

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 14, 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 Ritter, Treasurer Johnson & Clerk Thomson. Attorney Erin Kane was present.

Public Comment: None.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Johnson, Treasurer: August, 2025 General Fund: \$513,451.18, Checking Account: \$ 70,659.69, Cemetery Fund: \$ 50,296.52, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,602.32, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,474.31, Property Tax Account: \$107,965.27. Motion by Ritter, second by Precord, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Budget Report: Sue Thomson, Clerk: July, 2025: Revenue: \$ 20,203.00 and Expenses: \$27,027.34. Motion made by Ritter, second by Johnson to accept the budget report as given. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: None.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: No burial update. Tom stated that he is in need of a new trimmer and has priced a couple of them and his preference is an "Echo String Trimmer" from Saw Supply. After some discussion, Ritter made the motion, supported by Johnson to purchase the trimmer from Saw Supply for \$399.99, it is a GT-225 with blower attachment & trimmer attachment. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None. ASSISTANT SEXTON: Tom brought Alane's recommended replacement to the meeting and introduced him to everyone. Tom Torsch has agreed to work with Tom as the Assistant Sexton. After some discussion, Ritter made the motion, second by Johnson to hire Tom Torsch as our Assistant Sexton. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Fire Department: Fire Chief - Darin Himes EMS Calls-8, & Fire Calls-0, and 2 personal injury accidents. DNR GRANT: No news at this time. EQUIPMENT: Two new

defibrillators have been received and put in service. Hose testing is scheduled for 09/02/25. ECHO Meeting: There will be a meeting 08/20/25, and we are working on an Exit Strategy, in the event we ever want to eliminate the services from the city. KIDS DAY OPEN HOUSE: The event is scheduled for 09/28/25 at the fire hall. (Summary Report Attached)

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: Meeting will be in September, 2025. SURVEY: Trustee Ritter attended a NEMCOG meeting at Alpena Twp. Building and gave a brief update on the county wide survey and responses, not a very good response as of yet. Needing at least 10,000 county wide and only received about 2000 thus far.

Township Hall: Tom has been cleaning up the brush around the hall yard. Alpena Landscape Supply and Service was the only company that responded with a proposal to repair our township and fire department lawns. After some discussion, Ritter made the motion, second by Johnson to hire them to do the work on our township hall lawn and fire department lawn. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Johnson, & Thomson. Naves: None.

Seminars: EMS Seminar & Workshop/Frankenmuth: Ritter made the motion, supported by Johnson to pay all expenses for Himes and Precord to attend the seminar/workshop in September. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None. There was no interest in the Land Use Planning/Zoning Certificate Courses available on line.

Roads: Hibner Road has been sealcoated.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: No updates. WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidstownship.org. BLIGHT ORDINANCE: No updates. ICE STORM/EMERGENCY PLAN: The fire hall and township hall should be hard wired so we are prepared for another outage/use of a generator. It will take some time for generator grants to be processed and approved.

RECYCLING: Thomson stated that a 2nd truck has been ordered and more equipment has been ordered. FEMA ZOOM MEETING/ICE STORM: Ritter attended the meeting on behalf of our township. There is a possibility of the 14 counties being awarded a total of \$50 million from the federal government to be divided with the 14 county area that was impacted by the storm.

New Business: TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT: We received three letters of interest, Loretta Ellsworth, Megan Marsh and Brad Styma. Each person was an excellent candidate and well qualified for the trustee position. After careful consideration, Thomson made the motion, second by Johnson to appoint Brad Styma to the trustee position. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Naves: None.

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

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Ritter made the motion, second by Johnsoni to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted: M. Susan Thomson, Clerk