

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 13, 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: ALPENA POWER COMPANY FRANCHISE: Attorney Dan Florip from the Bauer, Florip & Wojda PC law firm and Matt Cameron, Vice President from Alpena Power Co. was at the meeting to present and discuss the Alpena Power Company franchise that is coming due soon. It is a 30 year agreement/franchise that will need to be approved by the voters. It will be on the August, 2024 ballot. In order to go forward our Board of Trustees must approve the Resolution and Ordinance. After a discussion with the attorney, MacArthur made the motion, supported by Gersewski to adopt the ordinance with a 30 year franchise. Roll Call: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Ayes: None. Gersewski made the motion, supported by MacArthur to approve/adopt the resolution for Alpena Power. 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 MacArthur, second by Gersewski to approve the regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Johnson, Treasurer: General Fund: \$ 425,082.26, Checking Account: \$ 99,451.78, Cemetery Fund: \$ 46,470.58, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,537.89, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,429.05, Property Tax Account: \$13,172.04. 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: May, 2024 Report: Revenue: \$ 24,050.10 and Expenses: \$ 29,544.71. Motion by Gersewski, second by MacArthur to approve budget report as given. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: Letter and documents/Alpena Power Franchise-Attorney Florip went over the documents with the board.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: All is quiet, grass is growing.

Fire Department: Fire Chief - Darin Himes EMS Calls - 8, 1 structure fire during month of

May. TRAINING: See attached report regarding trainings that have been completed and upcoming trainings available to the department. DEPARTMENT PICNIC: Picnic is planned for July 13, 2024. (Monthly highlights report attached.)

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: Special use request received from Chuck/Laurie Burrone. The board had a overall discussion regarding special use permits.

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: 2 rentals during the month of June. There are lighting issues with the second story. Tom will contact someone to come and take care of the problem. PAVING: Tom will call and get some quotes for the repaving of the driveway and parking lots of the township hall and firehall. We will want the price quotes to include the markings, etc.

Seminars: None.

Roads: Precord gave an update on the road projects, stating some have been completed. Also, dust control has not been completed as of yet.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: Update: None. WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidstownship.org. BLIGHT ORDINANCE: After a short discussion, Gersewski made the motion, supported by MacArthur to adopt the Blight Ordinance. (Ordinance will be effective 30 days after adoption or 15 days after Ordinance is published in the local newspaper.) Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None. RECYCLING: Electronics Day has received very positive feedback. New truck-waiting for delivery, no definite date to report. Land lease has to be approved by Alpena Commissioners before moving forward on the loan request to complete the construction.

New Business: ZBA-Organizational meeting must be once a year per Gersewski. MTA Northern Chapter will be held at the Maple Ridge Twp. Hall 06/17/24. Just a reminder to all township board members.

Public Comment: None.

Monthly Bills: Gersewski made the motion, seconded by MacArthur 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 8:03 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted:

M Susan Thomson, Clerk