

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 13, 2023

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 Meeting Room, 5310 M-65 N., Lachine, Michigan, 49753.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Present: Supervisor Precord, Trustee Gersewski, Trustee MacArthur, & Clerk Thomson. Absent: Treasurer Johnson. Attorney Erin Kane was present.

Public Comment: Chad Esch, Bannon Funeral Home. Chad attended our meeting to discuss concerns regarding closing our cemetery during the winter months. It causes storage problems/bodies for the local undertakers and a scheduling issue for the burials in the springtime when the cemetery is opened. Also, mentioned a concern about marking of graves, which was a one time issue and has been resolved.

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: In the absence of the treasurer, Sue Thomson, Clerk, presented the Treasurer's Report: General Fund: \$ 394,914.04, Checking Account: \$104,027.25, Cemetery Fund: \$ 42,311.68, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,476.28, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,385.76, Property Tax Account: \$ 5,579.17. Motion by MacArthur, second by Gersewski to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, & Thomson. Nays: None.

Budget Report: Sue Thomson, Clerk: June, 2023 Report: Revenue: \$ 23,921.26 and Expenses: \$ 18,346.44. Motion by Gersewski, second by MacArthur to accept the report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: \$ 1000.00 donation received from the Alpena Convention and Visitors Bureau. The donation is to be used for maintenance or infrastructure for our township park property.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: Update only and continued discussion about Esch's concerns.

Fire Department: Fire Chief, Darin Himes: EMS Calls - 10, a down powerline, a vehicle fire and a fire investigation during the month of June. (May report - 8 EMS calls, 1 call for a down power line, and 1 personal injury accident) SCBA BOTTLES: on order and should have been

shipped. GRANT: Legacy Foundation-\$2,315.00 has been secured and will be used for hose fittings. ANNUAL PICNIC: will be held Saturday, July 15, 2023 for fire department members, retirees, and the board members. MABAS PROGRAM AGREEMENT: Program mimics the mutual aid program we are participating with, but with more structure and guidance when our department is needed at the scene of an incident. If approved, a new resolution will need to be adopted by the board. COST RECOVERY PROGRAM: After some discussion, MacArthur made the motion, second by Gersewski to implement the fee schedule as presented. TRAINING: JAWS Training was completed and next month, the department will be possibly completing sinkhole rescue training. ANNUAL FIT TESTING: Alpena City Fire will come to an upcoming meeting to perform the testing. RESCUE UNIT: Working on scheduling recall work on the unit, and it looks like we may have to take the rig to Flushing and leave it overnight.

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: Vicki Ritter has volunteered to be appointed and serve on the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supervisor Precord appointed Vicki Ritter to both boards. (Arlen Wallace has resigned his position on both boards.) Vicki has been sworn in to serve on both boards. The township board members welcome Vicki.

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: Tom stated that he has been notified the elevator needs to have a monitoring system. This is an extremely expensive cost and is a mandatory requirement for the elevator service.

Seminars: None.

Roads: No new business.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: Discussion regarding the \$ 1000.00 donation to be used for the destruction of the old cinder box restroom at the park. Tom Spaulding is going to take care of it. The monies should more than cover the cost of the destruction. Gersewski made the motion, supported by MacArthur to use the monies for the deconstruction of the restroom and purchase signage regarding "security cameras on the park premises" or similar verbage. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, and Thomson. Nays: None. WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidstowship.org.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

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

Adjournment: Gersewski made the motion, second by MacArthur to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted:

M Susan Thomson,