

L'Anse Township Board Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes- July 10, 2019

- A. The Wednesday, July 10, 2019 regular monthly meeting for L'Anse Township was called to order by Supervisor Magaraggia at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the L'Anse Township Hall. The supervisor led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Roll Call: Present- Supervisor Peter Magaraggia, Treasurer Kristine Rice, Clerk Kristin Kahler, Trustee Shelly Lloyd, and Trustee Wallace Sweeney.
- C. The following visitors were present: Lyle Olsen, Joe Bollech, Grant Fenner, Patricia Stein, Robert Maki, Wayne Abba, Catherine Andrews, and Linda Kinnunen.
- D. Approval of the minutes: Motion made by Treasurer Rice seconded by Trustee Lloyd to approve the minutes of the June monthly meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Approval of agenda: Motion made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Sweeney to approve the current meeting agenda. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Treasurer's report: Report on actual expenditures to date compared to budget. The budget income to date are under budget by \$30,955.04. Expenses to date are over budget by \$5602.95. Approved treasurer's report as submitted. Motion made by Trustee Lloyd, seconded by Supervisor Magaraggia to approve the payment of unpaid bills to be paid from the General fund -\$11,676.72 and Fire fund- \$7136.74 as funds become available, and to approve the prior month's activities in the General fund checking account. All in favor, motion carried.

Ongoing Business:

1. Aura Fire Department: Meeting held on Wednesday, June 19th. Lyle Olson reported that the new generator is up and running and the fire hall can be used as a warming shelter for the area in the event of power outages. Radio batteries were purchased. Assistance made to the rescue at Canyon Falls July 5th for a reported missing person/drowning. Discussion was had on the need for a new fire truck for the department. The cost would be approximately \$300,000 new. Used trucks were researched with availability being an issue. Discussion was had on payment options available, and other possibly funding including money raised through Ladies Auxiliary, old truck sale, and possible millage. Fire truck issue tabled until more research is complete.
2. Parks and Cemeteries: The camping season is going well, with near capacity over the 4th of July.
3. Zoning/Planning: A public hearing was held to rezone a township property. The planning commission recommends that the property be rezoned as agricultural property. Supervisor Magaraggia made a motion, seconded by Trustee Lloyd that the township board allow for rezoning of the property. All in favor, motion carried.

There are currently 3 letters of interest for the zoning board of appeals. Trustee Sweeney states that 5 are needed, and will be continuing to look for more interested persons.

The master plan is almost complete, with a draft copy possibly being available at the July 17th meeting.

Discussion made regarding the next phase of the current marijuana township opt-out. Supervisor Magaraggia will speak with the attorney as to the next step in the zoning procedure.

4. Ambulance Report: No current meeting to report.

5. Assessor's report: The tax bills are currently out and the board of review to correct mistakes and clerical errors will be held on Tuesday, July 16th at 6:00.

The Warren group may be interested in obtaining tax data for real estate usage.

Certaineed inquired about an industrial development district expiration date and were told it does not expire. Will have IFT certificate.

No current information on the vacant Shopko building.

New Business:

1. The new clerk, Kristin Kahler, has been on the job for about a month, has attended QVF training, and feedback is positive.

2. Brief public comment:

3. Zoning Board of Appeals: There were 3 letters of interest for the five-member board. Two alternatives are also needed. We will keep advertising. Action tabled until next month.

4. Approval for plat book ad in the 2019 book: motion made by Supervisor Magaraggia to purchase a full-page ad, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.

5. July Board of Review is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th at 6:00.

6. The auditors have completed the field work for the fiscal audit as of today, and will have a report available in the fall.

7. Supervisor Magaraggia picked up the new mower for the tractor, and discussed the purchase of a trailer, already in the budget, for its transportation. He also discussed the possibility of taking bids on old/out of commission equipment.

G. Clerk's report: Kristin Kahler would like to appoint Mary Mervar as her deputy clerk. Motion made by Clerk Kahler, seconded by Supervisor Magaraggia to appoint Mary Mervar as deputy clerk with \$10.80 per hour starting wage. All in favor, motion carried. Attended QVF training in Escanaba on June 25th.

The minute summary for the June 12 meeting was sent to the L'Anse Sentinel for publication; minutes were printed and sent by email to board members, posted on the township bulletin board, posted to the website, and placed in the minute book. Papers

resulting from board actions taken were placed in the regular meeting folder for 2019 in the treasurer's office; checks were signed for payment as prepared by the treasurer for bills approved at the July 10 meeting. Supervisor Magaraggia made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rice to accept the clerk's report. All in favor, motion carried.

- H. Comments from the Board: June 17 was the BCCMTA meeting with only Spur Township attending. The topic was blight. Trustee Lloyd suggested a letter be written to create similar blight ordinances in all townships.

Trustee Sweeney reported on the recent branding meeting and feels the projects is moving in a positive direction.

- I. Adjournment: Supervisor Magaraggia adjourned the meeting at 4:46 pm.
- J. Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the L'Anse Township Hall.