

LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes January 12, 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 (Via Conference Call), Assessor Jeff Lee, 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 December 8, 2025 by Trustee Coia, 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 that the gas meter has been installed, the three-phase electrical panel has been installed, transformers are in place, and the 120-volt panel has been installed. The concrete pad for the pickleball courts is scheduled for construction in March, weather permitting. Additionally, septic lines have been installed for the mound system.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Discussion and possible action concerning employee wage adjustment: Motion to approve the employee wage adjustment as presented by Trustee Stout, seconded by Trustee Coia. Roll Call, all ayes motion passes.
 - b. Discussion and possible action concerning easement agreement with Petite Lake Park: Motion to approve the easement agreement with Petite Lake Park by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Stout. 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 by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Stout. 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: Jeff Haroldson inquired about the timing of the pollinator field seeding. Supervisor Venturi confirmed that the field was initially seeded in October. The seeding process was deferred until the mound system was completed, and additional seeding was completed.
- IX. Assessors Report: Assessor Lee reported that the Senior Assessment Freeze income threshold will be increased to \$75,000 for 2026. The Lake Villa Township Assessor's Budget Request for 2026 was submitted to the board, reflecting a 3.3% increase from the previous year. The office is currently busy, as many senior residents are coming in to file for their exemptions.
- X. Road Commissioners: Highway Commissioner Jorgensen was not present at the meeting. Supervisor Venturi reported the Highway Department was still working on leaf collection.
- XI. Supervisors Report: Supervisor Venturi reported that the senior luncheon was held on

Saturday, January 10, 2026 with approximately 110 guests in attendance. The seniors participated in casino games, received prizes, and enjoyed lunch. The next senior luncheon is scheduled for March 14, 2026, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Trustee Coia reported the Village of Lake Villa will be holding a Zoning Map Amendment and Conditional Use Permit Application public hearing for Lake Villa Community Energy Initiative, LLC (Solar Panel Fields) for the Property Located at 23688 & 23472 W. Petite Lake Road on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 @ 6:30pm. Trustee Coia asked if the Township web-site could be updated.

Calendar Review

- a. Next meeting Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

XII. Closed Session: None

XIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn regular board meeting by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Lake Villa Township regular board meeting has been prepared and respectfully submitted for approval at the next regular board meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026 by Jean Smuda, Clerk.