

Long Rapids Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 09, 2021

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Present: Supervisor Precord, Trustee Gersewski, Trustee MacArthur, Treasurer Johnson & Clerk Thomson. Absent: None. Erin Kane, attorney was present.

Public Comment: Ron Siegel, a representative from Allband was present to discuss their plans for their expansion of phone/internet service in our area. He also asked us to consider using/contributing the funds(ARPA, Covid 19 funds) we are receiving from the government to further their service expansion plans.

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: \$ 438,171.64, Checking Account: \$ 48,307.00, Cemetery Fund: \$ 20,572.09, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$62,423.93, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,349.18, Property Tax Account: \$ 67,030.78. Motion by MacArthur, second by Gersewski to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Budget Report: Sue Thomson, Clerk: August, 2021 Revenue: \$ 22,656.26 and Total Expenditures: \$ 14,405.37. Motion by MacArthur, second by Gersewski to accept the clerk's budget report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson and Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: None.

Cemetery Report: John Tinker, Sexton: Sold 1 grave and there were no burials.

Fire Department: Chief Darin Himes: 8 EMS calls and 1 mutual aid call, and 2 down power line calls for the month of August. LEGACY GRANT thru mBANK – The department has decided to postpone the application due to some difficulty determining the fittings needed for the neighboring departments. The fittings would also assist Long Rapids department to fill their tankers from our underground tank. DENNIS LEARY FOUNDATION GRANT: We did not make the deadline for the grant application this year. It is a different process and we did not want to rush through it. We will remain focused on a request for an ultra-high-pressure fire suppression

system to be utilized on the fire department's rescue 2. FIRE BAYS LIGHTING SYSTEM: Greg Durdik and Tom Spaulding both secured bids for the replacement LED lights that were discussed last month. J & L Lighting, (Jim Hayka) was the most reasonable bid/estimate for the lighting project. After a discussion, MacArthur made the motion, second by Gersewski to accept the proposal for the lighting system. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None. HOSE TESTING: The annual hose testing has been completed and the department received passing grades. SURVEY/MEDICAL SUPPLIES: A couple of months ago Chief responded to a survey regarding Personal Protective Equipment necessary or in relation to the COVID-19. They had a stockpile of medical PPE, to see what might be needed in the community that we serve. Chief Darin received a phone call that our request was granted and he has received gloves, N95 masks and touchless thermometers. He has stored the supplies at the firehall. MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING: Ethan Himes and Matt Suszek continue with their training. Chief has the reimbursement forms from the county for the class. If they pass and obtain their license, we can get reimbursed by the county for the instruction cost. RADIS&PAGERS: Our old radios and pagers were sold and the check has been received. RESIGNATION: Jeff Orban has resigned from the department. Chief thanked him for his many years of service to our community and his commitment as a firefighter. The Board of Trustees thank him as well for his dedication and service. TUNNEL TO TOWERS: There will be a blessing of the trucks at 8:30 a.m. in Alpena on 09/11//21. Chief has approved our #1 engine to attend and represent Long Rapids. While the truck is in Alpena, Posen will cover Long Rapids Twp., if necessary. Also, TBAFFA will sponsor one member of our department to walk or run in the race, if we have a member available. REPLACEMENT OF FIRE Hall ROOF: Todd Britton,/ Meridian Contracting Services attended our meeting and went over his bid/estimate with the Board of Trustees. There were 4 alternate options to choose from. After discussion, Gersewski made the motion, supported by MacArthur to go with Alternate 1, (40 year steel) supplement with the ice guard, Alternate 3, snow retention, Alternate 4 and the recommendations for the door replacements. (Bid copy attached.) Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None.

Planning Commission: Wendy Johnson: The meeting was 09/08/21 and all members were in attendance. (Minutes attached.)

Township Hall: No new business.

Seminars: MTA Fall Chapter Tour/Cheboygan, Michigan

Roads: SUNKEN LAKE PARK ROAD PROJECT: Precord stated the road can be redone for about \$24,000 and the Park/Rec Committee has asked us to participate. We have a proposal to share in the cost of this project, the Road Commission will cover 50% of the cost, Park/Rec Committee will cover 25% and asking our township to cover 25%, or about \$6300.00. We have our road budget taken care of and the funds are not available to spend at this time. The Park/Rec Committee has stated that they will cover our portion until next year's budget is adopted and we can cover the cost at that time. We will pay the funds back to the Park/Rec Committee next April, 2022. MacArthur made the motion, second by Gersewski to agree to the gravel project and payment arrangements with the Park/Rec Committee. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: No updates. WEBSITE: No updates.  
Website address is: [longrapidstownship.org](http://longrapidstownship.org).

New Business: See Sunken Lake Park Road Project under Roads.

Public Comment: Attorney Kane mentioned a tax assessing issue that she has been reviewing. It is Boboltz property that has been transferred into a trust and she will bring it to next month's meeting for a discussion with the board.

Monthly Bills: Gersewski made the motion, second by MacArthur to approve the monthly bills. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Adjournment: Gersewski made the motion, second by MacArthur to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted:

M. Susan Thomson, Clerk