



LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Supervisors: Chairman- Fred Elder
Vice Chairman- Harry Fairlamb
Roadmaster- Jon Gander

July 13, 2026

The Lake Township regular meeting was held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at the Lake Township Municipal Building.

Present were Supervisors Fred Elder, Harry Fairlamb, Jon Gander, and Secretary Deanna Yarnell.

Guests: Commissioner Ann Coleman, Doniele Russell and Rosalyn Reagle from MCRPC, Dan Jones, Adam Zahniser, David Hoobler and Natalee Conway.

Chairman Elder opened the meeting at 8:00 PM and recognized Commissioner Ann Coleman.

Commissioner Coleman came to explain the delay in the reassessment and the need for the county to move it out another year. She explained that data from Tyler was not complete and that that data would need to be provided so the county could proceed with the reassessment. Chairman Elder asked about the Act 13 grant money the county has awarded in the past not being available this year. The Commissioner informed him that the county will be opening that grant back up and that we should submit an application ASAP. Lake Township has received grants for the Jack Jones Memorial Complex in the past and will submit an application in tomorrow. She also talked about the possible merger with the Mercer and Lawrence County 911 center. A study is being done about the possible benefits verses detriments. The county project for a new radio system for emergency responders is in the final stages, a county wide test will be conducted as soon as the new towers are complete. The Supervisors had a discussion about ATV/UTV use on Township roads. Chairman Elder is not for them being on the roads if they are illegal. After a discussion about the new ATV/UTV study the MCRPC is doing, Chairman Elder recognized guest Dan Jones.

Dan Jones from Lakeview Self-Storage has been trying to get a permit for a new storage building. The original permit issued was a residential permit. After being notified by Prosek's Inspection Service that a commercial permit was required, he applied for a commercial permit. A commercial permit was issued but did not credit Mr. Jones the amount he paid for the residential permit. After he and the Township reached out to Prosek's Inspection Service, the residential fee was credited to the commercial permit with a \$100.00 penalty applied. Mr. Jones will pay the fee for the new permit but will not pay the penalty. Mr. Jones has sent the check for the commercial permit; Prosek's have not cashed it yet, stating it's the wrong amount. Prosek's are going to proceed with legal action as Mr. Jones proceeded building without a permit. He stated the reason he applied for the residential permit is because Mrs. Yarnell gave him the wrong application. Mrs. Yarnell does not remember Mr. Jones coming in for a permit application, but stated that the day she received the residential permit from Prosek's, she knew it was wrong and notified both parties. After Mr. Jones completed a Stormwater review, she issued the permit. Mrs. Yarnell felt that Prosek's Inspection should have voided the permit and made him reapply with a commercial application, and not accepted the residential permit fee. Prosek's claim they did not know it was commercial until their inspector came out this year, when Mr. Jones called for the first inspection. The Supervisors asked Mr. Jones what he wanted them to do? Mr. Jones stated that he wants the Township to pay the \$100.00. Mrs. Yarnell stated

that this was the first time in the year-long process of hearing that she gave the wrong application, she stated it was possible but did not know. The Supervisors felt that this is something that needs to be worked out between Lakeview Self-Storage and Prosek's Inspection Service, but that they would reach out to the Township Solicitor to see what, if anything the Township needed to do. In the meantime Mrs. Yarnell will reach out to Prosek's Inspection to inform them of what the Supervisors are doing and that any legal action should be on hold until the Township decides about the \$100.00 penalty.

Rosalynn Reagle from the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission was recognized. She stated that she attended the New Vernon Township meeting and that they signed the resolution and 10 exhibits for the Multimodal grant. Their Township Solicitor was there and did not see any problems with the grant application, resolution, or exhibits that should stop them from signing.

Guest David Hoobler and Natalee Conway from H&H Material went to the New Vernon Township meeting and were very happy that New Vernon signed the documents so as not to stop Lake Township from applying for the Multimodal Grant. Mr. Hoobler expressed the urgent need for this project, as most of his dust control equipment has been broke down this year, making travel a hazard for commercial as well as residential vehicles.

Guest Adam Zahnizer was recognized. He came with the purposed 2027 Lease Agreement Secretary Yarnell sent over for review. The Knothole League has a couple of items they would like amended. Both he and Secretary Yarnell felt a separate meeting was needed to discuss changes and then present the agreement at a later meeting to be signed by both parties representatives. Commissioner Coleman spoke to Mr. Zahnizer about the county possible funding opportunities for little leagues through their opiod awareness and prevention fund Chairman Elder asked if the opportunity was available to the school district as well and had anyone from the school reached out? She stated that the school districts are eligible but that none had reached out. Secretary Yarnell stated she has been speaking to the Superintendent at Lakeview School District about grant support for the Township and she will make him aware of the opportunity as well.

Motion to approve Exhibits 1-10 for the Multimodal Grant application by Gander 2nd by Fairlamb

Resolution 2026-06 authorizing the submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for the Billy Boyd – Canon Road Improvement project in the amount of \$2,157,623.00, approved by a **motion** from Gander 2nd by Fairlamb

Resolution 2026-06 replaces Resolution 2026-05 noting the joint application with New Vernon Township.

A brief discussion was had about the Parker Road paving project going over budget and how that will impact the Township funds for the remainder of the year. As the project was already over the State Fund by about \$9,000.00. In order to keep the arc of the road additional blacktop for the 3" surface. The total cost for the project was \$117,824.85, considerably more than what was bid. The Township was not notified of the extra material needed, and the vendor was notified that a project can not go over the bid by a significant amount unless they are notified. Buddy Miller from PennDOT has reviewed what happened and understands the issue, but the Township should have been notified. The Supervisors will pay \$98,000.00 from the State Fund and \$19,824.85 from the General Fund. They will be cautious of with their spending for the remainder of the year. Supervisor Gander stated that a scratch coat should be bid with the pavement material to avoid this problem going forward. Supervisors Elder and Fairlamb agreed that there where issues with the bid process this year and that more time should be given to PennDOT Rep. Miller. Chairman Elder will try to meet with him this fall rather than after the first of the year to measure and prepare the bid for 2027's project.

Bills approved and paid

Treasurer Report:	MCSB	32,691.25
	PLGIT State	98,821.75
	PLGIT Gen.	14,848.93

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm

Deanna L Yarnell
Secretary/Treasurer