

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Long Rapids Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Todd 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 Gersewski, second by MacArthur to approve the regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Johnson, Treasurer: General Fund: \$ 387,537.73, Checking Account: \$ 119,421.55, Cemetery Fund: \$ 47,142.20, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,558.44, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,443.49, Property Tax Account: \$25,733.27. 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: September, 2024 Report: Revenue: \$ 25,416.56 and Expenses: \$ 36,377.67. Motion by MacArthur, second by Gersewski to approve budget report as given. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: Recycling (NMMMA) letter of request for funds for 2025 Clean- up Day & Electronics Day.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: Tom stated he would be mowing one more time and the decorations need to be removed. Due to absence of Attorney Kane last month, no further development on the reclaiming property research update.

Fire Department: Fire Chief - Darin Himes EMS Calls - 11, FIRES: 1 structural fire during month of September. FIRE ACADEMY: Darin attended the orientation for the fire academy with Jesse Mischloney. SEPTEMBER'S KID'S DAY: The second Firefighter & Friends Day was a huge success, an estimation of over 100 in attendance. MATCHING FUNDS/RADIOS: Darin has received prices for new radios in reference to the matching funds from the county. The county match is \$3,125, the cost for each radio is \$2,264.24. With a match of \$3,667.72, that is \$542.72 over the \$3,125. Therefore, Darin asked the Board to allow the department to purchase three new radios this budget

year. MacArthur made the motion, supported by Gersewski to authorize the fire department to purchase 3 radios with the matching program and the township will pay the difference over the \$3000 match from the county. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. BOX ALARMS: See attached report for the update. (Monthly Report Attached)

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: No updates.

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: The elevator pit work has been completed and pictures have been forwarded to Chris from Otis Elevator.

Seminars: None.

Roads: Our projects have been completed.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: Update: The dock will be removed 10/19/24. WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidtownship.org. BLIGHT ORDINANCE: After a discussion regarding hiring a "public official", Supervisor Precord appointed Paul Gersewski to be the public official and his duties will be to enforce the Blight Ordinance. After a discussion of wages, MacArthur made the motion, second by Johnson to pay \$100.00 a month to the person that is in this position. Ayes: Precord, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None. Gersewski abstained from voting. RECYCLING: Thomson - Updated the board on the correspondence that was received asking each township to contribute \$1500 towards the Clean-up day that is held each year in May, Planning to combine the Clean-up and Electronics Day into one day. MacArthur made a motion, second by Gersewski to contribute \$1000 towards the Clean-up and Electronics day. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

New Business: Budget Amendment: Transfer monies, \$10,000.00 from Contingency Fund to Community Promotion Fund. Gersewski made the motion, supported by MacArthur to transfer \$10,000 from Contingency to Community Promotions. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Public Comment: A discussion regarding Solar Farms that are in some of our surrounding areas. It was suggested that we might possibly consider a Solar Ordinance in our township.

Monthly Bills: 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 8:00 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted: M. Susan Thomson, Clerk