

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

Public Comment: None.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Johnson, Treasurer: November, 2025 General Fund: \$439,886.06, Checking Account: \$ 97,604.44, Cemetery Fund: \$ 50,928.38, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,615.30, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,483.44, Property Tax Account: \$27,409.08. Motion by Ritter, second by Styma, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nayes: None.

Budget Report: Sue Thomson, Clerk: October, 2025: Revenue: \$ 1,920.00 and Expenses: \$15,713.91. Motion made by Ritter, second by Styma, to accept the budget report as given. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nayes: None.

Correspondence: Resignation Letter from Larry Wayne Gauthier, our electrical inspector effective 12/01/25. Larry Wayne has been our inspector for many years. A letter of application was received from Andrew Roznowski for electrical inspector.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: The cemetery is closed for the winter months.

Fire Department: Fire Chief - Darin Himes EMS Calls-15, Fire Calls-1, and 1 fire investigation. DNR GRANT: No updates on the grant. PIE&G Community First Grant: No new update on this grant. We have received accountability tags and Incident Command (IC) boards, which are part of the unified system used by all departments across the State of Michigan. Alpena City Fire Chief Rob Edmonds will be conducting training sessions for all departments within the county. RETIREMENT: City Chief Rob Edmonds will be retiring 11/30/25. Deputy Chief Andy Marceau is expected to assume the role of Chief and has already assumed many of the responsibilities.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TEAM: Chief Himes has been developing the team and has assembled a group of individuals who are committed to their roles and responsibilities. SMOKE DETECTORS: Just a reminder to replace batteries in your smoke detectors. CHRISTMAS EVE: Some of the fire department volunteers will be serving as chauffeur for Santa Claus. He will be visiting our area churches on Christmas Eve before his long journey delivering toys to children around the world. (a Summary Report Attached)

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: A reminder of the meeting in December.

Township Hall: No rentals to date for the rest of the year.

Seminars: MTA-Board Roles & Relationships. No action taken.

Roads: No updates at this time.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: No updates. WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidsttownship.org. BLIGHT ORDINANCE: No updates.

RECYCLING: Thomson stated that Iosco County is launching their recycling program this week. Plastics are being held at this time because the American market has crashed. Our new rental baler has dramatically improved processing efficiency. The goal is to award the Building & Site construction contract at the 12/11/25 board meeting, if done, this will keep the project on track for construction next year and allow for the determination of final amounts needed to issue the bonds. Last, but not least, Alcona County is requesting to meet and discuss options for recycling.

New Business: BLIGHT/ZONING ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR: Precord appointed Loretta Ellsworth to be our new director. Styma made the motion, second by Ritter to hire Loretta Ellsworth as our Blight Ordinance Director/ Zoning Enforcement Officer. Ayes: Precord, Styma, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nayes: None. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Precord appointed Kathy Himes to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals: Ritter made the motion, supported by Styma to appoint Kathy Himes to the Appeals Board. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nayes: None. ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR: After a discussion, Styma made the motion, supported by Ritter to hire Andrew Roznowski as our new electrical inspector. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nayes: None.

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

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Styma made the motion, supported by Ritter to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted: M. Susan Thomson, Clerk