

LAKE TOWNSHIP
Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2025

7:00PM Meeting called to order by Mary Pitcher. **Pledge of Allegiance** recited by all.

Present: Trustee Anna Grobe, Trustee Kyle Orr, Treasurer Maryanne Goodman, Supervisor Mary Pitcher and Clerk Penny Georgevich.

Motion to approve agenda by Orr, supported by Georgevich; Ayes: All; Motion carried.

Motion to approve Minutes from Board Meeting August 7, 2025, with amendments by Goodman, supported by Orr; Ayes: All.

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

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

Budget Amendments - none.

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion by Orr, supported by Goodman, to approve checks #10317 through #10365 in the amount \$44,613.75 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, this includes VOIDED checks #10338, 10339, 10360 and EFPTS payments in the amount of \$2,325.59. Roll Call - Ayes: Grobe, Georgevich, Goodman, Pitcher, Orr; Motion carried.

Motion by Orr, supported by Goodman, to approve Fire Fund checks #1584 through #1587 in the amount of \$1,466.06, this includes VOIDED check #1585 and EFPTS payments in the amount of \$237.31. Roll Call - Ayes: Pitcher, Orr, Grobe, Georgevich, Goodman; Motion carried.

No Public comment on agenda

Guests: Dan Hook and Ed Hoogterp, Beulah Stormwater Mitigation project – explained the planned methods to prevent stormwater from entering Crystal Lake and the potential impact on health and properties along the lake. Provided update on current local match status and asked for support from Lake Township.

7:25pm Grobe excused from meeting.

Community Updates:

- Commissioner Jeannot, District 2 – written report submitted and highlighted.
- Commissioner Trigg, District 3 – written report submitted.
- Fire Chief, Mike Cederholm – Fire/EMS report - written report submitted and highlighted.

Zoning Administrator: written report submitted.

New Business:

- A. Video recording and posting of Township Meetings was discussed and one option (Owl 3 from Owl Labs) for equipment to provide both, better sound quality and video recording to allow for posting of meetings online, was presented. More equipment options will be researched and presented at next meeting.
- B. Pitney Bowes Reserve Account for postage – Clerk provided a possible alternate option for paying for postage through Pitney Bowes and will check into other postage providers and provide possible postage plan next month.
- C. Citizen Complaint process was reviewed. Township will keep a record of written complaints. Process still needs some adjustments and will continue to be worked on.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Beulah Stormwater Mitigation Project – Motion by Pitcher to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Village of Beulah to contribute \$10,000 to the Beulah Stormwater Mitigation Project. Supported by Goodman. Roll Call: Orr, Goodman, Pitcher, Georgevich; Absent: Grobe. Motion carried.
- B. Website update – New contact at website company (Revize). Previously paid funds can be applied to custom website. Web committee will meet twice per month to keep project moving forward. Motion by Goodman, supported by Pitcher, to approve spending up to \$8,000 more to finish Custom Township website with Revize. Roll Call: Georgevich, Pitcher, Goodman, Orr. Absent: Grobe. Motion carried.

Township Depts.:

- a) Planning Commission: Public Hearing on Wetland setback is Thursday, 9/18, 6:00pm. Followed by Planning Commission meeting at 6:30pm.
- b) Code Enforcement Officer: Written report submitted.
- c) Assessor: Written report submitted.
- d) Park Committee: Sand migration is still being worked with.
- e) Supervisor report: Written report submitted. Park attendants are wrapping up, limited shifts on weekends. Ironman road closures are on website. Michelle Erwin has joined the website committee, replacing Dan Georgevich.

Correspondence:

A. *INCOMING:*

1. Rebecca Hubers, Benzie County Emergency Management Coordinator – Follow up on location for Temporary Debris Reduction Site
2. Gunner Brow, Clarification on a lot line adjustment request
3. Jacob Codash, in support of wetland protection in new Zoning Ordinance
4. Anne Rogers, concerns about a construction project and on lack of setbacks for wetlands and other environmentally sensitive areas

5. Benzie Shores District Library, September Newsletter

B. **OUTGOING:**

1. None

Announcements:

- Clean-up Day went well. 117 vehicles.

General Board Discussion:

- A. New email address for Josh Mills, Zoning Administrator.
- B. Supervisor will get new township laptop. New quote obtained from Anavon.
- C. Updated Employment posters were posted in township Hall.
- D. Clerk attended Bureau of Elections training and received a lot of good information.
- E. Sample ballot approved and will be taken to County Clerk on Friday.

Public Comment:

Jonathon Shane – Concerns on deteriorating condition of their road, Hickory Avenue and nuisance of property destruction and unsafe burning from neighbor.

Joy Shane – Concern if emergency vehicles were needed on Hickory Avenue, vehicles would not be able to travel road.

Lindy Evans – Business Development Officer, State Savings Bank, Tuesday, October 7th, 10:30am at the Benzie Shores District Library presenting on Mortgage Lending and Property Fraud.

8:48PM **Motion to adjourn** meeting by Goodman; supported by Orr; Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public In Attendance: 14

Penny Georgevich, Clerk