

Long Rapids Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 14, 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, Treasurer Johnson & Clerk Thomson. Attorney Erin Kane was present.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Johnson, Treasurer: General Fund: \$ 421,323.37, Checking Account: \$ 35,041.77, Cemetery Fund: \$ 44,543.68, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,491.76, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,396.65, Property Tax Account: \$61,815.86. 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, 2023 Report: Revenue: \$ 19,811.50 and Expenses: \$ 33,030.92. Motion by MacArthur, second by Gersewski to accept the report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: Letter received notifying the fire department that there will be a donation of \$10,000.00 forthcoming from the Elsie Lumsden Memorial Fund.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: Gave his monthly update, also Tom was concerned about the grave marker size/memorial marker size. If you look at the guidelines in our cemetery regulations, it is evident that the regulations have not been adhered to. The funeral directors are asking for some direction in our size regulations. Todd and Tom will do some research and check what the other townships are using for height and width of the stones. SQUIRRELS: Tom stated the squirrel bait worked, he hasn't seen any since he used it.

Fire Department: Fire Chief, Darin Himes was absent and Ass't Tom Spaulding presented the monthly report: EMS Calls - 10, 1 structure fire during the month of August. KENWORTH FIRE TRUCK: Tom stated it has an oil leak and will need to be fixed. NEW RADIOS: The county will match \$2500.00 for new radios, as they have in the past. After a discussion, MacArthur made the motion, second by Johnson to authorize up to \$2705.72 towards the purchase of three new radios, if county would approve. if not, purchase two radios. Ayes: Precord, MacArthur, Johnson, & Thomson. Nays: Gersewski. DOT INSPECTIONS: All the required vehicles

have had their inspections, and with a few minor repairs, we are all set for another year. TUNNEL to TOWERS: Our firefighters will be recognized at the ceremony for their lifesaving efforts at the June 9, 2023 vehicle fire. The county commissioners also recognized the firefighters on August 22, 2023. INTERGOVERNMENTAL ECHO AGREEMENT: Gersewski made the motion, second by MacArthur to approve the Intergovernmental Echo Agreement. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None. MABIS AGREEMENT: MacArthur made the motion, second by Gersewski to pass the resolution to participate in the agreement. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None. FIREFIGHTERS and FRIENDS KIDS DAY: Open house at the fire hall will be on September 23, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be games, food, demonstrations and refreshments for everyone. This event will be geared to the kids in the community. LEARN NOT TO BURN-Wilson School: Wilson fire chief has asked for a donation of \$100.00 to be used for supplies at this event. (It was mentioned that the school should have funds to be used for this event.) A motion was made by Gersewski, second by MacArthur to donate \$100.00 to be used for this event. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson, & Thomson. Naves: None.

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: Tom talked to Wade Trim (Adam Young) about updating our master plan. Adam will be happy to help us with the plan. He did mention to Tom that there is not a state requirement to change it unless we want to. If we were to revise the plan, the cost would be up to \$10,000.00. Tom is going to call and see what the cost would be to update the plan with blight and animal ordinances. Tom is also going to call other townships and ask if they have items such as blight/animal ordinances in their master plans. VICE CHAIRPERSON: Vicki Ritter has agreed to be vice chairperson for the committee.

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: Fabulous news regarding our elevator! Tom received correspondence that elevators with manual accordion style gates is not included with the new mandates. It is only the elevators with power operated doors.

Seminars: Township Planning & Zoning Team Retreat: MacArthur made the motion, second by Gersewski to pay all expenses for any member that wants to go. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson and Thomson. Naves: None.

Roads: No new updates.

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

New Business: Inspection of Real Property/Alan Berg-Adopt the policy: MacArthur made the motion, supported by Gersewski to adopt the policy. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

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

Adjournment: MacArthur made the motion, second by Gersewski to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted:

M Susan Thomson, Clerk