

L'ANSE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES— 2019

- A. The Wednesday, September 11, 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: Catherine Andrews, Grant Fenner, Jane Kahkonen, Jim Ekdahl, Don Mleko, Robert Maki, Patricia Stein, Linda Kinnunen.
- D. Approval of the minutes:
Motion to approve the minutes of the August 14 regular monthly meeting, following an amendment correcting the Aura Fire Department July meeting, which was not held.
Motion to approve the August minutes made by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Approval of agenda:
Motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Treasurer Rice, seconded by Supervisor Magaraggia. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Receive Treasurer's report as submitted:
Report on actual expenditures to date compared to budget; the treasurer reported that budget income was under budget by \$24,363.42, and expenses were over budget by \$4822.60.
Motion to accept treasurer's report as given made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. Approve any budget amendments:
- H. Motion for approval of payment of bills:
Motion to approve the payment of unpaid bills to be paid from the General Fund, Fire Fund--\$662.16, General fund-- \$4875.43 as funds become available; and to approve the prior month's activities in the General Fund Checking Account made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. Unfinished/Pending Business:
 - 1. Aura Fire Department—The Aura Fire Department held a meeting on Wednesday, August 21.
 - 2. Parks and Cemeteries—The board accepted sealed bids from the unusable park equipment sale. Winning bids were determined and winners will be notified.
 - 3. Zoning/Planning—The board accepted the resignation of Rich Wickstrom from the Planning Commission. Motion made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Treasurer Rice. All in favor, motion carried.

A letter of interest was submitted by Mike Roberts to fill the vacant seat. A motion was made to appoint Mike Roberts by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Treasurer Rice. All in favor, motion carried.

The ZBA still does not have enough interest to seat a 7-member board. Liaison Sweeney will discuss with the planning commission the possibility of a 3-member ZBA.

The Master Plan draft is complete and was sent to the board by Pat Coleman for approval of distribution. A motion was made for approval of distribution by Treasurer Rice, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Ambulance Report—No August meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 24.
5. Assessor's Report— A motion was made to accept the new mapping program for implementation, by Treasurer Rice, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.

J. New Business:

1. The last day for camping at the park will be October 13. The park crew will be on site until the 18th of October.
2. Building inspector Don Mleko requested approval of attendance to a training conference. A motion was made to approve payment for the conference and lodging was made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.
Supervisor Magaraggia suggested Clerk Kahler be trained on the computer system used for building entries as a back up to Dale Tembreull.
3. Supervisor Magaraggia suggested that more sprucing up be done outside of the front of the Township Hall building. The sidewalk needs to be re-sealed, and it would be nice to make the front a bit more appealing. He will look into pricing.
4. Auditor Mike Grentz reviewed the recent audit. He mentioned that it was overall a good year, hitting on a few specific points such as budget violations in regards to electrical permits and planning which were both over budget, as well as deficiencies regarding staff numbers. A motion was made to accept the auditor's review by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Treasurer Rice. All in favor, motion carried.
5. The blight letter was distributed to all Baraga County clerks. One reply was received, by Covington. The letter will be sent to all township board members in each of the counties in an effort to be sure it is being seen and forwarded to the right entities.
6. Clerk Kahler requested approval to attend, with Deputy Clerk Mervar, a mandatory election official two-day training in Marquette on October 22 and 23. A motion was made by Treasurer Rice, seconded by Trustee Lloyd to approve training including per diem and mileage to Marquette. All in favor, motion carried.
7. The MTA annual meeting will be held Tuesday, October 22 in Houghton. Supervisor Magaraggia, Treasurer Rice, Trustee Sweeney, and Trustee Lloyd will attend.

8. Brief Public Comment: Catherine Andrews asked about another training for Don Mleko which could possibly be closer and less expensive.
Jim Ekdahl commented about his recent positive experience at the Township Park. He was impressed with the overall upkeep. Short discussion was had regarding the addition of campsites and need for more showers.
A discussion of the possible rate increase will be had at the next monthly meeting.
Jane Kahkonen from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community notified the board of an upcoming Waste Board Committee meeting at the Tribal Center on Monday, October 14, at 2:30. The KBIC is expanding their current waste services and would like community input.
- K. Clerk's Report: The minute summary for the August 14 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 August 14 meeting.
Motion made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Sweeney to accept the clerk's report as given.
- L. Adjournment: Supervisor Magaraggia adjourned the meeting at 4:58.

Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the L'Anse Township Hall. The next meeting of the BCCMTA will be held at 6:00 pm at the L'Anse Township Hall.

Peter Magaraggia, Supervisor

Kristin Kahler, Clerk