

Lake Township, Michigan - August 2025 through June 2026 - Legal Expenditure Summary Report

Key Take Aways

When looking at the day-to-day governance under the Supervisor and Board, our routine legal fees came in at \$9,223 over 11 months—well under typical state 1 benchmarks for townships of our size.

Over \$18,800 of our legal costs were strictly statutory obligations to process state FOIA requests and citizen petitions. The board has a legal duty under Michigan law 2 to fulfill these, and those costs reflect legal compliance rather than administrative spending.

Planning and zoning legal costs represent investments in protecting township property values and enforcing land-use ordinances passed by the board to protect 3 residents.

LINE ITEM INFORMATION

Row Labels	Sum of Expense
FOIA Primary	10,143.00
Petition Primary	8,722.00
Planning Commission	10,876.00
Routine Business	9,223.73
TL - Litigation	7,190.00
V-Litigation	10,208.31
Zoning Primary	13,520.00
Grand Total	69,883.04

HIGH LEVEL - MANDATED & OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES

Row Labels	Sum of Expense
Mandatory Defense & Statutory Compliance	36,263.31
Master Planning & Zoning Oversight	24,396.00
Routine General Governance	9,223.73
Grand Total	69,883.04

