

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 11, 2024

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.

Public Comment: None.

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: \$ 373,210.77, Checking Account: \$ 13,939.89, Cemetery Fund: \$ 45,263.60, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,512.32, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,411.09, Property Tax Account: \$106,582.12. 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: December, 2023 Report: Revenue: \$ 1,236.00 and Expenses: \$ 45,778.58. Motion by MacArthur, second by Gersewski to accept the report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: Lappan Agency-dividend check notification.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: All is quiet, cemetery is closed for the winter. Tom had done some research on gravesite comparisons in the area. A discussion on possibly raising prices of gravesites and perpetual care, will continue discussion next month.

Fire Department: Ass't Fire Chief - EMS Calls - 19, and Fire Calls - 1, 2 down powerlines and 1 personal injury accident during the month of December, 2023. TURNOUT GEAR/GRANT-STATE OF MICHIGAN: Gave an update. DNR Grant: No news as of yet. LEGACY GRANT: The grant was approved for \$2000.00. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of NORTHEAST MICHIGAN GRANT: No news has been received as of yet. BY-LAWS of F/D: Department is working on updating the by-laws, Tom presented each board member with a copy to review and discuss. MFR CLASS: Three members are registered and attending the classes. (2023 highlights report attached)

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: No new updates.

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: HALL ROOF: As soon as the weather cooperates, Doyle Roofing /Cheboygan, Michigan will start the repairs.

Seminars: Board of Review-members attended Berg's classes last year, not necessary to enroll this year in a class.

Roads: No new updates.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: No new business. WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidstownship.org. BLIGHT ORDINANCE: Attorney Kane presented her research and findings of township zoning ordinances with populations and master plans that are comparable to Long Rapids. After some discussion, Kane will mesh some of the other townships verbage and suggestions for our Blight Ordinance within our Zoning Ordinance and there will be further discussion at next month's meeting.

New Business: Cemetery Survey Results: Discussed and there will be more discussion at February's meeting. Wages for 2024-2025: There was discussion and will made decisions at February's meeting Budget Amendments: MacArthur made the motion, second by Gersewski to transfer the following monies from Contingency Fund: Assessor's Supplies: \$6000.00, Fire Department-Supplies: \$5000.00 & Clerk's Per Diem: \$500.00, totaling a transfer of \$11,500.00 from Contingency Fund. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None.

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 8:29 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted:

M Susan Thomson, Clerk