

L'ANSE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES—May 8, 2019

A. The Wednesday, May 8, 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, Brian Jentoft; Trustee, Shelley Lloyd, and Trustee Wallace Sweeney.

C. The following visitors were present: Mike Koskinen, Mrs. Burt Mason, Burt Mason, Patricia Stein, Catherine Andrews, Jeffery Loman, Robert Kissel, Sue Bollech, Joe Bollech, Lyle Olsen, James Ekdahl, Peg Ekdahl, Cory Frisk, Mike Bianco, Craig Kent, Grant Fenner, Fran Whitman and Linda Kinnunen.

D. Approval of the minutes.

Approval of the minutes for the Wednesday, March 13 regular meeting.

Motion Trustee Lloyd supported by Treasurer Rice to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on May 8, 2019

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

E. Approval of agenda.

Motion by Treasurer Rice supported by Trustee Sweeney that the meeting agenda for May 8, 2019 be accepted.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

F. Receive Treasurer's report as submitted:

Report on actual expenditures to date compared to budget. Approve treasurer's report as submitted. The treasurer reported that budget income was under budget by **\$35,223.55**; and, expenses were under budget by \$21,614.35.

Motion by Supervisor Magaraggia seconded by Trustee Lloyd to accept the treasurer's report as given.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

G. Approve any budget amendments:

H. The chairman requested a motion for approval of payment of bills.

Motion by Supervisor Magaraggia seconded by Trustee Lloyd to approve the payment of unpaid bills to be paid from the General Fund, Fire Fund--\$1,313.55; General Fund--\$21,614.35 as funds become available; and, to approve the prior month's activities in the General Fund Checking Account.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

I. Brief Public Comments: RoyKemppainen expressed a concern the KBIC members have rights that the public do not have.

J. Communications:

K. Unfinished/Pending Business:

1. **Aura Fire Department**—the AFD held a meeting on Wednesday, April 17

2. **Parks and Cemeteries**—The park crew started on Monday, April 29. They are busy getting equipment ready and cleaning up the park and the cemeteries.

3. **Zoning/Planning**—Trustee Sweeney is the liaison. Don Mleko is the zoning administrator. The committee is doing lots of work on the master plan. Several members are attending citizen planning meetings on Tuesday evenings in the Copper Country.

4. **Ambulance Report**--Trustee Shelley Lloyd is the liaison.

5. **Assessor's Report**—The assessor's report—the county equalized the tax roll and sent it to the state. There will be an audit in 2020 for AMAR purposes.

L. New Business

1. Report on election results. There were 572 voters; 257 voted yes; and, 315 voted no.

2. BCCMTA--the next meeting is scheduled for June 17 at 6:00 pm. Blight issues will be the major topic of discussion.

3. Parks and cemeteries—the opening date for the park was set for Sunday , May 12.

4. There is a FOIA workshop in Marquette on Monday, May 20. We need to approve allowing Treasurer Rice to attend with per diem.

Motion by Supervisor Magaraggia supported by Clerk Jentoft to give board approval for Treasurer Rice to attend the FOIA workshop in Marquette on Monday, May 20 with per diem and mileage.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

5. We need to set up a three person Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

6. The supervisor contacted our auditor and asked about ways to fund smaller projects.

7. Park employees and the supervisor are going over placement of potential new camping sites.

8. The supervisor would like to have a contractor plant some trees and grass around Meadow Brook Park. He has made several calls but still hasn't found anyone to remove the lights and light poles.

9. Treasurer Rice made a motion and Trustee Lloyd supported that Jim Fedie and Supervisor Magaraggia be approved for going to a meeting in Houghton on June 20.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

10. Language clarification for the May 7 ballot issue

Trustee Lloyd made a motion supported by Treasurer Rice that an attorney be contacted to clarify the ballot issue.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

M. Clerk's Report: The minute summary for the March 13 regular meeting was sent to the L'Anse Sentinel for publication; minutes were printed and sent by email to board members, posted on the town hall 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 March 13 meeting; conducted the preliminary accuracy test on the voting machine for the May 7 special election; conducted the public accuracy test on the voting machine on April 17; attended a QVF session in Escanaba on April 9;

Motion by _____ **seconded by** _____ **to accept the clerk's report as given.**

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

N. Public Comments:

O. Board comments:

P. Adjournment:

The supervisor adjourned the meeting be at 4:56 pm.

Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the L'Anse Township Hall. The next meeting of the BCCMTA will be held on Monday, September 23 at 6:00 pm at the L'Anse Town Hall.

Peter Magaraggia, Supervisor

Brian Jentoft, Clerk