

L'ANSE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES— DECEMBER 11, 2019

- A. The Wednesday, December 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: Jeffery Loman, Fran Whitman, Jim Ekdahl, Lyle Olsen, Linnea Prost, Georgia Selden, Rayln Mason, Sue Bollech, Joe Bollech, Burt Mason, and Linda Kinnunen.
- D. Approval of the minutes:
Motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting made by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Supervisor Magaraggia. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Approval of agenda:
Motion to approve the meeting agenda (with the following additions: #7 Board of Review training, and #9 Trails in Motion) made by Treasurer Rice, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Receive Treasurer's report as submitted:
Report on actual expenditures to date compared to budget: the budget reported that budget income was under budget by \$54,479.90, and the expenditures were under budget by \$8,402.34.
Motion to accept treasurer's report as given by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. Approve any budget amendments: No 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--\$2,636.89, General fund--\$68838.45 as funds become available; and to approve the prior month's activities in the General Fund Checking Account by Trustee Lloyd, seconded by Supervisor Magaraggia. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. Brief Public Comments:
- J. Unfinished/Pending Business:
1. Aura Fire Department—The new truck is outfitted and up and running. Talks with Arvon continue regarding the old truck.
 2. Parks and Cemeteries—The tractor was repaired and stored for the winter. The rip rap on the shore by the gazebo held up during the recent winter storm.
 3. Zoning/Planning—The special meeting/public hearing was held on December 4 to discuss the draft master plan. Mistakes will be fixed and public comments taken into consideration. The PC will continue to meet monthly until the master plan is complete.
 4. Ambulance Report—No meeting was held.

5. Assessor's Report— Jim Fedie discussed his recent AMAR class. The Board of Review held a meeting on December 10, with 5 changes made. There have been 32 building permits which is on par with previous years. He commented on Certainteed making a tax deal with the village and questioned the non-compliance with job additions as a condition to abatement. He would like to address legislators with the tax revenue loss issue and the effects on the Township. Mr. Fedie requested board approval for a new work computer.

Motion to approve the purchase of a new laptop (up to \$700) made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to accept the Assessor's report made by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Treasurer Rice. All in favor, motion carried.

K. New Business:

1. Clerk Kahler worked with the MTA to simplify the renewal ballot wording for the March ambulance and fire millages. The wording simplification should make it easier for the voter to understand.
Motion to approve updated ballot wording made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.
2. We are in the process of obtaining and creating a policy for debit card use for online purchases and similar transactions.
3. The MTA has been a great asset to the Township.
4. We have three letters of interest for ZBA membership, and are still seeking 2 alternatives.
5. Supervisor Magaraggia had the entry door repaired. He discussed making sure the emergency exit is clear, and getting a barricade for the north side of the building for the winter months.
6. Supervisor Magaraggia filed a forfeiture report, which is required by the Michigan State Police regarding identity theft and controlled substance seizures.
7. Board of Review training will be held Tuesday, February 11 in Houghton.
8. Brief Public Comments:
Lyle Olsen commented on the Township blight issue and questioned whether a dumpster placed in the park could meet some of that need.
9. Trails in Motion: Asked whether the Township Board would talk to the Visitor's Bureau about continuing to plow the parking lot to the trails by the park. Supervisor Magaraggia will contact them to find out if they are still willing to plow. Also discussed was the damage that has been done to the ski trails during the recent winter storm. We will look into getting a group together to get trees off of the trails. A motion was made by Supervisor Magaraggia to pay \$200 to continue plowing the parking lot for winter use (if there is no current funding), seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.

- L. Clerk's Report: The minute summary for the November 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 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 meeting.

Motion made to accept the clerk's report as given made by Treasurer Rice, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.

- M. Board Comments: Merry Christmas to all!

- N. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Magaraggia at 4:47pm.

Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the L'Anse Township Hall. The next meeting of the BCCMTA will be held Monday, December 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the L'Anse Township Hall.

Peter Magaraggia, Supervisor

Kristin Kahler, Clerk