcher. Motion carried.

Motion by Maryanne Goodman Fire Fund checks #1576 through #1577 in the amount of \$303.68. Seconded by Anna Grobe; Roll Call - Ayes: Goodman, Georgevich, Grobe; Absent: Orr, Pitcher. Motion carried.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** none

**Guests:** Paul Beecraft, Benzie County Road Commission spoke about millage proposed for November.

**Community Updates:** Commissioner Jeannot, District 2 – written report submitted and highlighted.

Commissioner Trigg, District 3 – written report submitted and highlighted.

Fire Chief, Mike Cederholm – Fire/EMS report - written report submitted & highlighted.

**New Business:**

- A. Motion by Anna Grobe, supported by Maryanne Goodman to adopt Resolution 2025-02 to establish the Township Officer salary for the office of Supervisor, be it resolved that as of April 1, 2025 the salary of the office of Supervisor shall be \$30,000 annually; Roll call – Ayes: Goodman, Grobe, Georgevich; Absent: Pitcher, Orr. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Anna Grobe, supported by Penny Georgevich to adopt Resolution 2025-03 establish the Township Officer salary for the office of Treasurer, be it resolved that as of April 1, 2025 the salary of the office of Treasurer shall be \$30,500 annually; Roll call – Ayes: Grobe, Goodman, Georgevich; Absent: Orr, Pitcher. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Maryanne Goodman, supported by Penny Georgevich to adopt Resolution 2025 establish the Township Officer salary for the offices of Trustee, be it resolved that as of April 1, 2025 the salary of each Trustee shall be \$5,500 annually. Roll call – Ayes: Georgevich, Grobe, Goodman; Absent: Pitcher, Orr. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Ann Grobe, supported by Maryanne Goodman to adopt Resolution 2025-05 establish the Township Officer salary for the office of Clerk, be it resolved that as of April 1, 2025 the salary of the office of Clerk shall be \$31,500 annually. Roll call – Ayes: Grobe, Goodman, Georgevich; Absent: Pitcher, Orr. Motion carried.
- E. Motion to hire Valorie Glazier to clean the township office monthly for the pay of \$75.00 per month, effective today, 3/6/2025, by Penny Georgevich, supported by Maryanne Goodman. Ayes: All; Absent: Pitcher, Orr. Motion Carried

**Old Business:**

- A. Clean up Days – Motion by Penny Georgevich, supported by Maryanne Goodman to approve contract with Northern Disposal for the Township Cleanup Days, June 21 and August 16, 2025 for a total cost of \$3,500, as presented. Roll Call – Ayes: Goodman, Georgevich, Grobe; Absent: Orr, Pitcher. Motion carried.

**Township Depts.:**

- a) Planning Commission: Continued work with Beckett & Raeder.
- b) Zoning Administrator: Written report submitted. One land use permit issued. Collaborating with Mark Janeczko on ordinance violations.
- c) Code Enforcement Officer: Written report submitted. Provided highlights.
- d) Assessor: Written report submitted. Provided highlights.

- e) Park Committee: Tree branches trim.
- f) Supervisor report: apology for absence.

**Correspondence:**

**A. *INCOMING*:**

1. Letters from residents requesting Lake Township not increase number of allowable renters for STRs.
  - I. Chris & Susan Wilhelm
  - II. Walter Franke
  - III. Dan & Kyle Gulick
  - IV. Thomas Medaglia III, Esq
2. Benzonía Public Library: Celebrating 100 years of Community
3. Benzie Conservation District newsletter: Native Seedling Sale and Planting Workshop
4. Benzie Shores District Library newsletter: Events Calendar
5. Benzie Senior Resources newsletter: February was heart health month

**B. *OUTGOING*:**

1. FOIA request fulfillment sent to John Halland.

**Announcements:** Tax collection done.

**General Board Discussion:**

- A. Maryanne Good man we should start conversation about Fire Millage.
- B. Penny will check into website.
- C. Inquiry about Benzie Shores Library representative.
- D. Anna Grobe attended a 4-hour, First on Scene training: hands on CPR, wound care, AED application. Would like to see if residents have interest in a similar workshop.
- E. Penny attended webinars on Earned Sick Time Act.

**Public Comment:**

Scott Wills likes the idea of a First Aid class; shared concerns about STRs and the increase traffic, noise, lack of care and concern for neighbors; inquired about redesignating Deadstream road as residential.

Jimi Lee Haswell inquired about # of people refunded for STR renewal reduction; suggested a company to help with tree trimming.

8:29pm Motion to adjourn meeting by Penny Georgevich; supported by Maryanne Goodman; Ayes: All.

In Attendance: 16

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Georgevich, Clerk