

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 08, 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: May, 2025 General Fund: \$541,955.25, Checking Account: \$ 39,242.86, Cemetery Fund: \$ 49,704.82, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,585.11, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,462.23, Property Tax Account: \$16,578.18. 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: April, 2025: Revenue: \$ -00- and Expenses: \$ 30,955.77. Motion made by Ritter, second by Gersewski to accept the budget report as given. The April Budget Report, 2025 was presented last month and again this month. The May, 2025 will be presented in June, 2025 due to budget reports completed a month behind. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: Thank you card received from Kay Gonyea thanking the township board and fire department for allowing and participating with the use of the township hall as a shelter for the community during the recent ice storm emergency.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: 5 full burials and 1 cremation thus far this spring. The first mowing has been scheduled for May 9, 2025. Tom has a concern about stones that need to be moved and repaired due to the base of the stone cracking. After repairs have been completed to the base, it has to be put back in place. This may become an expense that the township will need to take care of in the future. Tom stated Mr. LaFleur, who does the burial work for us took care of the repair work to the stone that was just completed, not sure that he will continue to do so without a reimbursement for the work project. PORTA-JOHN: Precord stated that the porta-john will be at the cemetery for the season by May 12th, 2025.

Fire Department: Fire Chief - Darin Himes EMS Calls -11, & Fire Calls-8.

CONTRIBUTION/GIFT: The department received a \$2000.00 gift from a resident to update and replace our defibrillator. The new device will be placed on Rescue 1.

TRAINING: Jesse Mischloney will graduate from the fire academy May 18th at Alpena Community College. ICE STORM UPDATE: A review was completed to identify what went right and areas that went wrong. We also identified action items that we can correct if we need to come together for another emergency. Additionally, Darin met with Supervisor Todd to start developing an Emergency Management Plan for Long Rapids Township. OLD FIRE HALL: J&L Electric prepared a proposal estimate to rewire all existing fluorescent fixtures inside of the building to accommodate new LED bulbs, installation of LED bulbs, removal and disposal of existing ballasts and bulbs. ANNUAL PICNIC: The date has been set for the picnic and it will be 07/12/25. (Summary Report Attached)

Planning Commission: Vicki Ritter: Reviewing a survey that NEMCOG has available and would like completed. Vicki had some questions regarding the survey and is going to do more research before completing.

Township Hall: Supervisor Precord ask Tom to get new locks installed for the doors behind the stage and the entrance door of the meeting room for security purposes.

Seminars: None.

Roads: ROAD AGREEMENTS: The motion was made by Gersewski, second by Ritter to sign 4 road projects agreements: Salina Rd, Olsen Rd., Zajkowski Rd. gravel on certain areas of the roads, and Hibner Rd., sealcoating. Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: Supervisor Precord stated that the porta-john will be at the park by May 12th 2025. WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidstownship.org. BLIGHT ORDINANCE: No updates.

RECYCLING: Thomson gave an update regarding the meeting, the bins that were located at the Northern Lights Arena will now be moved behind the Moose Lodge. Additionally, Alpena Township will have an expansion of more bins available behind their office building. Also, Alpena Township location will have a glass recycling bin and glass recycling will also be available at the recycling facility headquarters located at W. M-32 location.

New Business: EMERGENCY PLAN: Discussion on the plan and developing a committee. Darin passed out a report of his thoughts and ideas regarding how the committee would be designed and job descriptions for each area. Our attorney stated/advised that the township or fire department could not have a non-profit/501©3. There can be a committee formed of volunteers within the township and they could be non-profit with a 501{c}3. Supervisor Precord got some estimated cost proposals for generators that would have the sufficient power to run the township hall and the fire department building in the event of another emergency like we just experienced. (See attached proposals) We would need to do a millage for the purchases or possibly apply for a

grant, if one was available.

Monthly Bills: Gersewski made the motion, supported by Ritter to pay the monthly bills.
Ayes: Precord, Gersewski, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Gersewski made the motion, second by Ritter to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted: M. Susan Thomson, Clerk