

Long Rapids Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 12, 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: March, 2026: General Fund: \$405,002.89, Checking Account: \$ 112,747.83, Cemetery Fund: \$ 51,820.61, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,632.25, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,495.34, Property Tax Account: \$530,955.15. Motion by Styma, second by Ritter, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Budget Report: Sue Thomson, Clerk: February, 2026: Revenue: \$ 20,311.43 and Expenses: \$11,888.97. Motion made by Ritter, second by Styma to accept the budget report as given. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: MI-PAR Plan correspondence, information about their grant program.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: No new updates.

Fire Department: Darin Himes, Fire Chief: EMS Calls-7, Fire Calls-0, during February, 2026. MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER CLASS: JP has completed the MFR class offered by MyMichigan Health. The next step will be for him to pass the state certification exam. STATE FIRE TRAINING & OTHER: Chief Darin has completed 55 hours of state fire training. As part of the department's succession planning, Firefighter Dan Marsh is enrolled in a Fire Officer I & II class that will be held at CRTC. Our wildlife fire training with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been scheduled for March 17. April training will be Fire Scene Preservation and Investigation training conducted by the Michigan State Police. DEPARTMENT PICNIC: The date has been set for July 26, 2026. Darin also updated the board with the estimated costs for

the BRUSH TRUCK project, which involves a 50% match of about \$ 5000.00.
(Summary Report Attached.)

Generator Update: There will be the need of a concrete slab poured where the generators will be installed and the necessary wiring completed.

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: Discussed the county wide master plan.
LAVENDER & MINT FARM: Scott & Elsie Wilson are requesting a special use permit to distill lavender & mint on their property along with building a retail store to sell their products. Several of the Wilson's neighbors were in attendance with questions about their plans. After discussing the neighbor's concerns and answering the planning commission's required questions on the special permit, the Wilson's were awarded their permit for a retail business for mint and lavender oils on their Thorne property.

Township Hall: No new business. We do have the new recreational use rules.

Seminars: Planning & Zoning Training: There is a possibility that four will be attending the training.

Roads: Dust Control Agreement: Went over the agreement for 2026.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: No updates. WEBSITE: Website address is: longrapidstowship.org. BLIGHT ORDINANCE: No updates at this time.
RECYCLING: NMMMA- No new updates at this time.

New Business: Budget workshop date: Styma made the motion, supported by Ritter that we meet March 25th for the workshop. Motion carried. BUDGET HEARING date: Styma made the motion, second by Ritter to have hearing on March 30, 2026. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson, & Thomson. Nays: None. EARLY VOTING AGREEMENT: The decision has been made by all clerks within Alpena County to have 9-day voting held at the Alpena Township Meeting Room for all townships. After a discussion, Styma made the motion, supported by Ritter to have our township participate with the early voting move to Alpena Township. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: 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:

Adjournment: Styma made the motion, supported by Ritter to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted: M. Susan Thomson, Clerk