

## L'ANSE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES—DECEMBER 13, 2023

- A. The Wednesday, December 13, 2023 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, Sarah Solberg; Clerk, Kristin Kahler; Trustee, Shelley Lloyd, and Trustee, Wallace Sweeney.
- C. The following visitors were present: Lyle Olsen, Dave Miller, Jim Fedie
- D. Approval of the minutes:  
Motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting made by Trustee Lloyd, seconded by Treasurer Solberg. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Approval of agenda:  
Motion to approve the meeting agenda made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Receive Treasurer's report as submitted:  
Bills and transactions by account report for the month shared. Motion to accept treasurer's report as given made by Clerk Kahler, seconded by Supervisor Magaraggia. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. Approve any budget amendments: Motion to accept 7 budget amendments as presented by Clerk Kahler and Treasurer Solberg, made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Clerk Kahler. All in favor, motion carried.
- 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--\$743.60 General fund--\$29,950.60 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. Brief Public Comments:
- J. Unfinished/Pending Business:
  - 1. Aura Fire Department—Meeting held November 8: Seeking a second bid for building lean to.
  - 2. Parks and Cemeteries—Playground area completed. Booking on the website for 2024 will begin in January. More park improvements including a children's playhouse and benches will be made in the spring. The park will open Sunday, May 12.
  - 3. Zoning/Planning—Meeting and public hearing held Wednesday, December 6. One letter was shared regarding concern of the Verizon tower placement. Recommendation for approval was given to the board for consideration. There will be no continuance of the solar ordinance due to the recent state siting changes. Updating due to the changes will be considered at the next meeting.

4. Ambulance Report—No meeting held.
5. Assessor's Report—Board of Review training to be held March 4. Two BOR members will attend.

K. New Business:

1. A motion was made to approve \$1965 payment for the completion of the playground work to Lawrence Laitala, and for approval of a 25% down payment to JCS for fencing by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
2. The Planning Commission provided a recommendation letter to the board for zoning approval of the Verizon tower following the public hearing and meeting held Wednesday, December 6. A motion was made to accept the Planning Commission recommendation by Trustee Lloyd, Seconded by Clerk Kahler. All in favor, motion carried.
3. A motion was made for approval of the annual insurance policy renewal from Hannula by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Clerk Kahler. All in favor, motion carried.
4. The park has seen a large increase in the number of last-minute cancellations and requests for full refunds. A motion was made to approve an updated policy by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Photos were shared of the Recreation Committee trail signs that will be made by the local industrial education classes. Funding for supplies will be provided by the Township.

L. Clerk's Report: We are working on setting up credit card collection for tax bills. It will be available during winter collection. Will be completing mandatory continuing education before December 31. The school voting presentations went well. The mass absentee application mailing will be mailed by December 29. Orders have been completed for supplies for early voting and in precinct voting.

M. Public Comments: Lyle Olsen commented on the sewer line through the football field for consideration when looking in to options for the field. He also suggested the possibility of a portable tow rope for the sled hill.

N. Board Comments:

O. Adjournment:

Supervisor Magaraggia adjourned the meeting at 5:01 pm.

Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the L'Anse Township Hall.

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Peter Magaraggia, Supervisor

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Kristin Kahler, Clerk