

Lake Township
January 15, 2026
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 4:05 P.M. by McCallum.

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

Absent – Dale Hartsell

Approximately 7 in-person guests and 16 virtual guests present.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Lou Colletta who passed away on December 20, 2025.

Agenda – A motion was offered by Collins, supported by Kapa, to approve the agenda with the addition of items of correspondence; emails from B. Siver dated 12/18/2025, 12/20/2025, 12/22/2025, 12/23/2025; emails from K. Kapa dated 12/18/2025. All in favor, motion carried.

December 18, 2025 Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes – a motion was offered by Collins, supported by Kapa, to approve the minutes with correction under 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget Meeting - **After discussion of changing the fiscal year budget meeting from March 2026 to either February or April at the request of Kapa due to his unavailability in March, no change was made.** and correction under Public Comments - M. Anderson – emails from B. Siver, **open investigation into B. Siver; A. Tatham – township is required to open an investigation; McCallum stated she will look into it;**. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports –

Supervisor – Pursuant to a request at the December 18, 2025 Board meeting to open an investigation into Planning Commission (PC), Bob Siver, McCallum stated that she spoke with some of the PC members and also Sheriff Hanson and advised that no laws have been broken.

Treasurer – Tax collection going good; McCallum suggested that upon renewal of CD's to place \$300,000 in capital improvement fund per board's resolution (2025-10).

Clerk – None

Trustees – None

Correspondence – McCallum advised that the Zoning Administrator is working on blight removal; Kapa asked what was meant by 'site visit' on Building and Zoning Report, McCallum advised to check with the Building/Zoning Administrator.

McCallum advised that the notice from Consumers Energy for the 02/11/2026 hearing date will be posted on the website.

Emails – McCallum summarized that the bulk of the emails are between Mr. Siver and Mr. Kapa; McCallum referenced an email dated 12/23/2025 from B. Siver apologizing for incorrect inferences and a 01/06/2026 email regarding misinformation published by the Huron Daily Tribune; McCallum referenced an email from J. Mozdzen regarding video tape of meetings and a 01/07/2026 email regarding a citizen complaint of B. Siver.

Petitions/Public Comments – No petitions. McCallum advised that public comments is a one-time only period as the Board has business to conduct and if the public interrupts while the Board is doing its business, that person will be asked to leave.

M. Mozdzen – correspondence should be distributed; wants citizens to know about her complaint and read the complaint; meetings should be a video feed; she emailed the sheriff.

Old Business – None.

New Business –

Resolutions – The following resolutions were reviewed by the Board and offered for adoption:

Resolution 2026-1 Resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest to Board of Review in Writing – offered by Collins, supported by Kapa. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-2 Poverty Exemption, Income Guidelines and Asset Level Test Policy (P.A. 206 of 1983 as amended by public act 253 of 2020, mcl 211.7u as amended) – offered by Collins, supported by Kapa. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 2026-3 Resolution Establishing the Meeting Date of the March Board of Review – offered by Collins, supported by Kapa. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

2025 – 2026 Budget Amendments – The following amendments were presented to the Board:

Add \$7,000 to Line 101-210-808-000, Office – Insurance/Bonds from General Fund

Add \$1,900 to Line 101-257-727-000, Assessor – Supplies from General Fund

Add \$550 to Line 101-262-930-000, Elections - Machine Maintenance from General Fund

A Motion was offered by Collins, supported by Kapa, to approve the budget amendments. All in favor, motion carried.

2026 – 2027 Road Work – McCallum advised that no roads in the township need blacktop; Van Road is rough in the right corner and need to keep an eye on; Van and Quarry Road have the lowest passer rates so will likely be next for an overlay but not this year. Roads that need gravel are as follows:

Conkey between State Park and Griggs Road, \$78,813, Etzler (sections 27-34) \$54,001.60, McIlhargie and McCormick between Champagne and Etzler \$108,069.08 (for both); Dufty Road from State Park to Elkton may need gravel at \$49,000 but will be determined this spring and added then if needed. Allocations for general patching \$10,000, crack sealing \$5,000, brush spray \$983 and short notice brine \$2000.

A motion was offered by Collins, supported by Kapa, to approve the 2026 – 2027 Road Work. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Brine Contract for 2026 – McCallum advised that the pre-pay price is \$0.215 per gallon if paid by March 31, 2026 totaling \$10,750; if not paid by March 31, 2026, the base price is 0.225. A Motion was offered by Collins, supported by Kapa, to approve the Road Brine Contract for 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

Website – McCallum advised that new laws require that if the township has a website, it has to be ADA compliant; Lake Township having to be compliant by 2027. Lou Colletta had advised that the new requirements were beyond his capability and the township should start looking at website designers. McCallum received proposals from Civic Clarity and STG (Shumaker Technology Group) and advised that both proposals are somewhat similar but McCallum is of the opinion that Civic Clarity is better suited and a deposit of ½ of the \$1,800 is required to move forward with Civic Clarity.

A Motion was offered by Collins, supported by Kapa, to add \$1,800 to Line 101-265-850-001, Township Hall – On Line Service from the General Fund.

A Motion was offered by Collins, supported by Kapa, to use the services of Civic Clarity for the new website. All in favor, motion carried.

Insurance Renewal – A Motion was offered by Kapa, supported by Collins, to approve the insurance renewal with Acrisure. All in favor, motion carried.

East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG) Membership – the annual membership fee is \$100. EMCOG could assist with the Recreation Plan project; the project cost could be up to \$25,000 and Lake Township would not qualify for grants for the Recreation Plan due to the township's income level and taxable value; McCallum suggested waiting on this.

Planning Consultant - McCallum advised that the PC interviewed and recommends Carlisle/Wortman & Associates for its planning needs and they may be helpful with the Recreation Plan project. The PC wants Mark Eidelson of LandPlan, Inc. to continue with the Driftwood Lavender Planned Unit Development (PUD) amendment process.

A Motion was offered by Collins, supported by Kapa, to approve Carlisle / Wortman & Associates for the township's planning needs. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Public Comments – J. Mozden – GotoMeeting has the option to record; township should educate PC members so there is no need for planner; K. Gomez – video options on line; Youtube has options with disclaimers; C. Weiss – Recreation Plan/Department not needed; is road work being done too often; do roads really need the work.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Clinton