

Long Rapids Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 12, 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 not present, she is on maternity leave. Attorney VanMassenhove was going to be at the meeting, however, she was not in attendance.

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 Gersewski, second by MacArthur to approve the regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Johnson, Treasurer: General Fund: \$ 462,260.59, Checking Account: \$ 31,900.92, Cemetery Fund: \$ 46,880.66, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,553.38, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,439.93, Property Tax Account: \$21,692.96. 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: August, 2024 Report: Revenue: \$ 1,775.00 and Expenses: \$ 17,575.73. Motion by Gersewski, second by MacArthur to approve budget report as given. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, MacArthur, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: None.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: Discussion regarding green burials. Tom has been reading about other community cemeteries considering this. It was also discussed at the Planning Commission Meeting. Tom will do some research regarding this subject and get back with the board. Due to absence of Attorney Kane, no further development on the reclaiming property research update.

Fire Department: Fire Chief - Darin Himes EMS Calls - 7, FIRES: 1 vehicle fire during month of August. FIRE ACADEMY: Scheduled to begin in October, 2024 and we have one firefighter that is enrolled. SEPTEMBER'S KID'S DAY: The second Firefighter & Friends Day is Saturday. A special thank you to Jesse Mischloney for making contact with a Hillman couple who will bring a bounce house and fire prevention material. His in-laws also graciously are donating the use of their bounce house for the

event. There will be games for the children and Chef Tom Spaulding will be grilling the hotdogs. This event is for the entire community. LADDER TESTING: Will be completed this fall. SEMINAR: Ass't Chief Tom Spaulding and myself attended MTA training. It was excellent training. (See report attached). SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH and the Yellow Ribbon Campaign is this month. (See report attached for more information on how the department is supporting this.) MATCHING FUNDS/RADIOS: The department was just notified that the county will be offering matching funds once again this year for radios. Chief Himes will take inventory of the needs and report back to the board. (See attached report)

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: Old Business: The members have not heard from Chuck Burrone regarding his special use permit for a "Wedding and Air BNB Venue". However, he mentioned that he was not in any hurry. New business: Discussion regarding a consideration of adopting an ordinance for green (remains in cardboard/wooden coffin) burials at the Long Rapids Twp Cemetary. (See attached report)

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: PAVING: The markings will be done soon. There is one more wedding booked for this year, which is 10/24/24.

Seminars:

Roads: No new business.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: Update: The launch will be removed during the month of October. WEBSITE: Website address is: [longrapidstowship.org](http://longrapidstowship.org). BLIGHT ORDINANCE: Tabled until our attorney returns. RECYCLING: Thomson - The new truck is on the road and is working out great, a few tweaks are necessary with the bins/loading on to the truck. Received 3 applications for the manager position at the recycling center. No decision has been made at this time. BALL DIAMOND RUT REPAIRS: No news as of yet.

New Business:

Public Comment: None.

Monthly Bills: Gersewski made the motion, second by MacArthur 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 8:00 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted:

M Susan Thomson, Clerk