

Lake Township
September 18, 2025
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Held at Lake Township Hall
4988 W. Kinde Road, Caseville, MI 48725

Board of Trustees Meeting Called to Order at 4:00 P.M.

Present – Valerie McCallum, Lisa Clinton, Nicole Collins, Kenny Kapa, Dale Hartsell

Zoning Administrator, Terry Kelly, as well as approximately 5 in-person guests and 11 virtual guests present.

Agenda – A motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Collins, to approve the agenda as prepared. All in favor, motion carried.

August 14, 2025 Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes — A motion was offered by Collins, supported by Hartsell, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports –

Supervisor – the Thumb Region Materials Management Planning Committee is holding a meeting in Huron County on October 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Expo Center to explain what is going on with the recycling process and anyone can attend.

A few calls have been received regarding gypsy moths being seen on the east and west side of State Park land; McCallum stated anyone interested in scouting for gypsy moths in October and November to get ahold of her and she will advise what to look for.

Regarding the Minutes from last month, a motion was made to pay for the road covers on Gagetown Road; McCallum had mentioned she was advised by the Road Supervisor that the covers needed to be replaced but she hadn't received a response from the Road Commissioner as she was questioning it; McCallum received the response from the Road Commissioner after the meeting and the Township should not be paying for the covers. McCallum requests a Motion to Rescind the Motion made at the August 14, 2025 meeting under **Old Business, Road Work** so that it is officially in the record.

A motion was offered by Collins, supported by Hartsell, to rescind the motion to replace the drain covers on Gagetown Road. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer – tax collection is going good. Collins wanted to clarify that she collects summer taxes (with applicable interest) until the end of the winter tax collection.

Clerk – None

Trustees – Trustee Kapa stated the picnic went well; he also stated he would coordinate the picnic next year and it was suggested to him to notify residents in next year's summer tax bill of the 2026 picnic date.

Correspondence – Reviewed.

Petitions/Public Comments – S. Debano – we all care about the township and everyone should feel welcome.

Old Business –

Filauro Claim Appeal – McCallum advised that a proposed settlement letter has been sent to the Township attorney and if the Board wants to discuss the settlement, it can go into closed session if the Board wishes to do so.

Motion by Clinton, supported by Collins to go into a closed session of the Lake Township Board and Zoning Administrator, Terry Kelly, pursuant to Sections 8(1)(e) and (h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(e) and (h), to consult with the Township's attorney regarding settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation matter of Filauro v. Lake Township (Huron County Circuit Court, Case No. 25-106017-AA), and to discuss a privileged and confidential legal opinion from the Township's attorney dated September 15, 2025. All Board members voted aye, zero nays. Motion carried. (*Board members went into closed session at 4:15 p.m.*)

At 4:49 p.m. a motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Collins, to go back into open session. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was offered by McCallum, supported by Collins, to direct the Township attorney to proceed in accordance with the discussion in closed session. All in favor, motion carried.

MCI Citations – McCallum stated this issue was voted on at last month's meeting to utilize the Huron County Sheriff Department to issue municipal civil citations. Two issues were brought to the Board's attention; 1) Hartsell was not at the meeting and may have some input and, 2) Kapa voted against the motion without reason.

Hartsell advised he does not issue citations; the township has a designated person for that who has law enforcement experience. McCallum stated the Township attorney advised the citation can be mailed but the Court wants proof that the citation was served. Hartsell suggested checking with Caseville to see what they charge. Kapa stated he wasn't aware there was an issue until the day of the meeting and he voted against it because the Township and taxpayers would incur more costs. McCallum advised that by going through the magistrate, the Township would recoup its costs.

New Business –

2024-25 Audit – McCallum advised that the Michigan Form F-65 will be filed with the State by September 30, 2025 but if the Board wants time to review the Audit, it can be tabled until the next meeting. A motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Collins, to table the discussion until the next Board meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of Bills – A motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Collins, to pay monthly bills as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments – A. Krzeminski – how many violations that would result in MCI citations; has seen about 10 gypsy moths; S. Debano – meeting time change; K. Kapa – meeting time change; J. Auten-Mozdzen – meeting time change; M. Chasney – record meetings, has trouble hearing (McCallum stated she will look into purchasing microphones for each official to help

with the hearing issue); K. Kapa – correspondence from B. Siver to the Board and newspaper - personal attacks on anyone not acceptable or professional.

Adjournment – A motion was offered by Hartsell, supported by Collins, to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Clinton