

Long Rapids Townshi
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 12, 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 Wendy Johnson & Clerk Thomson. Erin Kane, Attorney was present.

Public Comment: Resident (Leonard Roznowski) concerned about the external light on the township hall not working, and wondered if the board was aware of it. It will be checked out.

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 as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Johnson, Treasurer: General Fund: \$ 390,285.46, Checking Account: \$ 54,481.49, Cemetery Fund: \$ 31,555.78, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,450.88, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,367.92, Property Tax Account: \$ 182,150.64. 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: December, 2022 Report: Revenue: \$ 21,650.93 and Expenses: \$ 41,214.99. Motion by MacArthur, second by Gersewski to accept the report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: PIE&G grant approval notification for the fire department.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: Cemetery is closed for winter months. No update.

Fire Department: Chief Darin Himes: The department wrapped up the year with 100 EMS calls and 15 calls for fire services. FEMA Grant Update: Was not awarded the grant that we applied for, grant application will be resubmitted once again by the grant writer. PIE&G Grant: Received notification that we would receive a grant. A 2022 report was submitted for the year by Chief Himes with a recap of the highlights. (Report attached.)

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: No new updates.

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: One rental on the books for 2023. HALL CONTRACT REVISION: Reviewed the language regarding garbage disposal after social functions.

Seminars: MTA Board of Review/Alpena Events Plaza, 02/14/23

Roads: Matching roads appropriations update reviewed.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: No updates. WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidstownship.org.

New Business: Alpena Public Schools, Summer Tax Resolution: After a discussion, MacArthur made the motion, supported by Gersewski to decline collection of summer taxes. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None. Clerk Thomson will notify the Alpena Public Schools of our decision. ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/ RECENT CHANGES: A short discussion and decision to wait on this until next month. BLIGHT ISSUES: A discussion regarding issue of too many unlicensed cars in a couple of yards (a limit of 3 unlicensed cars at any given time on owner's property) and garbage in front yard of one home, although Thomson stated after a month or so, the garbage, old chair and couch have been removed. Also, a continuing mess or messes on properties on Atkinson Road. Attorney Erin Kane will write letters to the property owners. WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP: Thomson sent the fire contract to the Wellington Township clerk for signatures and payment of the 2023-2024 contract year.

Public Comment: None

Monthly Bills: Gersewski made the motion, second by MacArthur to transfer \$5000.00 from Contingency Fund to Fire Department/Supplies. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None. Gersewski made the motion, second 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 8:09 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted:

M. Susan Thomson, Clerk