

BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2026
1491 Owasippe Rd., Twin Lake, MI 49457

Meeting opened at 5:00 PM.

Present: Jeff Abram, Melonie Arbogast, Lyle Monette, Debbie Therrian, Jackson Wall

Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026 regular board meeting.
Motion carried on voice vote.

Perfection of agenda: None

Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Reports and correspondence noted.

Agenda Items

- **Supervisor**
 - **Poverty exemption resolution** – Motion by Debbie, support by Lyle to adopt Resolution #20260211-06 to adopt the 2026 income guidelines for poverty exemption. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
- **Clerk**
 - **Salary resolutions**
 - Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to adopt Resolution #20260211-01 Supervisor salary in the amount of \$26,684.34. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to adopt Resolution #20260211-02 Clerk salary in the amount of \$23,811.13. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Jeff, support by Jackson to adopt Resolution #20260211-03 Treasurer salary in the amount of \$23,811.13. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to adopt Resolution #20260211-04 Treasurer summer tax collection in the amount of \$5,680.47. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to adopt Resolution #20260211-05 Trustee per meeting salary in the amount of \$188.94. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - **Budget amendments** – Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to approve Doc. #20260211-01 FY 2026 budget proposed amendments. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - **Blue Lake Township Park update** – Chris Billie presented information on the Serenity Garden.
- **Fire Chief**
 - **Current information** – Fire Chief Knop reviewed current information with the board.
 - **Proposal for firefighter certification bonus** – Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to approve amended Doc. #20260211-02 proposal for firefighter certification bonus (change

“sign-on” to certification; removal of “To be presented during the promotion from probationary status to firefighter” line; add “effective April 1, 2026) **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**

- **Probationary fire fighter** – Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to approve hiring of Bobby Bower as probationary firefighter pending completion of physical and background and driving checks to be effective February 1, 2026. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried**
- **Accounts Payable**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the January 2026 expenses in the amount of \$505,619.67. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the January 2026 net payroll in the amount of \$15,632.79. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the January 2026 federal EFTPS in the amount of \$4,520.49. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the January 2026 state EFTPS in the amount of \$861.68. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**

Public Figure Recognition: None

Board Comments:

Debbie – Welcomed Bobby to the fire department. Thanked Chris Billie for all her work with the Serenity Garden information.

Jeff – Thanked the Recreation Committee for all they do behind the scenes.

Jackson – Welcomed Bobby to the fire department.

Public Comments: None

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Jeffery T. Abram
Clerk