LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes- Sept 14, 2026
37908 N. Fairfield Rd. Lake Villa, IL 60046
6:02 pm.

I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Venturi at 6:00pm

II. Roll call: In Attendance, Supervisor Venturi, Trustee Stout, Trustee Coia, Trustee Johnson, 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 Aug 10, 2026 as amended by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Coia. All in favor, non-opposed, motion passes.

V. Old Business

a. Discussion and possible action regarding the Lake Villa Township Community Park project: Supervisor Venturi reported that the ice rink chillers were scheduled for delivery; however, due to the 50% tariff, the cost of the chillers will increase by $24,000. The delivery will be postponed until the tariffs are retracted. Lighting fixtures for the parking lot and ice rink are ready for wiring. Fencing on three sides of the pickleball courts has been installed. Paving is complete, and the butterfly garden is developing well. The layout for the community gardens has been established. Supervisor Venturi will reach out to the community for suggestions on naming the new park.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding bench sponsorship: We currently have six sponsorships for park benches, each costing approximately $800.00 with up to 32 characters and $100.00 extra for a second board. A motion was made by Trustee Stout to approve the bench sponsorships for the new community park at $800 each, allowing up to 32 characters and an additional $100 for a second board, motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. All in favor, non-opposed, motion carried.

VI. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action concerning new full-time employment in Parks Department: Motion to approve Nathan Ortiz for full-time employment at $17.00 per hour 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 Coia, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.

b. Approve payroll payments from last regular meeting: Motion to approve the payroll payments from last regular meeting by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Stout. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.

VIII. Public Comment: No public in attendance.

IX. Assessors Report: Assessment notices “Blue Card” have been sent out to the residence. The deadline to formally appeal to the Lake County Board of Reviews is October 5, 2026. There is a 7% increase in assessed values, resulting in real estate taxes rising by approximately 3-4%. Currently, the assessment levels for Lake Villa Township remain below the state-mandated threshold. The office is handling the volume of Blue Card assessment inquiries efficiently and is not overwhelmed. The township is experiencing a

significant amount of new construction activity.

X. Road Commissioners: Commissioner Jorgensen was not attendance, no report was provided.

XI. Supervisors Report: Supervisor reported the Village of Lindenhurst will be holding their annual Haunted Trail and Bon Fire event on Saturday, Oct 17, 2026. Trustee Coia offered to help with the Hayride. The Lake Villa Township senior Halloween luncheon will be held on Thursday, Oct 29, 2026 at the West Campus location.

XII. Calendar Review
   a. Next meeting Monday, Oct 12, 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 6:29pm.

Minutes of the Sept 14, 2026 Lake Villa Township regular board meeting has been prepared and respectfully submitted for approval at the next regular board meeting on Monday, Oct 12, 2026 by Jean Smuda, Clerk.