

LAKE TOWNSHIP  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2025

**Meeting:** Called to order by Mary Pitcher at 7:01PM.

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Goodman/Orr: Ayes: All; Motion carried.

**Board Meeting Minutes:** Names of Roll Call votes should be listed and correct spelling of Goodman name. Motion to approve corrected minutes for March 6, 2025, Board Meeting. Ayes: All; Motion carried.

**Financial Reports:**

**General Fund for the end of our fiscal and the beginning of our fiscal year** presented by Maryanne Goodman. Motion by Maryanne Goodman to approve the General Fund report as read; supported by Anna Grobe. Roll Call - Ayes: Orr, Pitcher, Georgevich, Goodman, Grobe; Motion carried.

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

**Budget Amendments** none.

**Payment of Township Accounts:** Motion by Anna Grobe to approve Approval of checks #10128 through #10159 in the amount \$31,883.93 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, this includes voided checks 10133, 10134, 10136 and 10156 and EFPTS payments of \$11,769.24. Supported by Kyle Orr. Roll Call – Ayes: Georgevich, Pitcher, Goodman, Orr, Grobe; Motion carried.

Motion by Kyle Orr to approve Fire Fund checks #1578 through #1579 in the amount of \$285.45. Seconded by Maryanne Goodman; Roll Call - Ayes: Grobe, Pitcher, Orr, Goodman, Georgevich; Motion carried.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

Stacy Pasche, Director of Benzie Shores Library, library updates: “Reimagining Libraries” and formal partnerships with Frankfort/Elberta Schools libraries. Rob Scott, Mobility Manager with Benzie Bus, company updates and thank you for support.

No Public comment on agenda

**Guests:** Tim Maylone, Cherry Capital Connection status report. Cherry Capital is a local company and an open-access network. It's a slower process, but it is better for consumers to have a choice and usually lowers the price. BEAD (Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment program) application going in on Wednesday. If they win the BEAD, the funds may be available January 2026, but can begin the engineering and leg work early. This would include Lake Township. They are asking for letters of support from each elected official and also from the board.

Anna Grobe motioned to send letter in support of Cherry Capital Connections BEAD application as a Board to be followed up with individual letters if the board so feels; supported by Maryanne Goodman; Ayes: All; Motion carried.

**Community Updates:** Commissioner Jeannot, District 2 – provided verbal report.

Commissioner Trigg, District 3 – written report submitted.

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

Requested submission in Township Newsletter to request permission to access water on properties w/less than 1,000 ft. from lake to classify as a suction point, contact Chief Cederholm.

**Zoning Administrator:** written report submitted and highlighted.

**New Business:**

- A. Road Brining Contract – Kyle Orr motioned to accept the Road Commission bid for the brining of this year the first brine application, reserve the second; supported by Maryanne Goodman; Roll Call: Georgevich, Pitcher, Goodman, Orr, Grobe; Motion carried.
- B. 2 New Security Cameras for township lot – Check to see if grant is still viable. Maryanne Goodman motioned to approve these funds and authorize the Clerk to call and have these cameras installed; supported by Anna Grobe; Roll Call: Orr, Pitcher, Grobe, Goodman, Georgevich; Motion carried.
- C. Designated Assessor for Benzie County – Motion to sign the agreement to Opt-Out of a Designated Assessor by Mary Pitcher; supported by Maryanne Goodman; Roll Call: Grobe, Georgevich, Goodman, Orr, Pitcher; Motion carried.
- D. ARPA Reporting – Motion to hire UHY to help with ARPA reporting this year for less than \$1,500, by Maryanne Goodman; supported by Anna Grobe; Roll Call: Pitcher, Orr, Grobe, Georgevich, Goodman; Motion carried.
- E. Review Fire Millage – begin conversation about fire millage on ballot in November.

**Old Business:** none.

**Township Depts.:**

- a) Planning Commission: good meeting in March, next meeting coming up April 17, 6:30pm, may get into overlays; update provided in newsletter.
- b) Code Enforcement Officer: Written report submitted. Provided highlights.
- c) Assessor: Written report submitted.
- d) Park Committee: Monday, 4/7, pre-planning meeting for park.
- e) Supervisor report: Motion to approve the Supervisor to sign a contract, should it be received before the next meeting, with the Sheriff's office for extra road patrol for summer 2025, for up to 320 hours at \$50.00/hour and also for one radar speed trailer by Maryanne Goodman, supported by Penny Georgevich. Roll call: Grobe, Goodman, Orr, Pitcher, Georgevich. Motion carried.

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Website update and discussion.

**Correspondence:**

**A. *INCOMING*:**

1. Christy Trigg follow up to question on EGLE and Point Betsie project.
2. Darcy Library Newsletter for April Events
3. Songs of the Seas–Sea Shanty Singalong, Darcy Library, Friday, April 18th 1-2PM
4. Platte River State Fish Hatchery

**B. *OUTGOING*:**

1. Second and Third billing for John Halland FOIA bill.

**Announcements:** none.

**General Board Discussion:**

- A. Anna Grobe checked in with Northern Disposal to confirm details of cleanup days.
- B. Maryanne Goodman reported taxes collected, we had 97% of taxes due.
- C. Penny Georgevich mentioned connections made at MTA conference.

**Public Comment:**

Madeline Bitzan-Powell inquired about status of private road ordinance; suggestion for earlier meeting start time; STR software to identify STR properties;  
Art Jeannot mentioned Equalization Department reported zero foreclosures;  
inquired about fire service price increase compared to # of fire calls; website mobile access;

9:10pm Motion to adjourn meeting by Anna Grobe; Ayes: All.

In Attendance: 13

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Georgevich, Clerk