

L'ANSE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES—January 8, 2020

- A. The Wednesday, January 8, 2020 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: Doug Mills, Harry Miron, Chris Swartz, Erin Johnston, Burt Mason, Jane Kahkonen, Sarah Schmidt, Catherine Andrews.
- D. Approval of the minutes:
Motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting made by Treasurer Rice, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Approval of agenda:
Motion to approve the meeting agenda made by Trustee Lloyd, seconded by Treasurer Rice. 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 \$43,045.02, and the expenditures were under budget by \$10,102.70.
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: 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-- \$1,982.94 General fund--\$1,796.41 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.
- I. Unfinished/Pending Business:
1. Aura Fire Department—A meeting was held December 18. The old truck will not be able to be listed on the municipal vehicle website as previously discussed. It will be further discussed as to how to handle selling the old truck.
 2. Parks and Cemeteries—An agreement on what is being done to keep the trail parking lot clear is still being discussed.
 3. Zoning/Planning—We will continue to run the ad in the Sentinel for a new member.
 4. Ambulance Report—No meeting.
 5. Assessor's Report—Jim Fedie submitted a written report.
- J. Brief Public Comments: Sarah Smith would like to speak to the board about the development of the non-motorized trail from Baraga to L'Anse.

Burt Mason shared information regarding a meeting with Lyme Timber on January 29 in the Ojibwa Casino conference room. They will be meeting with environmental groups followed by government officials.

K. New Business:

1. Harry Miron (BCRC), along with Doug Mills handed out information and gave a brief overview on the County's desire to create a new Class A road in place of existing seasonal route through the Baraga Plains. This road would create a US 41 alternate route between L'Anse and Baraga in the event the existing highway is not passable due to accidents and rising water levels. Miron also expressed interest in possible economic development along the proposed route. Financial support through the KBIC and the state would be necessary. Preliminary proposal paperwork and map were provided to the board.
2. UPSET funding request was tabled until budget meeting.
3. Budget meeting/hearing in March.
4. The Township election commission meeting will be held following the regular February meeting.
5. DNR rec grant workshop will be held next Wednesday, Jan 15, from 9-12 at the Baraga Lakeside Inn. Treasurer Rice made a motion to approve attendance from anyone on the board, seconded by Supervisor Magaraggia. All in favor, motion carried.
6. Sarah Smith updated the board on the completion of section 1 of 7 of the non-motorized trail from Baraga to L'Anse. The project began with a feasibility study in 2014. The next section of completion would take the trail to the Baraga State Park and should be completed within the next 2 years. This trail project is a continuing joint venture, and needs support from many entities to take it to completion.
7. Grant cycles are approaching for BCCF and PHF. The board will review the current Rec plan to offer suggestions for projects for the year's budget meeting.

- L. Clerk's Report: The minute summary for the December 11 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 December meeting. Motion made to accept the clerk's report as given made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Treasurer Rice. All in favor, motion carried.

- M. Public Comments: Following up on non-motorized trail discussion, Chris Swartz commented on the KBIC's continued interest in lowering the speed limit on US 41 through Baraga. Erin Johnston commented on the work they had done through capstone projects with Michigan Tech students to design a handicapped accessible viewing tower near the lighthouse in Baraga. Catherine Andrews shared a resolution made by the Baraga County Commissioners, to declare the Great Lakes coast a disaster area due to high waters and flooding damage.
- N. Board Comments:
- O. Adjournment: Supervisor Magaraggia adjourned the meeting at 5:08 pm.
- P. Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the L'Anse Township Hall, directly followed by the Township Election Commission meeting. The next meeting of the BCCMTA will be held Monday, March 16 at 6:00 pm at the L'Anse Township Hall.

Peter Magaraggia, Supervisor

Kristin Kahler, Clerk