

LAKE TOWNSHIP
Monthly Meeting Minutes



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August 6, 2026

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

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

Motion by Orr to approve agenda as amended with update of signers on bank accounts under New Business, supported by Quine; Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Orr to approve Board Meeting Minutes from July 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 Georgevich to approve the General Fund financial report as read; supported by Goodman. Roll Call - Ayes: Orr, Pitcher, Goodman, Quine, Georgevich. Motion carried.

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

Clerk's Report - General Fund - Motion by Georgevich to approve from the General Fund \$41,750.50 for the payments of township accounts; supported by Goodman; Roll Call - Ayes: Quine, Goodman, Pitcher, Orr, Georgevich; Motion carried.

Fire Fund - Motion by Georgevich to approve the amount of \$2,742.65 from the Fire Fund for the payment of utilities and repairs; supported by Quine; Roll Call - Ayes: Orr, Quine, Orr, Goodman, Pitcher, Georgevich; Motion carried.

Public comment: none

Guest: Joe Nedow, Benzie County Road Commission talked about the matching funds program and what it can be used for.

Committees:

- a) Park Committee - no update
- b) Planning Commission: Reviewed possible timeline for Zoning Ordinance update. Township Board will hold a Special Meeting, Wednesday, August 19, 3:00pm, to review and authorize the use of the Future Land Use Map. Revised zoning ordinance available for viewing in the township office. Planning Commission Meeting on August 13, 6:30pm, to have draft of Zoning Ordinance to present and hold Public Hearing August 28, 4:00pm.
- c) Website Committee: information to begin to be transferred onto new site next week.

Staff:

- a) Assessor: no report
- b) Code Enforcement Officer & Maintenance: Written report submitted and highlighted.

- c) Zoning Administrator report: Written report submitted and highlighted. Two ZBA hearings on September 10, 5:00pm. Letter coming from Frankfort about an Ironman meeting on September 1st.
- d) Supervisor's report: report submitted and highlighted. Have received three letters of interest for ZBA.

Fire Report: Written report submitted and highlighted.

County Updates:

- Commissioner Jeannot, District 2 – written report submitted
- Commissioner Trigg, District 3 – gave report.

New Business:

- A. Motion by Goodman to approve Letter of Intent for Frankfort Fire Department – Fire Equipment Grant Program; supported by Quine; Roll Call – Ayes: Goodman, Pitcher, Georgevich, Quine, Orr. Motion carried.
- B. Township Operating Millage – Due to the County operating millage failing on the August ballot, the Board discussed the possibility of placing an Extra Township Millage on the November ballot to ensure that sufficient operating funds are available in the future. The board will consider holding a Special Election in 2027 if the County Operating millage does not pass in November.
- C. Signers on Bank Account – Motion by Goodman to approve the following people as official signers on Lake Township bank accounts except for the tax account: Maryanne Goodman, Madeline Bitzan-Powell, Penny Georgevich and Jennifer Wilkins, and also authorized signers on the Tax account of Maryanne Goodman and Madeline Bitzan-Powell; supported by Georgevich; Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- A. none.

Correspondence reviewed.

Announcements and General Board Discussion – Saturday, August 8 is the last clean-up day; Ironman; Benzie Conservation District will hold an educational paddle for water quality on August 28 and will have a couple tables set up at the township park to answer questions and provide further education; Election education will be taken to Frankfort-Elberta High School.

Public Comment: D. Blank – inquired about whether board checked with the Frankfort Chamber of Commerce if money coming into county from Ironman;

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

Penny Georgevich, Clerk

Public in Attendance: 8