

LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes May 11, 2026
37908 N. Fairfield Rd. Lake Villa, IL 60046
6:14 pm.

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Venturi at 6:14pm
- II. Roll call: In Attendance, Supervisor Venturi, Trustee Berker, Trustee Stout, Trustee Coia, Trustee Johnson, Highway Commissioner Jim Jorgensen, 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 Tuesday, April 14, 2026 by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Berker. 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 pickleball courts have been properly graded. Concrete pouring is scheduled to occur within the next ten days. Following that, there will be a 30-day curing period before the courts are sealed, painted, and striped. We plan to solicit bids for the perimeter fencing within the upcoming week. The warming shelter has been completed, with the floor sealed, walls painted, and door locks installed. The septic tanks were installed last Friday. Additionally, the location for the community garden has been designated, and the butterfly and bee habitat area has been seeded.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Discussion and possible action concerning Lake Villa Township Budget and Appropriation ordinance: Motion to approve the Lake Villa Township Budget and Appropriation ordinance #2026-01 by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Coia. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.
 - b. Discussion and possible action concerning Lake Villa Township Highway Department Budget and Appropriation ordinance: Motion to approve the Lake Villa Township Highway Department Budget and Appropriation ordinance #2026-02 by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.
 - c. Discussion and possible action concerning wage adjustments for employees: Motion to approve wage increases for the part time employees as presented by Trustee Stout, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Roll Call, all ayes, 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 add on bills as presented 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 Johnson, seconded by Trustee Stout. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.
- VIII. Public Comment: Mr. Mike Van Bladel of 25472 W. Chesney Drive Lake Villa has expressed a concern regarding a local resident who has multiple inoperable vehicles parked on the street, which may pose safety concerns for drivers. Supervisor Venturi

advised the resident to contact Lake County and submit an official complaint form. Additionally, he recommended reaching out to County Board Commissioner Kevin Hunter for further assistance with this matter.

- IX. Assessors Report: Assessor Lee reported that the real estate tax bills have been mailed. His office is assisting residents with tax exemption applications. The staff is conducting fieldwork and working on assessment values. Trustee Stout inquired about the development on Route 83 near Walmart, to which Assessor Lee responded that a car wash is under construction.
- X. Road Commissioners: Commissioner Jorgensen reported that the installation of concrete curbs and the retaining wall in the Cedar crest Road area has commenced. We are completing paving on two sections in the Crooked Lake area. Trustee Berker informed the commissioner that the asphalt in the Sand Lake Beach parking area has been severely damaged. The crew has also been addressing flooding issues resulting from the April storms.
- XI. Supervisors Report: Supervisor Venturi reported that a Lake Villa Fire District ambulance was struck by a vehicle that ran a red light at Peterson and Route 45. Fortunately, no serious injuries occurred; however, the two paramedics and the patient were transported to Condell Hospital for evaluation. Currently, efforts are underway to finalize articles for the township newsletter, including topics on e-bikes and the new community park. Supervisor Venturi would like to highlight the contributions of all volunteers involved with the community park project. The newsletter is anticipated to be published in late June or early July.
- XII. Calendar Review
 - a. Next meeting the third Monday, June 15, 2026 @ 6:00 pm
- XIII. Closed Session: None
- XIV. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn regular board meeting by Trustee Stout, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Minutes of the May 11, 2026 Lake Villa Township regular board meeting has been prepared and respectfully submitted for approval at the next regular board meeting on Monday, June 15, 2026 by Jean Smuda, Clerk.