

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – Carp Lake Township
June 25, 2025**

Open Meeting: 6:04pm

The Carp Lake Twp Board still gives residents an option to attend the meeting either in-person or remote, it allows people who are not able to attend the meeting in-person.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Marty Hinrichs (MH)	Present
Ray Markee (RM)	Present
Lynda Brooks (LB)	Absent - Sitting in for Lynda- Deputy Treasurer Dawn Kleinhuizen
Gary Monville (GM)	Present
Mike Hinrichs (MH)	Present

Board Approval of May 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion to Accept made by Gary and supported by Ray

Roll Call Vote: Marty, Ray, Gary, Mike - Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1 Motion Approved.

- **Approval of Bills/Claims from GRB GF for May 2025 totaling \$22,126.66- 4 Ayes**
- **Approval of Debits from CSB GF for May 2025 totaling \$1,433.13- 4 Ayes**
- **Approval of Bills/Claims from SDS O&M for May 2025 totaling \$11,700.81- 4 Ayes**
- **Approval of Bills/Claims from SDS Grant for May 2025 totaling Zero Transactions- 4 Ayes**
- **Approval of Bills/Claims from Fire Dept. for May 2025 totaling \$2,889.43 4 Ayes**

Lagoon Report: 2 mil gal. in May- Dry May (Below normal) Sampling and Discharge went well & lagoons are ready for summer. Valve on Cell 3 is rusted & won't move. Josh w/ UP Engineers is coming to do a walk through on Friday June 27 @ 9am & will have them look at this as well. Aspen Lift Station (oldest lift station) needs repair (propane powered) Look at replacing? Ron will check with Josh if we have enough in loan to upgrade

Fire Department- Still looking for new members. Doing Free hot dogs Sat for the 4th of July from 1-3
*F.D. brought up their Budget

Zoning Administrator: - 14 open issues. Had 1st meeting today, the next one on Monday. Asked about Liquor Inspection License (Needs Help)

Assessor – Luann & Terry here. Briefly went over the Michigan Tax Commission Act 660 2025. There will be a meeting in July w/ Board of Review to go over and fix any errors. * Board of Review Certification needed. Just did audit and in compliance. Law to have a link on Website for accessing property records.

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Green Park and Bonanza Falls: Brought to attention replacing Bonanza Falls- Greenwood sign. Received a couple quotes from UP Steel & Markee Mill. UP Steel : one sided sign for \$575. Markee Mill : \$837 for 2 sided Sign made with Cedar. **Motion to replace sign and go with Markee Mill's Roll Call Vote: Marty, Gary, Mike Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Absent: 1 Ray abstained Motion Passed**
Note: * Look at adding 2 bottom *No overnight camping and * No Trailers**

Library: had their June meeting. Moving Hours to better accommodate guests. High School Pictures are up, will be hanging up flyers letting H.S. Grads know pictures moved from town hall to library. Michigan Activity Pass: through local library, Free passes to community members to go to parks, zoo and other places in the UP
Next Meeting Aug. 6th @ 4:30

Rec Committee: Went over list of events for Sat. July 5th. Flyers are also posted on Facebook page and posted around town and surrounding communities. Fireworks will be going off around dusk and will be getting set off in the tennis court.

Planning Commission: Next meeting is July 8th @ 6pm

1. The Board approved Final Balancing Change Order #3 for the USDA RD Wastewater System Improvements Project.
Roll Call Vote: Marty, Ray, Gary, Mike Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1 Motion Passed
2. The Board discussed purchasing a new Sewer/Treasurer Computer due to the current computer being very old and out of memory. We received some numbers from REMC1 who manage our network. Cost would run between \$700-\$800.
Roll Call Vote: Marty, Ray, Gary, Mike Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1 Motion Passed
3. The Board discussed quotes received from Pats Motorsports & 906 Services for new equipment and mower for the maintenance department. Motion was made to go with quote # 2 from Pats Motorsports. It was decided not to go with the Cub Cadet was going to be \$400 more because of freight that was not originally quoted and would have taken longer to get delivered. Pats Motorsports price matched the Scag so there was no wait time or additional freight charge.
Roll Call Vote: Marty, Ray, Gary, Mike Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1 Motion Passed

Gary left Meeting due to low blood sugar

The Board discussed adopting policies and rates for renting out of the Green Park and Recreational Building. Discussion was opened to the public as well. Green Park is open to the public, however, if they want to have it reserved for a private event that would involve the township having to block off the lot & pavilion plus cleaning up afterwards. Same with Rec Building. Clean up, garbage, etc. Looking at waivers of some sort or own insurance policy. Maybe looking at putting down some sort of deposit. Resident fee versus Non-Resident fee. \$100 Min rental fee + deposit around \$300. Will do some more research and bring up at next meeting.

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Supervisor Comments:

- Nick and Dan Are doing great, and improvements are going great. Ryan with road commission should be out soon to sweep curbs and check on drains.
- We will not be doing any lawn maintenance over at Green Township Hall. The building is not currently being used and it costs time and gas to go out there.
- The maintenance guys are coming to find that they do not have any tools to work with for general repairs, they have found empty boxes for tools but cannot find the tools themselves. We are going to be looking back 2-3 years into records and putting together an inventory list to match as well as how much was spent on tools and equipment for the maintenance department.
- We had a Teams Meeting Monday with the Department of Treasury, and the Treasury explained the rationale for reaching out was based on fiscal indicators of distress including a significant drop in fund balance over the last few years. This was mainly due to the collapse of the Rec Building and how it drew significant resources from the general fund. Treasury shared that they worked with local units of government and connected us to some training resources for best practices and guidance around financial management
- The township was presented with a \$5 check from a resident asking us to vacate Spruce Street. There is a garage that is over there that was built over 25 years ago, and the residents were hoping to have it vacated to be part of their property. Upon discussion with residents and board members we will not be doing this. Sending Luann and Terry (Assessor) the info on the property to check on the zoning.

Public Comments:

- Resident asked if we were trading in the old mower or if we were selling when we get a new one. The clerk said yes.
- Resident asked about fire hydrants again and who's going to maintain them in the winter. The supervisor expressed again that he is going to be going to work on this and attend a meeting with the water department to get clarification.
- Resident brought up the inspection and flushing of the hydrants. It has been noted by multiple people that they have not seen this done in a while.
- Resident discussed the importance of the public attending the planning commission meeting coming up as it will explain the master plan & updating of ordinances.

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

Vote: Ayes – 3 Nays – 0 Absent – Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.