

BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 08, 2026
1491 Owasippe Rd., Twin Lake, MI 49457

Meeting opened at 5:00 PM.

Present: Jeff Abram, Melonie Arbogast, Lyle Monette, Priscilla McFarland, Jackson Wall

Motion by Jeff, support by Jackson to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026 regular board meeting.
Motion carried on voice vote.

Motion by Lyle, support by Jeff to approve the June 24, 2026 special meeting minutes.
Motion carried on voice vote.

Perfection of agenda: Under fire Chief move Fire Station #2 to Clerk, below **Resolution 20260708-01**.
Motion by Lyle, support by Jeff to approve the amended agenda. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Reports and correspondence noted.

Agenda Items

- **Clerk**
 - **Fire Station #2 Ballot Proposal Language-** Motion to approve Resolution RES #20260708-01 by Jeff, support by Jackson. **Roll Call Vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried**
 - **Station #2 update** – Deputy Chief Petrie gave an update on plans for Station #2.
 - **Blue Lake Park update** – Chris Billie – Serenity Garden trail is done, and benches arrived at the park and will be installed on July 13, 2026. The brick program should be ready July 13, 2026 as well.
- **Fire Chief**
 - **Current information** – Chief Knop reviewed current information with the board.
 - **Probationary FF- Richard Whelpley.** Motion by Jeff, support by Priscilla to approve Richard Whelpley as a probationary Firefighter effective July 01, 2026. **Roll Call vote. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.**
 - **Vehicle replacement schedule** – Chief Knop reviewed the vehicle replacement schedule with the board.
- **Accounts Payable**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Priscilla to approve the June 2026 expenses in the amount of \$14,657.53. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Priscilla to approve the June 2026 net payroll in the amount of \$19,071.02. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Priscilla to approve the June 2026 federal EFTPS in the amount of \$4,044.54. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the May 2026 state EFTPS in the amount of \$998.31. **Roll call vote: 5 yes. Motion carried.**

Public Figure Recognition: None.

Board Comments:

The board congratulated Priscilla on her first board meeting.

Public Comments: Joe Knop had comments about Blue Lake Township Fire Department and the community services they provide..

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Jeffery T. Abram
Clerk