

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 14, 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 present. Kevin Osbourne, county commissioner was present and gave an update.

Public Comment:

Agenda Approval: Motion by MacArthur, second by Gersewski 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: \$ 572,603.54, Checking Account: \$ 46,574.07, Cemetery Fund: \$ 23,026.07, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,429.66, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,353.01, Property Tax Account: \$ 4,416.71. 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: None. Report was given at the March, 2022 year-end meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Correspondence: MTA: Reminder of the spring conference.

Cemetery Report: Continue to search for a sexton and an assistant sexton. WAGES for SEXTON & ASSISTANT SEXTON: Discussion regarding wages that we would be prepared to offer an applicant, it was the general concensus of the board to offer \$14.00 per hour to the Sexton and \$12.00 to the Assistant Sexton. There was no action taken on wages. KINSINGER CORRESPONENCE: Thomson stated that we have a letter from a family member of William and Jane Kraft that wishes to buy back two lots that are next to the Kraft's lots. We will address it once the cemetery is open.

Fire Department: Chief Darin Himes: During the month of March, 2022, we had 19 EMS calls and 1 fire investigation. FEMA Grant Update: No word from FEMA on our grant request as of yet. We monitor the FEMA.gov on a regular basis. April is the anticipated date for FEMA to release the results. ROPES RESCUE TRAINING: The training will be the end of April and a possibility it may be held at the sink holes on Leer Rd. GRASS RIG: Tom Spaulding has been

working on the grass rig and it is now ready to use. PICNIC: July 16th the fire department will be hosting a picnic for the department members, board members, retired fire fighters and their significant others. This picnic is in place of the annual dinner. (Report attached.)

Planning Commission: None.

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: 5 rentals thus far this year. KITCHEN FLOOR UPDATE: Young's will start on the kitchen floor replacement April 25th.

Seminars: Planning Commission Training/Treetops/Gaylord, Michigan: Gersewski made the motion, supported by MacArthur to pay all costs involved for any planning officer member to attend. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None.

Roads: Discussed the chloride agreement.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: No new business. COVID FUNDS: discussion and review of what was required with the funds as far as reporting, etc. WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidstownship.org. BLIGHT: A discussion regarding some issues in the township-residents property and possibly another letter be sent to the residences. A letter of warning & urgency. Also, Gersewski thought it was going to be a topic of discussion at our MTA quarterly meeting on the 18th.

New Business: BERG ASSESSING CONTRACT APPROVAL: Gersewski made the motion, second by MacArthur to approve the contract as presented to us last month. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None. TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE: Gersewski made the motion, supported by MacArthur to continue to have our regular, monthly board meetings on the second Thursday of each month, at the Long Rapids Township Emergency Facility Building at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None. ELECTION WORKER'S PAY INCREASE: After some discussion and reviewing the results of what some of the other townships are paying their workers, MacArthur made the motion, supported by Gersewski to raise the hourly wage for a regular election worker to \$13.00 per hour, the chairperson and the election commission person to \$14.50 per hour. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None.

Public Comment: None.

Monthly Bills: Gersewski made the motion, second by MacArthur to pay 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 8:10 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted:

M. Susan Thomson, Clerk