

BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 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 Debbie, support by Jeff to approve the minutes of the February 11, 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**
 - **Preliminary budget** - Board reviewed before the public meeting
- **Clerk**
 - **Public hearing for the presentation of the FY 2027 budget**
 - **Open public hearing** – Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to open the public hearing at 5:03 PM. **Motion carried on voice vote.**
 - **Close public hearing** – Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to close the public hearing at 5:15 PM. **Motion carried on voice vote.**
 - **FY 2027 budget General Appropriations Act** – Motion by Jeff, support by Jackson to adopt Resolution #20260311-01 Blue Lake Township General Appropriations Act. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - **Hourly per diem rates/stipends** – Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to approve Doc. #20260311-01 hourly per diem rates/stipends for FY 2027. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - **WLAA information** – Fruitland Township is seeking to rejoin WLAA pending the passage of their millage. Resolutions must be passed by the current jurisdictions in the Authority.
 - **Blue Lake Park update** – Featured in an MLive article. The green loop is almost finished and mileage posts are going up soon on each trail.
- **Fire Chief**
 - **Current information** – Fire Chief Knop reviewed current information with the board.
 - **Returning members**
 - **Mike McFarland** - Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to accept the return of Mike McFarland as lieutenant retroactive to March 1, 2026. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**

- **Cole McFarland** – Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to accept the return of Cole McFarland as probationary fire fighter retroactive to March 1, 2026. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
- **Jim Petrie** – Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie to accept Jim Petrie as deputy chief pending passage of his physical, background check and driving check retroactive to March 1, 2026. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
- **Accounts Payable**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the February 2026 expenses in the amount of \$23,653.17. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the February 2026 net payroll in the amount of \$13,131.87. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the February 2026 federal EFTPS in the amount of \$2,843.69. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the February 2026 state EFTPS in the amount of \$742.46. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**

Public Figure Recognition: None

Board Comments:

Debbie – BLFD 5K is on Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 AM. Welcomed back the fire fighters.
Lyle, Melonie, Jeff & Jackson – welcome back to the fire fighters

Public Comments: None

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Jeff, support by Debbie. **Motion carried on voice vote.**
Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Jeffery T. Abram
Clerk