

Long Rapids Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
February 13, 2025

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: None.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Johnson, Treasurer: February, 2025 General Fund: \$339,404.84, Checking Account: \$ 98,543.58, Cemetery Fund: \$ 49,434.78, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,576.79, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,456.38, Property Tax Account: \$95,903.50. Motion by Gersewski, second by Ritter to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Budget Report: Sue Thomson, Clerk: January, 2025: Revenue: \$ 18,701.25 and Expenses: \$ 15,453.49. Motion made by Gersewski, second by Ritter to accept the budget report as given. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: Alpena High School Career & Technical Education Invitation, Alpena Public Schools Resolution-Summer Taxes, & a donation of \$500 given to the fire department from Long Rapids Congregational Women's Fellowship for Cemetery Grave Markers to be used for the retired Fire Department and EMT Volunteers. In response to the summer tax request collection letter, Ritter made a motion, second by Gersewski to not collect the tax for Alpena Public Schools. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None. Thomson will notify the secretary at the Alpena Public Schools of our decision to not collect the summer tax.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: Gave an update of burials coming up in the spring.

Fire Department: Fire Chief - Darin Himes EMS Calls - 5, PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS - 2 DNR GRANT: Received notice that we are receiving \$2250.00 and Chief Himes stated that we had applied for \$ 10,000.00. The DNR has been good to us over the past few years, so the lower amount given is understandable. Nonetheless, we are making contacts on turnout gear for pricing and hoping to purchase two sets with the

township match. TANKER: An issue with the brakes on the tanker. It has been fixed by Midwest. RESCUE UNIT: There has been a recall, but Ford has no resolution for this as of yet. It appears to be on the DEF System. RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING: Ethan Himes, Adam Lumsden & Darin Himes participated in this training program. It was very intense. (Summary Report Attached)

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: Tom has been researching and stated that we need a "Short Term Rental Ordinance". After some discussion, it was decided Attorney Kane will assist Tom with this project. We have two different individuals that are interested in doing short term rentals and there may be more that we are not aware of.

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: gave a short update on rental activity. Tom had a concern about hall rentals and passed out a copy of MTA's guidelines to all board members.

Seminars: None.

Roads: No updates.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: WEBSITE: Website address is: [longrapidstownship.org](http://longrapidstownship.org). BLIGHT ORDINANCE: Gersewski visited the site on Salina Road, could not really tell if anyone was living in camper, going to leave until warmer weather to do a followup on this property. PRESQUE ISLE FIBER-OPTIC RESOLUTION-Erin Kane: Reviewed the resolution and stated that it was all set for the board to take action with the resolution as presented/written. After some discussion, Ritter made the motion to adopt the fiber-optic resolution, Gersewski supported the motion. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

RECYCLING: Thomson gave an update of the meeting, Secretary Laura has resigned, a possibility of a new secretary has volunteered. The directors are continuing to search for more grant money to build the new facility, rather than have to borrow the funds to complete the project.

New Business: NEMCOG-MASTER PLAN: Our plan was last updated in 2009. Melissa Chambers/NEMCOG will be coming to the next planning commission meeting to discuss our plan and has offered to assist with updating our plan at no charge. ADOPT BUDGET/TRUTH IN TAXATION MEETING DATE: March 25, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. and BUDGET WORKSHOP: March 18, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Monthly Bills: Ritter made the motion, supported by Gersewski to transfer \$1500.00 from Contingency to Snowplowing and pay the monthly bills. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Public Comment: Tom Spaulding: Board of Review Protest Meetings-dates were changed and Tom wondered if anyone had been given an explanation of why the change in meeting dates.

Adjournment: Gersewski made the motion, second by Ritter to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted: M. Susan Thomson, Clerk