

L'ANSE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES—JUNE 10, 2020

- A. The Wednesday, June 10, 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: Lyle Olsen, Joe Brogan, Jake Putala
- D. Approval of the minutes:
Motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting made by Trustee Lloyd, seconded by Treasurer Rice. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Approval of agenda:
Motion to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of #11-MTA online learning subscription, made by Supervisor Magaraggia, 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 report indicates that income was under budget by \$34, 344.83, and the expenditures were under budget by \$31,496.15.
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--\$1724.47 General fund--\$2810.50 as funds become available; and to approve the prior month's activities in the General Fund Checking Account made by Trustee Lloyd, seconded by Clerk Kahler. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. Brief Public Comments:
- J. Unfinished/Pending Business:
 - 1. Aura Fire Department—New members of the department include Kelly Massie and Nathan Davis. The board reviewed proposals for the painting of the fire hall. A motion was made to hire Northern Painting for \$5060.00 by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Treasurer Rice. All in favor, motion carried.
 - 2. Parks and Cemeteries—The park is now allowed to open per the Governor's most recent order. Signs will be posted regarding social distancing measures and cleaning protocols per the current CDC guidelines and recommendations from the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department.
The Aura Cemetery move has been completed with a charge of \$1400 to Hugo Lehto, and \$500 to the vault company. A motion was made to pay these bills

associated with the move by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Treasurer Rice. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Zoning/Planning—Will meet Wednesday, June 17 to finalize the current Master Plan. All payments to Pat Coleman have been made for the update of the Master Plan. Those who were previously appointed to the ZBA are being contacted to be sworn in. An alternate is still needed.
4. Ambulance Report—No meeting.
5. Assessor's Report— Jim Fedie was not available.

K. New Business:

1. The board reviewed the preparedness plan recommended by the MTA in preparation for the re-opening of the office. Reduced office hours will begin at the start of July, with Clerk Kahler being open from 9-1 on Mondays, and Treasurer Rice opening on Wednesdays from 9-1. We will follow current CDC recommendations regarding social distancing and cleanliness practices.
2. Signs will be posted at Township properties now open to the public regarding current social distancing measures. The hall will remain closed to outside groups such as churches and exercise classes until further notice.
3. Joe Brogan addressed those in attendance regarding his current candidacy for Baraga County Sheriff. He stressed the importance of working together with local government entities and law enforcement, and would like to have a law enforcement presence in local schools.
4. Clerk Kahler provided a draft credit card policy to board members that would provide instruction on proper credit card use as a supplement to the purchase of goods and services for Township employees.
5. Discussion on 2020 Rec Plan implementation was discussed. Jim Nankervis is finalizing drawings for upgrades for the front of the hall building and the ball field. Supervisor Magaraggia will get an estimate on the park bathroom additions.
6. There will be an election commission meeting at 5:00 following the July regular meeting.
7. Brief public comment:
8. Clerk's Report: The minute summary for the 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 accepted minutes placed in the minute book; papers resulting from board actions were placed in the 2020 regular meeting folder in the treasurer's office; checks were signed for payment as prepared by the treasurer for bills approved at the meeting. Election update- AV applications were sent out to every registered voter in the state by the state. Kahler sent out applications to the current permanent AV list. There has so far been a dramatic increase in applications received for voters to vote absentee in the August and November elections and to be placed on the permanent

list. The process is going through some changes due to this increase including the need for additional equipment needed to process AVs on election day. A second computer is currently being considered for election day processing, and we are working closely with the state in regards to reimbursement that is or may become available to offset the cost of new equipment and provide PPE for those who will be working and wish to vote in person.

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

L. Public Comments: Jake Putala stated that he works for Ed McBroom and is available to answer questions regarding current state orders pertaining to COVID-19. He provided the board and office with business cards for future contact.

M. Board Comments: The park needs supplies and Clerk Kahler will work on getting an Amazon account set up for the purchase of supplies not available locally. Supervisor Magaraggia recommended that the park employees' inventory to supplies that they currently have.

Trustee Sweeney asked for clarification in the Constable job description. The Constables inspect Township bars/restaurants that serve alcohol once per month to ensure they comply with the law. A question was raised as to the possibility of their use in future blight enforcement.

N. Adjournment: Supervisor Magaraggia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 pm.

Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8 2020 at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the L'Anse Township Hall. The Election Commission meeting will follow at 5:00 pm.

Peter Magaraggia, Supervisor

Kristin Kahler, Clerk