

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – Carp Lake Township
July 16, 2025**

Open Meeting: 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Marty Hinrichs (MH)	Present
Ray Markee (RM)	Present
Lynda Brooks (LB)	Absent -
Gary Monville (GM)	Present
Mike Hinrichs (MH)	Present

Board Approval of June 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes

A motion to Accept made by Gary and supported by Marty

Roll Call Vote: Marty, Ray, Gary, Lynda, Mike - Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: Motion Approved.

- **Approval of Bills/Claims from GRB GF for June 1-30, 2025, totaling \$39,524.74- 5 Ayes**
- **Approval of Debits from CSB GF for June 1-30, 2025, totaling \$876.09 - 5 Ayes**
- **Approval of Bills/Claims from SDS O&M for June 1-30, 2025, totaling \$16,894.10- 5 Ayes**
- **Approval of Bills/Claims from SDS Grant for June 1-30, 2025, totaling Zero Transactions- 5 Ayes**
- **Approval of Bills/Claims from Fire Dept. for June 1-30, 2025, totaling \$245.36 5 Ayes**

Lagoon Report:

ponds were at 1.25 mil gal after the storms they went to 3 mil gal

Pond 1 up 1 ½' in 24 hours

Aspen sprayed at the lagoon everything went well

Best Equipment brought our washer – they are looking forward in using it.

Ron asked for \$2,000.00 from SDS for gravel for roads and maintenance at the lagoon, also some rip-rap to help with further erosion and help from our maintenance crew to help spread the material. A motion was made by Marty – Supported by Ray Roll Call Vote Marty, Ray, Gary, Lynda and Mike - Board approved.

Fire Department-

Dan, our Fire Chief, reported that there is not much going on and that on the 4th of July event their hotdog donation went good. They made more than they spent.

Zoning Administrator: -

Clerk made it known that it was brought to the township board's attention that a resident had put up a makeshift -temporary fence for a new puppy without a permit. The Supervisor has okayed this temporary use for this purpose. The clerk asked how long it is considered temporary and should they have had a permit issued to assure proper boundaries. – 6 mo. is considered temporary – this concern will be addressed more for future ordinance issues/ complaints.

The fence is not working, the puppy is still able to get out.

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Assessor – N/A

Green Park and Bonanza Falls:

Clerk mentioned: Happy to see that our parks are being used. There was a wedding this last Saturday and the class reunion on July 26th

The clerk also mentioned that a pole saw attachment is needed to cut long over hanging tree branches from entrances. The board approved the tool.

Library: N/A

Rec Committee:

CLT 4th of July went well considering the weather. We are already planning next year's event. we received a lot of feedback, all very helpful. We appreciate everyones help that donated and put so much effort into this event in such a short time. Rocky was amazing with his willingness to go around to different businesses to collect prizes and cash donations. Wanda and Judy with their hard work prepping food, cleaning, and setting up. We honestly cannot thank everyone enough. White Pine Copper with their generous donation, that was a HUGE support! In total we raised \$2,500.00 in donations, a total of \$1,887.00 in food & games and \$1,924.00 in prizes from businesses in Ontonagon, Bergland, Bruce Crossing, Greenland, Ewen, Ironwood, White Pine and Silver City. A shout out to our Volunteer Fire Department for helping us with the Fireworks, Gina Gentiline and Steve for all their help getting the fireworks and past years knowledge. THANK YOU to Ray, Amber and Rachel with their assistance in helping with fireworks.... Everyone was and is such a blessing!

We had Northern Daze as our band, they were exceptional (THANK YOU) and DJ Bruce donated his time, equipment and his atmosphere (THANK YOU)

Our budget was \$4,000.00 with donations = \$8,447.00 (not including prizes) it cost us \$6,334.63 to put on our event.

Next in the works is Halloween

Planning Commission:

From meeting on July 8th – there will be an Open House held at the Carp Lake Township Hall on August 13th from 4p.m. to 6 p.m. to discuss growth and other opportunities for our township with the Master Plan. Patric Coleman will be here along with the Planning Commission Board to help answer questions and guide us with the new improvements with zoning, planning and ordinances. This will be a great time to come up with ideas and suggestions.

October 1st is when we should expect our first full draft of the Master Plan.

Carp Lake Township needed three individuals to form a Zoning Board of Appeals. It is a 3-year term – no monthly meetings required. Meetings are held ONLY if a zoning appeal, special use or variance is requested. Mike Hinrichs- Supervisor, Ed Mendum and Donald Harris filled the positions. A motion was made by Gary Supported by Marty a roll call Vote was made and approved.

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Treasurer's Comments:

Meter readings – we received a letter from Ontonagon Water Department that there is a lot going on: major sewer repairs, needing a Clerk at the Village of Ontonagon, the gentleman that does our meter readings is pulled off to work on the sewer repairs, all this making it difficult for everyone. Everyone is doing their best to cover all ends. We are NOT charging late fees currently that sewer bills are getting out late due to these circumstances. We appreciate all who are concerned and still come in to pay their regular monthly bills.

It has been discovered that there is a very large amount of sewer bills that were not mailed out. Over \$157,000.00 and over 37 business and residences bills were being held. Reasons unknown to any of us currently at the Township. The Clerk and Supervisor are taking this matter very seriously; they are in contact with the Townships attorney to see how they can resolve this and to take legal action.

Supervisor Comments:

Mike explained a letter from past Zoning Admin. - When the current Supervisor called GG a while ago with a question to help with our new Zoning Admin gentleman, he received a text from the past Zoning Admin that said he would not talk to anyone at the township without legal enforcement present. – Now, GG texted Supervisor indicating that we had intentionally and irresponsibly left his name and number on the township voicemail. Instructing us “to do our job”. We did not know this was on voicemail and had fixed this as soon as we were made aware of this. However, Supervisor made the same comment to GG in turn we all got a letter saying if this wasn't taken care of immediately that legal actions would take place. This matter was in fact resolved immediately. The supervisor mentioned the number of pushbacks we are getting from people, and he is no longer taking it lying down.

Street sweeping was a good attempt, at least it was something, nothing had been done in many years. This is something to be done on an annual basis.

Clerk Announcements:

Marty announced that she received an email from a concerned resident from Green on Halfway River Road that the road is partially paved from repairs that took place many years ago. Marty replied to resident that unfortunately there are no asphalt repairs in the works at this time for any of us in Carp Lake Township, but we have been in contact with OCRD, working on getting bids, and on a better budget for future replacement.

New Business:

1. The Board approved receiving paperless bank statements
Roll Call Vote: Marty, Ray, Gary, Lynda, Mike Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: Motion Passed
2. Transfer funds from SDS Receiving to SDS O&M for fund maintenance for \$10,000.00
Roll Call Vote: Marty, Ray, Gary, Lynda, Mike Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: Motion Passed

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- 3. Board to discuss transfer of funds from SDS receiving to SDS Bond and Interest for scheduled loan/grant payment that is due in August for the amount of ????? No loan payment or amount to be found- also noted that loan amounts exceed the amount we have in the SDS accounts.
No motion was passed Clerk and Deputy Clerk are looking into this matter**
- 4. The board to discuss updating/ adding new office phones
Roll Call Vote Marty, Ray, Gary, Lynda, Mike motion approved**
- 5. The Board to discuss selling sites to local businesses on our website
Roll Call Vote Marty, Ray, Gary, Lynda, Mike motion approved**

Public Comments:

Ed Mendum said Thank you for the 4th of July event he had heard great things – with that Ed along with Wondering Bear is donating \$500.00 to go towards next year's fireworks.

Concerned resident mentioned leaks inside our newly constructed recreational building, is this under warranty?

Concerned resident mentioned that CLT does not have a fence ordinance.

Resident posted on Facebook about a flag he will be putting up, was questioned what flag he stated American Flag.

Resident mentioned demo permit for Juniper when garage caught on fire last winter.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion made by Gary and supported by Marty to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.