

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
JANUARY 08, 2026

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Johnson, Treasurer: January, 2026: General Fund: \$466,608.84, Checking Account: \$ 46,950.30, Cemetery Fund: \$ 51,788.84, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,619.54, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,486.41, Property Tax Account: \$166,428.30. (All are approximate balances due to not receiving bank statements as of yet). Motion by Ritter, second by Styma, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Budget Report: Sue Thomson, Clerk: December, 2025: Revenue: \$ 995.00 and Expenses: \$40,849.12. Motion made by Ritter, second by Styma to accept the budget report as given. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: Fleet Email/Jackie Chatman advising fire department to use the cards they have, do not use any new cards that may be received thru the mail. Michigan minimum wage increase to \$13.73 beginning 01/01/26. Allband update-2025 news.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: Cemetery Sign needs to be refurbished, it is looking quite tacky. After a discussion, Ritter made a motion, supported by Styma to refurbish the sign, and not to exceed \$2000.00 in costs. (Drawing proposal attached.) Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Fire Department: Fire Chief - Darin Himes: EMS Calls-9, Fire Calls-0, and one personal injury during December, 2025. DNR GRANT: contract has been signed and submitted, allowing the F/D to begin moving forward with execution of the approved plan. GRANT: J.P. Ritter is preparing to submit a grant request to FIREHOUSE SUBS for a

Side-by-Side vehicle. This is a stand-alone grant request that would cover the full cost. PIE&G Community First Grant: No new update on this grant. These grants will support our brush truck project. LADDER&HOSE TESTING: Contract has been signed and scheduling details will be provided once they are finalized. Saturday, 01/03/26, the department responded to a fully involved structure fire. MUTUAL AID was requested from Posen. The structure was a total loss and our personnel worked diligently to contain the fire and prevent further spread. (Summary Report Attached.)

Generator Update: We have been notified that we have received “2” diesel generators for our township. A 60K for our township and a 38K for our fire department. Arrangements will be needed to be made to pick them up and bring the generators to us.

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: No new business.

Township Hall: ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of ICE STORM: The area churches are planning an event to celebrate the 10 day “ICE STORM” of 2025. The ladies from the 4 churches plan to have a “1” day event at the hall with food, games and line dancing. Music will be provided. This would involve our community and surrounding communities. More information to follow.

Seminars: Board of Review Training: Spaulding stated that all our members are set for 2026.

Roads: No updates at this time.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: No updates. WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidstownship.org. BLIGHT ORDINANCE: No updates. TOWNSHIP/FIRE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT-OUTDOOR LIGHTING: We have a light attached to the township hall that was used when we had the skating rink and it will need a new light fixture, and it will light up the parking lot the way we would like for future elections and other events. There was a discussion regarding the purchase of a 320watt light fixture at the cost of \$623.00. Styma made the motion, supported by Johnson to purchase the 320watt light for \$623.00 for our parking lot. Roll Call: Precord, Styma, Johnson and Thomson. Ritter-Abstain. Naves: None. FOOD TRUCK/TOWNSHIP HALL PARKING LOT: Attorney Kane did some research on this subject and advised us to not grant permission for this use absent a formal, uniformly applied policy and board-adopted criteria. (See attached memorandum for more explanation). Thomson was concerned about turning it down because the person who is interested is a veteran. She remembers a scenario very similar to this request a few years ago within the city of Alpena. The person was denied the permit initially, and after some time passed, he was granted the permit/permission to set up business with his food truck. He was a veteran also. Attorney Kane will research and get back to us and Thomson is going to check on our township liability with our insurance.

RECYCLING: No new updates.

New Business: None.

Monthly Bills: Styma made the motion, supported by Ritter to pay the monthly bills. Ayes:

Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Ritter made the motion, supported by Styma to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted: M. Susan Thomson, Clerk