

Long Rapids Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 14, 2026

The regular meeting of the Long Rapids Township Board was called to order by Clerk Mary Sue Thomson 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: Some residents attended the meeting with concerns regarding Graham Road and asking the township to help them fix the road conditions. They have been to the county road commission also asking for their help. Precord is going to talk with the road commission persons about the road condition problem.

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 and special meeting minutes as presented, with an amendment to the special meeting minutes showing Wendy Johnson, Treasurer absent. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Johnson, Treasurer: May, 2026: General Fund: \$619,238.38, Checking Account: \$ 59,670.58, Cemetery Fund: \$ 51,842.26, Emergency Facility Bond Fund: \$20,640.87, Hall Restoration Bond Account: \$ 14,501.40, Property Tax Account: \$18,991.56. 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: April, 2026: Revenue: \$ 46,694.63 and Expenses: \$41,762.04. Motion made by Styma, second by Ritter to accept the budget report as given. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Correspondence: None.

Cemetery Report: Tom Spaulding: Our tractor lawn mower was stolen and has not been found. Spaulding priced zero turn mowers and is recommending that we purchase a mower from Fitzpatrick's Hardware. He gave the pros and cons of the mowers that he priced. After a discussion, Styma made the motion, supported by Ritter to purchase the "Country Clipper" zero turn mower from Fitzpatrick's Hardware. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Fire Department: Darin Himes, Fire Chief: EMS Calls-9, Fire Calls-2 structure fires and 2

completed successfully. The apparatus is now up to date with new tires and springs, and the pump testing produced very positive results with no concerns identified. CSI is currently preparing a quote for the remaining items to be addressed. BRUSH TRUCK: Project moving along, budget continues to look good. DNR GRANT: The cycle is in June and monitoring the status of the currently suspended \$50,000 grant opportunity. Training activities kept the department very busy. Four firefighters are enrolled in Firefighter II training. Dan Marsh has begun Fire Officer training. MABAS CALL: There was a MABAS emergency call-out and our department responded. Long Rapids provided a firefighter, Ethan Himes to complete the tender team. This was done during the recent forest fire in Mio. See attached report for complete details. JESSIE MISCHLONEY/Thunder Bay Area Firefighters Assn recently presented Jessie with a well deserved Merit Awareness Award at their annual banquet. Congratulations to Jessie on this outstanding recognition. (Summary Report Attached.)

Planning Commission: Tom Spaulding: Some of our team, 4 members went to Frankenmuth to the planning/zoning seminar and it was very informative

Township Hall: Tom Spaulding: Rental Update: 3 rentals, 2 weddings and 1 graduation. Resolution for Township Hall Rules/Regulations: Styma made the motion, second by Ritter to adopt the resolution. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Seminars: None.

Roads: Projects for 2026-2027 budget year: After looking over the projects and discussing them, Styma made the motion, second by Ritter to do the Posen Rd and Graham Rd. Ayes: Precord, Styma, Ritter, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None. DUST CONTROL AGREEMENT: After a discussion, Ritter made the motion, supported by Styma to approve the dust control agreement. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Old Business: PARKS/RECREATION: No updates. WEBSITE: Website address is: [longrapidstowship.org](http://longrapidstowship.org). BLIGHT ORDINANCE: No new updates.

RECYCLING: NMMMA- Reminder of Clean up & E Waste Day, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

New Business: FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE: Adopt Resolution/Bond Millage and the PIE&G ballot language for November, 2026: Styma made the motion, supported by Ritter to approve the ballot language for the fire department millage/November, 2026 ballot and to accept the PIE&G ballot bond language for November, 2026 election. Ayes: Precord, Ritter, Styma, Johnson & Thomson. Nays: None.

Monthly Bills: Ritter made the motion, supported by Styma 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 8:19 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted: M. Susan Thomson, Clerk