

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 09, 2020

The regular meeting of the Long Rapids Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Precord at 7:00 PM at the Long Rapids Township Emergency Facility, 5310 M-65 N., Lachine, Mi, 49753.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Present: Supervisor Precord, Trustee Gersewski, Trustee MacArthur, Treasurer Johnson & Clerk Thomson. Attorney Kane was present. Tom Spaulding, Road Commissioner was present.

Public Comment: Commissioner Spaulding stated that the county crew has been working on maintaining the gravel roads. It is difficult to maintain them with the heavy rain which causes problems, creating pot holes. The county has used a lot of gravel trying to repair and maintain the roads.

Agenda Approval: Motion by Gersewski, second by MacArthur to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of meeting minutes: Motion by Gersewski, second by MacArthur to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Johnson, Treasurer: General Fund: \$ 376,302.49*, Checking Account: \$ 26,270.22*, Cemetery Fund: \$ 40,645.25*, Emergency Facility Bond Account: \$62,335.52*, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$14,331.16*, Property Tax Account: \$92,096.50*. (* indicates estimates due to statements not arriving prior to meeting.) Motion by MacArthur, supported by Gersewski to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Budget Report: Sue Thomson, Clerk: December, 2019-Revenue: \$ 1,142.39 and Expenditures: \$ 13,156.11. Motion by MacArthur, supported by Gersewski to accept the December, 2019 Budget Report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: None.

Cemetery Report: John Tinker, Sexton: Cemetery is closed and nothing to report.

Fire Department: Chief MacArthur: 1 fire run and 4 medical runs. Gave an update of the fire department. The cascade tanks are on order. The department received a \$2500 grant toward the purchase from PIE&G Communities First Fund toward the purchase. The order amount was \$5757.50. The winter banquet will be at the Ramada Inn 01/25/2020. Several trainings

available during first quarter. (see report attached.) Traffic Cones: It is a requirement that five "28" traffic cones are on each fire apparatus. Ten cone have been purchased and were put to use on Monday, 12/30/19 when a milk tanker went off the road on M-65 north of Lachine. The door lock on the inside north bay entry door failed and had to be replaced. The combination lock on the outside entry door also failed. It was repaired by Franks Kay and Lack. The DNR has awarded a grant of \$1750 to purchase turn out gear. This is a 50-50 match grant. The agreement has to be returned by 01/17/20. The department is soliciting bids for 1 set of turnout gear. (Report attached.)

Planning Commission: Wendy Johnson – no updates until next meeting.

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: update on the hall and inspections that will be coming up.

Seminars: A reminder of the Board of Review Seminar 02/05/19 at the Aplex, Alpena, Michigan.

Roads: Commissioner Spaulding stated that Larry Orcott is retiring and the commisssioner's board is advertising for applicants, resumes due by 01/31/2020 for anyone that is interested in the position.

Old Business: Parks/Recreation: Supv. Precord stated that he has made the appointments to the committee and they are each for a 3 year term. The appointtees are: Brooke Gersewski, John Faulman, Eric O'Neil, Mary Ann Erickson and Yvonne Roznowski. He will be working with them organizing a spring cleanup and also doing some research on pavillon possibilities. Fire Insurance Withholding Program: Supv. Precord will review the policy and get back to the board next month. Poverty Exemption Resolution: After talking to Allen Berg, our assessor he made the recommendation to add the asset test to our resolution. Supv. Precord and Clerk Thomson worked on the changes/asset test and added it to the resolution. MacArthur made the motion, supported by Geersewski to amend the resolution to include the asset test. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None. Website: MacArthur gave board an update regarding what the MTA had suggested for what should be on a website. She will also talk to some of the area townships to see what they have on their websites.

New Business:

Public Comment: None.

Monthly Bills: Geersewski made the motion, second by MacArthur to move \$3904.00 from Contingency to Roads. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None. Gersewski made the motion, supported by MacArthur to approve the monthly bills. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None.

Adjournment: Gersewski made the motion, second by MacArthur to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted:

M. Susan Thomson, Clerk