

## L'ANSE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES— August 14, 2019

- A. The Wednesday, August 14, 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.
- B. Roll Call: Present— Supervisor, Pete Magaraggia; Treasurer, Kristine Rice; Clerk, Kristin Kahler; Trustee, Shelley Lloyd, and Trustee, Wallace Sweeney.
- C. The following visitors were present: Linda Kinnunen, Catherine Andrews, Joe Bollech, Sue Bollech, Burt Mason, Rayln Mason, Fran Whitman, Grant Fenner, Nancy Bernard, Jane Kahkonen, Steve Foucault, Joann Pennock, Mark Peterson, Craig Kent, Robert Maki.
- D. Approval of the minutes: Motion made by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Treasurer Rice to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes for the meeting held on July, 10, 2019. All in favor. Motion carried.
- E. Approval of agenda: Motion made by Trustee Lloyd, seconded by Trustee Sweeney to approve the meeting agenda for the August 14 regular monthly meeting. All in favor. 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 \$37,924.40, and expenses were over budget by \$2691.79. Motion made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Sweeney to accept treasurer's report as given. All in favor. Motion carried.
- G. Approve any budget amendments:
- H. Motion for approval of payment of bills: Motion made by Treasurer Rice, seconded by Trustee Lloyd to approve the payment of unpaid bills to be paid from the General Fund, Fire Fund--\$1450.18 General fund--\$7765.64 as funds become available; and to approve the prior month's activities in the General Fund Checking Account. All in favor. Motion carried.
- I. Brief Public Comments:
- J. Unfinished/Ongoing Business:
  - 1. Aura Fire Department—Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2. Parks and Cemeteries—The park equipment that is no longer being used will be put up for sale on Labor Day weekend. The equipment will be brought on a trailer to a central location, and disposed of if not sold. The employees will make a list of makes and models of equipment.
  - 3. Zoning/Planning—Trustee Sweeney I sour liaison. The master plan is still being completed. The planning commission discussed going back to quarterly meetings following the completion of the master plan. Rick Wickstrom's term is up and he is not interested in continuing on the board. An ad will be placed in the paper looking

for letters of interest, along with an ad to continue looking for letters of interest on the ZBA.

4. Ambulance Report—Trustee Lloyd is our liaison. No current meeting to report.
5. Assessor's Report— No report.

K. New Business:

1. Rover Pass--Supervisor Magaraggia had information regarding posting our park on the Rover Pass website. Inquiries would be made online and fees to use the program would be passed on to the consumer. We would cover the credit card fees and a computer would need to be placed at the park. No action was taken regarding the use of Rover Pass at the time.
2. Brief Public Comment: Steve Foucault from the park stated that they are at or close to capacity and already have reservations for next year's season. The park employees get a lot of questions regarding how to get to the park. The park has a sign we could possibly look into posting next season. Fran Whitman stated that she sees a lot of tourists while she bikes and has continual positive feedback on the park. Burt Mason attended the recent High-Pointers convention and stated that it was very well received with 250 in attendance from many states. He suggested recruiting more groups/clubs to hold similar events in the area as it generates great revenue. Craig Kent stated that it will be important to look for a planning commission member that lives outside of the village limits.
3. The inquiry of a possible water line extension on Golf Course Road was looked into and would be a very costly undertaking. No action was taken.
4. Treasurer Rice asked for approval and per diem to attend a BSA workshop in Marquette on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Supervisor Magaraggia made a motion, seconded by Trustee Lloyd for Rice to attend. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. There continues to be only 4 letters of interest for seats on the Zoning Board of Appeals. We will continue to seek letters of interest through an ad in the L'Anse Sentinel.
6. Supervisor Magaraggia discussed funding for the Aura fire truck request with the auditor. He was not confident in the ability to fund a new fire truck and have operating funds necessary. He suggested a millage as the only option if feasible. Lyle Olson stated that they are looking into a used truck. Craig Kent brought up the possibility of using dry hydrants in remote areas of the township. Questions were raised regarding funding and permitting for dry hydrants.
7. Supervisor Magaraggia discussed passport grant options with Bill Olson from the UPEA regarding potential new camping sites and improvements/additions to the park campground. Bill stated that only 1 of the recent 8 grants submitted for such funding were granted, and suggested talking to contractors to get estimates instead. Our health department approval includes the possibility of up to 500 sites, so more sites could potentially be added. An estimate was received from D&H welding for

- \$2500-\$2700 for a railing to the gazebo at the park. A motion was made by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lloyd to approve completion of the railing. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Park Closing date: Setting a closing date for the park for the season was tabled until next month's meeting.
  9. Gordette Lutz from the Baraga County Community Foundation contacted Pete about a lack of grant applications. We will look into grant funding options for the ADA walk at the beach.
  10. Brief Public Comment: Catherine Andrews stated that work has begun at the Sand Point trail in Baraga. Fran Whitman commented on the popularity of the splash pad at the downtown park and wondered if that was something the Township park could look into doing.
  11. A motion was made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Lloyd to approve the Treasurer's summer wages. All in favor. Motion carried.
- L. Clerk's Report: The minute summary for the July 10 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 were placed in the regular meeting folder for 2018 in the treasurer's office; checks were signed for payment as prepared by the treasurer for bills approved at the July 10 meeting. Mary Mervar was sworn in as deputy clerk July 29<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Kahler is looking into the process involved in becoming a notary public for the township office. Trustee Lloyd is also a notary if the need for one arises. Motion made by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lloyd to accept the clerk's report as given. All in favor. Motion carried.
- M. Blight letter for townships: We will be sending a letter to each of the townships and the KBIC in Baraga County discussing our interest in a consistent blight ordinance across the entire county. We are looking to enforce similar standards, and will be sharing a letter with an attachment of the current L'Anse Township blight ordinance.
- N. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Supervisor Magaraggia at 5:00 pm.

Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 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 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the L'Anse Township Hall.

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Peter Magaraggia, Supervisor

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Kristin Kahler, Clerk