

Bill To:

Lake Township (Roscommon County)
 1380 Michelson Road
 Houghton Lake MI 48629

Time Entries	Rate	Hours	Sub
2/3/2026 Draft legal opinion re: litigation strategy	\$200.00	1.10	\$220.00
2/3/2026 Legal research re: Plaintiff's Claims	\$180.00	3.5	\$630.00
2/3/2026 Telephone conference with Supervisor regarding litigation matters	\$250.00	.3	\$75.00
2/4/2026 Draft legal opinion re: litigation strategy	\$200.00	2.7	\$540.00
2/4/2026 Legal research re: Plaintiff's Claims	\$180.00	2.2	\$396.00
2/5/2026 Draft a memo regarding Plaintiff's claims	\$180.00	1.4	\$252.00
2/5/2026 Review and finalize legal opinion re: litigation strategy	\$200.00	.3	\$60.00
2/5/2026 Review and revise legal opinion ; legal research regarding complaint	\$250.00	1.6	\$400.00
2/6/2026 Finalize and send legal opinion , telephone conference with Supervisor regarding litigation	\$250.00	.7	\$175.00
2/10/2026 Legal research re: declaratory judgement and injunctive relief in preparation for answer/MSD.	\$200.00	.2	\$40.00
2/10/2026 Telephone conference with client regarding litigation and board meeting matters	\$250.00	.4	\$100.00
2/10/2026 Telephone conference with Supervisor regarding litigation matters, prepare for Board meeting regarding the same	\$250.00	.7	\$175.00
2/11/2026 Tele conf w/Supervisor regarding Board direction, legal research and prepare litigation strategy with co-counsel	\$250.00	1.5	\$375.00
2/15/2026 Draft Motion for Summary Disposition and brief in support	\$200.00	1.2	\$240.00
2/16/2026 Review/revise draft motion for summary disposition	\$200.00	.8	\$160.00
2/16/2026 Draft Motion for Summary Disposition and brief in support	\$200.00	6.3	\$1260.00
2/17/2026 Review and finalize motion for summary disposition and brief in support	\$200.00	2.6	\$520.00

February 2026

Time Entries	Rate	Hours	Sub
2/17/2026 Draft motion for summary disposition in lieu of an answer	\$250.00	3.7	\$925.00
2/17/2026 Draft motion for summary disposition in lieu of answer	\$250.00	.8	\$200.00
2/18/2026 Telephone conference with Court regarding notice of hearing	\$250.00	.10	\$25.00
2/23/2026 Update to board regarding litigation progress and hearing schedule	\$250.00	.4	\$100.00
			\$6868.00

The February township attorney invoice includes \$1,395.00 in legal fees for an attorney opinion requested by the Supervisor regarding Ordinance 55D. The township Board later voted not to proceed with reviewing the opinion, meaning taxpayers were billed for legal work that the board ultimately declined to use.

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2/9/2026 Tele conf w/Supervisor regarding zoning and meeting matters	\$250.00	.50	\$125.00
2/14/2026 Telephone with Supervisor regarding Board matters	\$250.00	.4	\$100.00
2/17/2026 Telephone conference with Supervisor and OEO regarding board, zoning, FOIA, and code enforcement	\$250.00	1.10	\$275.00
2/18/2026 Review FOIA request, telephone conference with Clerk re: the same	\$250.00	.3	\$75.00
2/19/2026 Tele conf with Supervisor regarding █████ FOIA request, █████ enforcement matters, recording board meetings and publication on website, incident █████, zoning violation and grounds for removal from PC, and upcoming zoning amendments	\$250.00	.8	\$200.00
2/19/2026 Tele conf with OEO regarding █████ FIOA request	\$250.00	.2	\$50.00
2/23/2026 Telephone conf w/Supervisor regarding OMA issues for workshop and budgetary matters	\$250.00	.4	\$100.00
2/25/2026 Tele Conf w/Supervisor regarding statutory and fiduciary duties of Clerk's office and Township financial matters	\$250.00	.5	\$125.00
2/25/2026 Correspondence with Clerk and telephone conf w/Supervisor regarding █████ FOIA request	\$250.00	.5	\$125.00
2/25/2026 Correspondence w/co-counsel re: █████ FOIA request; review request and emails from client re: same	\$225.00	.10	\$22.50
2/27/2026 Review and gather correspondence and materials regarding █████ █████ correspondence with Supervisor regarding the same	\$250.00	1.0	\$250.00
			\$1,447.50

This attorney invoice reflects legal time spent on FOIA matters including a **“telephone conference with the Supervisor and OEO regarding board, zoning, FOIA, and code**

enforcement.” While FOIA requests are typically administered through the Clerk’s office, the townships own legal billing records show the Supervisor directly engaging the township attorney on FOIA related issues.

\$250.00 was billed for the township attorney to gather correspondence regarding a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Because these records are already maintained in township files, the same information could likely have been obtained locally without additional legal expense to taxpayers.

The invoice also lists a telephone conference involving the Supervisor, the Ordinance Enforcement Officer, and the township attorney regarding board, zoning, FOIA and code enforcement. Because only some of these topics relate to the Ordinance Enforcement Officer’s duties, residents may reasonably ask whether all parties needed to be involved in the call.

The invoice also reflects a separate call from the Ordinance Enforcement Officer to the attorney regarding the same FOIA request after the Supervisor had already contacted the attorney, raising questions about whether duplicate legal consultation occurred and whether it was necessary.

Keep in mind the entire invoice is not displayed on this website. For a complete copy contact Lake Township. The check issued by the township was for \$9,228.14. This bill was not available at the March meeting. The township issued the check on April 15, 2026. Did the township board discuss the amount of taxpayer’s funds spent on attorney fees for the month of February? Why do attorney bills average \$6,332.00 per month for the first 15 months John Hibbard has been Supervisor?