

Village of Lakewood Club
Meeting Minutes for
February 23, 2026
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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by President R. Sikkenga at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INVOCATION: Was said by President R. Sikkenga.

ROLL CALL: President Robert Sikkenga, Trustees Debbie Houtteman, Mark Spencer, Tammy Verhoeven, Sarah Swanson, David West, Chad Greenert, Clerk Susan West, Treasurer Hannah Swanson and Street Administrator Larry Gray.

ACCEPT OR AMEND AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee T. Verhoeven, second from Trustee D. Houtteman to approve the meeting agenda for February 23, 2026. Roll call vote: Trustee D. Houtteman-**Aye**, M. Spencer-**Aye**, T. Verhoeven-**Aye**, S. Swanson-**Aye**, D. West-**Aye**, C. Greenert-**Aye** and President R. Sikkenga-**Aye**. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. **Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Elizabeth Lemoine spoke about the Dalton Township Lakewood additions sub-plan and the strain it could put on the Village of Lakewood Club.
- Sylvia Lebbert added to E. Lemoine's concern with the Lakewood Road bridge already being terrible.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Trustee C. Greenert, second from Trustee S. Swanson to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(a) for a personnel evaluation after the request of Larry Gray. Roll call vote: Trustee M. Spencer-**Aye**, T. Verhoeven-**Aye**, S. Swanson-**Aye**, D. West-**Aye**, C. Greenert-**Aye**, D. Houtteman-**Aye**, and President R. Sikkenga-**Aye**. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. **Motion Carried. Time: 7:10 p.m.**

Motion by Trustee C. Greenert, second from Trustee D. West to adjourn the closed session meeting at 8:06 p.m. Roll call vote: Trustee D. Houtteman-**Aye**, M. Spencer-**Aye**, T. Verhoeven-**Aye**, S. Swanson-**Aye**, D. West-**Aye**, C. Greenert-**Aye**, and President R. Sikkenga-**Aye**. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. **Motion Carried.**

WORK SESSION MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee M. Spencer, second from Trustee T. Verhoeven to approve the Work Session Minutes for January 26, 2026, as submitted by Clerk West. Roll call vote: Trustee M. Spencer -**Aye**, T. Verhoeven-**Aye**, S. Swanson-**Aye**, D. West-**Aye**, C. Greenert-**Aye**, D. Houtteman-**Aye**, and President R. Sikkenga-**Aye**. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. **Motion Carried.**

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion by Trustee C. Greenert, second from Trustee D. West to approve the amended Regular Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2026, as submitted by Clerk West. Roll call vote: Trustee M. Spencer-Aye, T. Verhoeven-Aye, S. Swanson-Aye, D. West-Aye, C. Greenert-Aye, D. Houtteman-Aye, and President R. Sikkenga-Aye. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Dalton Township will be having a Public Hearing on February 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm for the Lakewood Additions Sub-Area Plan.

TREASURER REPORT:

Motion by Trustee D. West, second from Trustee C. Greenert to place the February 2026 Treasurers report on file as submitted by Treasurer H. Swanson. Roll call vote: Trustee T. Verhoeven-Aye, S. Swanson-Aye, D. West-Aye, C. Greenert-Aye, D. Houtteman-Aye, M. Spencer-Aye, and President R. Sikkenga-Aye. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. **Motion Carried.**

FINANCE REPORT:

Motion by Trustee M. Spencer, second from Trustee T. Verhoeven, to accept the finance report and pay the bills for the month of February 2026. Roll call vote: Trustee S. Swanson-Aye, D. West-Aye, C. Greenert-Aye, D. Houtteman-Aye, M. Spencer-Aye, T. Verhoeven-Aye, and President R. Sikkenga-Aye. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. **Motion Carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Liquor Inspections:

Two (2) inspections were made.

Ordinance Enforcer:

The Regulatory and the Zoning Ordinance's may have a level of contradictory information regarding using a camper on private property.

Building Inspections and Permits:

The Building Inspections and Permits are on file for review.

Park:

No issues.

Streets and Maintenance:

Trying to keep up with the potholes when there is a thaw.

Planning Commission:

Resident Nick Bruesch agreed to take the vacant seat. The council approved Nick to be appointed as a Planning Commissioner.

Human Resource Committee:

This was handled during the Closed Session Meeting.

Lots:

None

Set Calendar:

The Planning Commission meeting will be held on March 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. The Village Annual Meeting/Budget Public Hearing will be on Monday March 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. the Work Session Meeting will follow if time allows, and the Village Regular Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Fireworks:

The council discussed this year's show at the Work Session meeting with Miles from Precision Pyro.

B. Power Line Easement:

ITC appears to have started clearing the easement.

C. Spectrum Services:

Having issues with Ring Central, the Village Hall Fax Line and the transferring of the DPW phone number.

D. Village Hall Sign:

Motion by Trustee D. West, second from Trustee T. Verhoeven, to accept the quote from All Signs LLC but not to exceed \$2,000.00. Roll call vote: Trustee D. West-**Aye**, C. Greenert-**Aye**, D. Houtteman-**Aye**, M. Spencer-**Aye**, T. Verhoeven-**Aye**, S. Swanson-**Aye**, and President R. Sikkenga-**Aye**. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. **Motion Carried.**

E. Planning Commission Vacant Seat:

The council approved President R. Sikkenga to appoint Nick Bruesch to the vacant seat.

F. Security at DPW Building:

Searching for cameras without subscription fees.

G. Solar Energy Ordinance:

Waiting for the council to review.

H. Other:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Data Centers:

There will be a meeting on March 12, 2026 at NBC Middle School at 7:00 p.m.

B. Chickens:

During the Work Session Meeting, the council discussed issues regarding chickens in the Village and decided to stay with the current Ordinance.

C. MDOT Yearly Medical Card:

The council decided to wait to see if the On-call snowplow driver will be coming back next season.

D. Holiday Activities:

The yearly newsletter will be asking for volunteers to help with the July fourth activities. It will also be put on the LED sign at the Village Hall.

E. Temporary Seasonal Help Ad:

Motion by Trustee T. Verhoeven, second from Trustee D. West, to run an ad in the newspaper for seasonal help but not to exceed \$500.00. Roll call vote: Trustee C. Greenert-Aye, D. Houtteman-Aye, M. Spencer-Aye, T. Verhoeven-Aye, S. Swanson-Aye, D. West-Aye, and President R. Sikkenga-Aye. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.
Motion Carried.

F. Other:

The council discussed the newsletter, the curbside pick and the yard sale dates.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee S. Swanson, second from Trustee T. Verhoeven to adjourn the February 23, 2026, regular meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan West, Clerk