

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 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 Ritter, Treasurer Johnson & Clerk Thomson. Attorney Erin Kane was present.

Public Comment: Supervisor Todd Precord welcomed Vicki Ritter to our board as our newly elected Trustee.

Agenda Approval: Motion by Gersewski, second by Ritter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of meeting minutes: Motion by Gersewski, second by Ritter to approve the regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Johnson, Treasurer: General Fund: \$ 395,513.53, Checking Account: \$ 59,605.54, Cemetery Fund: \$ 47,164.29, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,568.07, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,450.25, Property Tax Account: \$22,057.71. Motion by Ritter, second by Gersewski to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Budget Report: Sue Thomson, Clerk: We need to do October and November 2024 Reports. October, 2024 Report: Revenue: \$ 7,792.22, and Expenses: \$18,914.30. The November, 2024 Report: Revenue: \$ -00- and Expenses: \$ 18,831.01. Motion by Ritter, second by Gersewski to approve the October, 2024 and November, 2024 budget reports as given. (Clerk Thomson explained that she had given November, 2024 report last month instead of October, 2024 in error and November, 2024 was incomplete at that time.) Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: None.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: No updates, all is quiet.

Fire Department: Fire Chief - Darin Himes EMS Calls - 9, FIRES: 4 FIRE ACADEMY: No new updates. MATCHING FUNDS/RADIOS: No new updates. GAS CARDS: Sue Thomson and I have been working on getting new cards. Blarney Castle is converting to a new system and there will be new cards and a better system in place with the gas cards. TRAINING: Darin, Kathy, Jarrod and John attended training at the city fire department that was offered by Doug Keogh. It was a five-hour blitz to bring some required training

up to date by medical control. DONATIONS: The fire department and board gave a donation of \$180 to Justin Dzieszinski, former Wellington Trustee to help with his ongoing medical battle with cancer. Many attended the fundraiser as well, and it was a huge success. EQUIPMENT: After a discussion, Gersewski made the motion, supported by Ritter to purchase two High Visibility Jackets for the department. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson and Thomson. Naves: None. (Monthly Report Attached)

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: Discussed the Green Burial issue again. Special permit for Chuck & Lori Burrone Air BNB and Wedding Venue is still pending. (Copy of report attached) Tom has a concern about 2 board members being on the planning commission board.

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: No new business.

Seminars: There is new officer training available in January, 2025.

Roads: No updates.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidstownship.org. Susie MacArthur, former trustee has agreed to continue updating website for the first quarter of 2025. BLIGHT ORDINANCE: Paul Gersewski will visit Maple Lane resident to make sure there is no one living in a camper or barn. Attorney Kane has not received any feedback from letter sent to resident from Emerald Acres Subdivision home.

RECYCLING: Thomson - Updated the board regarding discussion on bond issue/paperwork necessary to be processed to move forward, if a bond issue becomes necessary.

New Business: WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE CONTRACT: Contract is ready and will be sent to the clerk for the township to approve at their next meeting and pay the first contract year. It is a two year contract. Gersewski made the motion, second by Ritter to approve the contract be sent to Wellington Township. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Naves-None. PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE: Received paperwork and contract/resolution (book) from PIE&G's attorney asking our township to adopt. Our attorney is reviewing it before we adopt/sign resolution and contract. It is regarding underground wiring for internet/etc.

Monthly Bills: After a discussion, Gersewski made the motion, second by Ritter to transfer \$1500 from Contingency to Elections/Wages/Supplies and pay the monthly bills. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None.

Public Comment:

Adjournment: Ritter made the motion, second by Gersewski to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted: M. Susan Thomson, Clerk