

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 13, 2022

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. Erin Kane, attorney was absent.

Public Comment: Larry Wayne Gauthier, Alpena County Electrical Inspector. Larry came to our meeting to discuss fee increases to his permit costs and inspections. He has not increased fees in ten years. (copy attached of fee increase prices) After a discussion, MacArthur made the motion, second by Gersewski to accept the fee increases presented by Larry Wayne Gauthier, electrical inspector. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

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: \$ 439,454.84, Checking Account: \$ 35,496.28, Cemetery Fund: \$ 23,025.51, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$62,429.01, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,352.66, Property Tax Account: \$175,050.82. 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: No budget report available until next month. January and February, 2022 budget report will be presented for approval.

Correspondence: Alpena Public School Tax Levy Resolution and letter. MacArthur made a motion, second by Gersewski to deny the summer tax collection resolution. Thomson will notify the school administrative assistant of our board's decision to not collect summer taxes.

Cemetery Report: Supervisor Precord: None. Cemetery is closed for the winter.

Fire Department: Chief Darin Himes: The department wrapped up the year with 146 EMS calls and 30 calls for the fire department. EMS related calls were up 70% and fire related calls increased by 36%. (copy of 2021 review attached) DNR GRANT: The department is starting the new year with a grant award for a skid unit for our 6X6. Also, looking at taking advantage of a grant opportunity with FEMA for turnout gear, SCBAs and a new fire/rescue truck. After a

discussion, Gersewski made the motion, supported by MacArthur to approve the payment of \$1500 to be paid to Kerry Thompson for the preparation and writing of our FEMA Grant. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None. (Report attached.)

Planning Commission: Wendy Johnson: No report.

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: Kitchen floor will need to be redone.

Seminars: Board of Review training at the Alpena Aplex, 02/01/22. Our members are planning to attend.

Roads: Snow covered and plowing is necessary.

Old Business: EMERGENCY FACILITY F/D BUILDING UPDATE: The snow caps need to be done on the building. PARKS/RECREATION: No new business. WEBSITE: The new electrical inspector/inspections fees will be put on the website. Website address is: longrapidstowship.org.

New Business: BUILDING INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT: After a discussion regarding Don Gilmet becoming our building inspector, Gersewski made the motion, supported by MacArthur to approve Don;s contract and have him become our building inspector. He will replace Jim Nye. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None. Thomson stated that she had sent a sympathy card to the Nye family from the Board of Trustees. Nye served our township as building inspector for many years. SUPERVISOR SPENDING AUTHORITY/APPROVAL: After a brief discussion, MacArthur made the motion, second by Gersewski to raise the supervisor spending authority to \$2500.00. This will alleviate calling special meetings to authorize/approval of emergency spending costs. MAPLE RIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW: Berg contacted Supv. Precord regarding Maple Ridge joining/combining with Long Rapids and Wellington Township Board of Review meetings. Ron Lucas, Wellington Township Supervisor stopped in to discuss this with our board. Supv. Precord is going to call John Male, Maple Ridge supervisor to get his input on the combined meetings. No decision was made at this time.

Public Comment: Ron Lucas, Wellington Supervisor regarding Board of Review combined meetings.

Monthly Bills: MacArthur made the motion, second by Gersewski to transfer \$42,000+ from Fire Hall Emergency Bond Account to General Fund Savings to pay for the improvements of the fire hall roof and two new entry doors to the fire hall. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None. Pay monthly bills: MacArthur made the motion, supported by Gersewski to pay 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 8:08 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted:

M. Susan Thomson, Clerk