

Waiting for responses

Your Opinion

January 29, 2026

I am a concerned taxpayer and resident of Lake Township. I have notified the Lake Township board two separate times of a violation that they have made regarding a statutory requirement which states that when an ordinance change is adopted, they are required to publish that ordinance change in the Houghton Lake Resorter within 15 days of publication. The validity of that claim is based on the Oct. 22, 2025, adoption regarding changes to Ordinance 55D. This publication was required by Nov. 6, 2025, based on the statutory requirement by the state of Michigan. The ordinance was published Nov. 13, 2025. I first notified the township Nov. 13, 2025 of the violation and again on Jan. 14, and provided a deadline to respond in both letters. To date, no response has been given.

A third issue regarding challenging the referendum petitions being invalidated was issued Jan. 24.

We shall see if they respond to that one, but my thinking is that they will not. The duties of the township board is to represent the township's best interest and to respond to the residents when concerns or violations arise. Where and when does that representation begin? Maybe it's time to elect township board members who truly have respect for the residents and abide by the laws.

Sounds like, once again, we have the good ole boys running the township whatever way they want.

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