

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 09, 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 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: \$ 501,036.29, Checking Account: \$ 26,903.95, Cemetery Fund: \$ 46,333.80, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,532.67, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,425.39, Property Tax Account: \$12,793.99. Motion by Gersewski, second by MacArthur to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Budget Report: Sue Thomson, Clerk: April, 2024 Report: Revenue: \$ 26,157.40 and Expenses: \$ 29,623.40. Motion by MacArthur, second by Gersewski to approve budget report as given. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: PIE&G Liaison Board Meeting inviting a board member to attend. No-one was able to commit for sure.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: Lots from early 1900's not being used, Tom inquiring what is the procedure to be able to offer the lots for resale. A discussion on how we proceed with the lots owned by someone that it is obvious that family is not using it.

Fire Department: Fire Chief - Darin Himes EMS Calls - 8, 1 grass fire, 1 structure fire and 4 down power lines during the month of April. No other calls. TRAINING: Three of our department members, Cade MacArthur, Will MacArthur and Jesse Mischloney have completed the First Responder class and have successfully completed the test with the National Registered. They are official and ready to go. Two firefighters have completed the INSTRUCTOR Training Program. They are currently waiting for the test results. MABAS PROGRAM: The area fire departments met with Alpena City Chief Edmonds to build the first "box" for the program. The focus was on water rescue.

PARTS&REPAIRS: After a discussion, Gersewski made a motion, supported by MacArthur to approve the purchase of 7 gauges from Halt Fire. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson and Thomson. Nays: None. DEPARTMENT PICNIC: Picnic is planned for July 13, 2024. (Monthly highlights report attached.)

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: No new updates.

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: HALL ROOF: Roof has been repaired and should not leak in that area again. Water line has been repaired.

Seminars: Zoning Board of Appeals-Gaylord Michigan: After a discussion, MacArthur made the motion, supported by Gersewski to pay all costs for anyone from the board and zoning board that wants to attend. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson and Thomson. Nays: None.

Roads: ROAD AGREEMENTS: All agreements are signed.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: May 17th, the River Group put the dock in. WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidstowship.org. BLIGHT ORDINANCE: Supv. Precord instructed each board member to review the proposal, note any changes/suggestions or questions and email them to Attorney Kane before the next meeting.

New Business: Thomson gave a brief update on the Recycling Program. New truck should be in operation by June, 2024. Holcim hopes to be able to take glass for recycling by yearend. We are short \$800,000 for the new site, some options are being discussed for the balance, but not official as of yet.

Public Comment: Travis Konarzewski, Commissioner was present. He introduced himself to everyone that was in attendance. He recommended that we research the solar farms and educate ourselves.

Monthly Bills: MacArthur made the motion, seconded by Gersewski to pay the monthly bills including \$7000, (possibly a bit less) for the annual pension contribution payment. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Adjournment: MacArthur made the motion, second by Gersewski to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted:

M Susan Thomson, Clerk