

LAKE TOWNSHIP
Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2026



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

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

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

Motion by Orr **to approve Board Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2026** as presented, supported by Quine; Ayes: All. Motion carried. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer Report - General Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. Motion by Goodman to approve the General Fund financial report for the month April 2026 as read; supported by Georgevich. Roll Call - Ayes: Orr, Pitcher, Georgevich, Quine, Goodman. Motion carried.

Fire Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. Motion by Goodman to approve Lake Townships Fire Fund financial report for the month of April 2026 as read; supported by Quine; Roll Call - Ayes: Georgevich, Pitcher, Quine, Goodman, Orr. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – Gen Fund – Motion by Georgevich to approve from the General Fund \$27,309.74 for the payments of township accounts; supported by Orr; Roll Call – Ayes: Pitcher, Quine, Orr, Georgevich, Goodman; Motion carried.

Fire Fund – Motion by Georgevich to approve the amount of \$308.85 from the Fire Fund for the payment of Fire bills; supported by Quine; Roll Call – Ayes: Quine, Orr, Pitcher, Goodman, Georgevich; Motion carried.

Public comment: none

Guests: Rob Scott, Benzie Bus, shared Annual Report, updates with Benzie Bus and answered questions.

Committees:

- a) Maryanne Goodman expressed interest in joining Park Committee. Motion by Orr, to put Maryanne Goodman on the Park Committee; supported by Quine; Ayes All. Motion carried.
- b) Planning Commission: Next meeting May 21. Mark Janeczko meeting with McKenna on May 15.
- c) Website Committee: On track to be online by July. Michelle Erwin has been helping with documents for site.

Staff:

- a) Assessor: written report
- b) Code Enforcement Officer & Maintenance: Written report submitted and highlighted.
- c) Supervisor's report: report submitted and highlighted. Celebration of Life for Bill Robinson, July 11. Mary Pitcher attending Ironman meeting Monday, May 11.

- d) Zoning Administrator report: Written report submitted and highlighted. May 20-June 2 available by email or phone. Betsie Lake Utility Authority updates in waste processing and environmental improvements.

Fire Report: Written report submitted.

County Updates:

- Commissioner Jeannot, District 2 – written report submitted. A lot of social media posting on Animal Shelter is misinformation, the county is on top of it; Spending a lot of time doing outreach regarding the August election with education on upcoming Benzie County millage: upcoming meeting where specialist will address Economic Development Committee board, May 22, 9:00am, Benzie County Commissioners room.
- Commissioner Trigg, District 3 – written report submitted.

New Business:

- A. Community Shred – Motion by Georgevich to have CDM Mobile Shredding come out June 19, for a 3-hour community shred from 10:00am – 1:00pm for \$2,400; supported by Orr; Roll call – Ayes: Quine, Georgevich, Orr, Goodman, Pitcher. Motion carried. Clerk will prepare flyer to be handed out at clean-up day.
- B. Cyber Liability Insurance – Clerk will check further into what other townships have, coverage for hacking into bank accounts.
- C. Summer Road Patrol – Motion by Quine to purchase from All Traffic Solutions 2 Speed Display Signs, per the quote of \$10,126.64; supported by Goodman; Roll Call – Ayes: Orr, Quine, Pitcher, Goodman, Georgevich. Motion carried. Signs will be moved by Maintenance at the direction of the Supervisor.
- D. Township Hall Doors – Quote for updating doors was reviewed and clerk will get additional proposal.
- E. Township Hall Roof – Brooks Roofing inspected roof and reported roof is good for another 10 years and provided quote for repair of township roof from wind/tree branch damage. Motion by Orr, to engage Brooks Roofing to repair roof from wind damage this spring, per quote provided ; supported by Goodman; Roll Call – Ayes: Pitcher, Georgevich, Goodman, Quine, Orr. Motion carried.
- F. Park Plaques and Kiosk – Goodman provided a couple kiosk option ideas and talked about decision board needs to make for future of kiosk and park donation plaques.

8:43pm Meeting recessed

8:45pm Meeting resumed

Unfinished Business:

- A. Zoning Ordinance Amendments for that were not published after approval:
 - i. Motion by Pitcher, to amend Article II, definitions, to include dock and dockages as structures and Article III, Section 3.11 to add the following bullets:
 - G. All docks, boats, boat hoists, swim rafts MUST be 10 feet or more from lot lines from extended property lines in the water.
 - H. Lights to illuminate docks must be shielded or downfacing to reduce glare and avoid disrupting wildlife.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2026-01; Supported by Orr; Ayes: Pitcher, Orr, Quine, Georgevich; Nays: Goodman; Motion carried.

- ii. Motion by Pitcher, to amend the Zoning Ordinance Article III, Section 3.18, Environmental Provisions, to add the following language:

F. Building Setbacks

Any structure or part thereof shall have a minimum setback from the boundary of any wetland of 35 feet, and such setback applies in all zoning districts.

G. Land Use Permit

A land use permit, as specified in Section 14.3 shall be required prior to commencing any land clearing, vegetation removal, regrading or filling of land, or other site preparation if such activity will occur on any parcel in the Township that consists, in whole or in part, of any environmentally sensitive area as defined in Section 3.18 (B). The applicant for the land use permit must physically mark wetland boundaries and the Zoning Administrator shall require proof that Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy approved the wetland delineation.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2026-02; Supported by Goodman; Ayes – Goodman, Pitcher, Quine, Orr, Georgevich. Motion carried.

Correspondence reviewed.

Announcements and General Board Discussion –

US Fish and Wildlife Loon Lake will be sprayed for sea lamprey between May 19 and 28; NPS will be doing some controlled burns between now and May 31st, Platte Plains area and Lasso Rd; looking at road repair needs due to rains, etc.; should township consider billing county for incorrect tax bills sent; Great team of Election Inspectors worked the Tuesday election.

Motion by Goodman that the board approve the treasurer researching and possibly billing the county for extra time and effort and materials related to winter taxes situation; supported by Georgevich; Ayes – Quine, Georgevich, Goodman, Pitcher; Nays – Orr. Motion carried

Public Comment: A. Jeannot commented on pursuing billing county to Winter tax situation;

9:07PM **Motion to adjourn** meeting by Goodman; supported by Orr; Ayes: All; Motion carried.

Penny Georgevich, Clerk

Public in Attendance: 7