

LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2026
37908 N. Fairfield Rd. Lake Villa, IL 60046
6:00 pm.

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Venturi at 6:00pm
- II. Roll call: In Attendance, Supervisor Venturi, Trustee Berker, Trustee Stout, Trustee Coia, Trustee Johnson, Highway Commissioner Jim Jorgensen, Assessor Jeff Lee (Via conference call), Clerk Jean Smuda
- III. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Supervisor Venturi
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Motion of approve minutes of the regular board meeting of March 9, 2026 by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Stout. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Discussion and possible action concerning Lake Villa Township Community Park project: Supervisor Venturi reported the sand and gravel was delivered; concrete will be poured weather permitting. No action was taken.
 - b. Discussion and possible action concerning line-item transfer: Motion to approve the line-item transfer Resolution #26-04 as presented by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Coia. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Discussion and possible action concerning Lake Villa Township Fire District Trustee Appointment: Motion to approve the appointment of James Stout as Fire District Trustee for a 3-year term beginning May 2, 2026 by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Roll Call. Supervisor Venturi yes, Trustee Berker yes, Trustee Coia yes, Trustee Johnson yes, Trustee Stout abstained. Motion passes.
 - b. Discussion and possible action concerning set Public Hearing for the Lake Villa Township and Lake Villa Township Highway Department Budget and Appropriation ordinance for May 11, 2026 at 6:00pm. Motion to approve set Public Hearing date for May 11, 2026 at 6:00pm by Trustee Stout, seconded by Trustee Johnson. All in favor, non-opposed, motion passes.
- VII. Approve Payment of Bills
 - a. Approve payment of current Town and Road district bills: Motion to approve the payment of current Town and Road district bills as amended, including an add on for drywall contractor for warming shelter in the amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Coia. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.
 - b. Approve payroll payments from last meeting: Motion to approve the payroll payments from last meeting by Trustee Coia, seconded by Trustee Stout. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.
- VIII. Public Comment: A representative from Lindenhurst Area Soccer Club asked if the land that is being cleared by the Derring soccer fields are owned by the Township. Supervisor Venturi stated the land is owned by Lake County Forest Preserve and it is being cleared for undergrowth. Howard Schnitzel asked the Road Commissioner if

Brentwood Lane would be resurfaced this year. Commissioner Jorgensen advised Mr. Schnitzel that it is not scheduled to be resurfaced this year.

- IX. Assessors Report: Assessor Lee reported his office is busy with exemption renewals for veterans, individuals with disabilities, and senior assessment freezes. Tax bill time is coming around again; tax bills will see an increase of 3%. Fieldwork will commence as soon as weather permits.

Debra Lee, Peacock Camp Director reported all 9 weeks of summer camp was filled within minutes when registration opened. Twenty counselors will be returning, 1 new-hire, Counselors in Training (CIT) are former campers training to be a camp counselor.

- X. Road Commissioners: Commissioner Jorgensen reported the first half of the month his crew worked on leaf pick-up, working on draining flooded areas from all the rain this month.

- XI. Supervisors Report: Supervisor Venturi presented the board with the 2026 Live Music in the Parks. The township is scheduled for June 24th and July 8th. The budget hearing will take place on May 11, 2026 at 6:00pm prior to our regular township meeting. Trustee Coia questioned when the next Township Newsletter will go out? Supervisor Venturi is waiting for the park to open. Trustee Coia will start working on his newsletter article.

- XII. Calendar Review

a. Next meeting Monday, May 11, 2026 6:00 pm

- XIII. Closed Session: None

- XIV. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn regular board meeting by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Coia. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Minutes of the April 14, 2026 Lake Villa Township regular board meeting has been prepared and respectfully submitted for approval at the next regular board meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026 by Jean Smuda, Clerk.