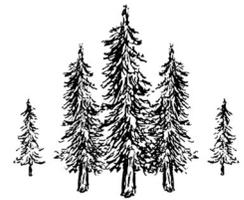


LAKE TOWNSHIP  
Monthly Meeting Minutes



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January 2, 2026

7:00PM Meeting called to order by Mary Pitcher. **Pledge of Allegiance** recited by all. Joel Quine welcomed as new Trustee to the Board.

**Present:** Trustee Joel Quine, Trustee Kyle Orr, Treasurer Maryanne Goodman, Supervisor Mary Pitcher and Clerk Penny Georgevich.

Motion to approve amended agenda with addition of W2s added under New Business.

**Motion to approve Minutes from Board Meeting December 4, 2025** as amended by Goodman, supported by Orr; Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**Motion to approve Minutes from Special Meeting December 8, 2025** as amended by Orr, supported by Goodman; Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Financial Reports:

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

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

**Clerk's Report** – Gen Fund – Motion by Georgevich to approve the payment of township accounts in the amount of \$30,994.23; supported by Orr; Roll Call – Ayes: Orr, Pitcher, Goodman, Quine, Georgevich; Motion carried.

Fire Fund – Motion by Georgevich to approve payments in the amount of \$331.36; supported by Goodman; Roll Call – Ayes: Quine, Goodman, Orr, Pitcher, Georgevich; Motion carried.

No Public comment on agenda

**Guests:** Chris Parrish, Benzie County EMS, provided community outreach and shared how millage funds are used; Detailed the two stations, the addition of third ALS ambulance, quality of staff and the enhancement of service coverage.

**Committees:**

- a) Park Committee: still addressing sand in turn around, but appears manageable.
- b) Planning Commission: Motion by Orr to accept John Rothhaars resignation from Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals with many regrets; supported by Georgevich; Ayes: All. Motion carried. Next Planning Commission meeting is half hour later, January 15, 7:00pm, and will be joined by consultant. The commission is working hard on the Zoning Ordinance update with intent to do it right.

- c) Website Committee received draft of website design.  
Committee meeting Thursday, January 8, 10:00am.



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**Staff:**

- a) Assessor:
- b) Code Enforcement Officer & Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c) Supervisor's report: furnace replacement and energy audit, clean-up day organizer, committees' vacancies; Motion by Pitcher to appoint Michelle Erwin to the Planning Commission for a three-year term beginning January 2026; supported by Orr; Roll Call - Ayes: Goodman, Orr, Pitcher, Georgevich, Quine. Motion carried.
- d) Zoning Administrator report: Written report submitted
- e) Fire Report: Written report submitted.

**County Updates:**

- Commissioner Jeannot, District 2 – nothing to report.
- Commissioner Trigg, District 3

**New Business:**

- A. Motion by Georgevich to have UHY complete W2s for the 2025 calendar year and correct payroll; supported by Pitcher; Roll Call – Ayes: Georgevich, Goodman, Orr, Quine, Pitcher. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Motion by Georgevich to set Budget Workshop for January 26, 2026, at 11:00am at the Township Hall; supported by Quine; Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Correspondence reviewed

**General Board Discussion:**

Township was granted the .gov address of [Laketwp-BenzieMI.gov](http://Laketwp-BenzieMI.gov). New email will be coming soon. Goodman attended Road Commission meeting and shared roads to be updated next year. Joel Quine to attend Board training through MTA.

Public Comment: Joanne Manilla asked when .Gov will be active; the .gov is in process of being set up.

7:57PM **Motion to adjourn** meeting by Goodman; supported by Orr; Ayes: All; Motion carried.

Public In Attendance: 8

Penny Georgevich, Clerk