

L'ANSE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES—FEBRUARY 14, 2024

- A. The Wednesday, February 14, 2024 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: Cory Frisk, Barb McEwen, Leann Davis, Catherine Andrews, Jim Fedie, Scott Lloyd, Gary Wadaga.
- D. Approval of the minutes:
Motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting made by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Approval of agenda:
Motion to approve the meeting agenda made by Clerk Kahler, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Receive Treasurer's report as submitted:
Treasurer Solberg shared reporting with the board and asked for any clarification. 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: Early Voting expenses were added as indicated in the attached. Clerk Kahler reminded the board that the EV expenses will be split 5 ways between the participating Townships, with February being reimbursed by the State.
- 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--\$694.06 General fund--\$12,819.55 as funds become available; and to approve the prior month's activities in the General Fund Checking Account made by Trustee Lloyd, seconded by Supervisor Magaraggia. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. Brief Public Comments: Leann Davis and Barb McEwen asked the board if they could hold Baraga County Summerfest at the Meadowbrook Field on August 10. The board agreed that there are no conflicts.
- J. Unfinished/Pending Business:
 - 1. Aura Fire Department—Motion for approval of application for matching grant funds of \$4000 for hand held radios through Copper Shores made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.
 - 2. Parks and Cemeteries—None
 - 3. Zoning/Planning—None
 - 4. Ambulance Report—Meeting held Jan 24 and open meeting held February 7. Gary Wadaga and Cory Frisk shared their interest in increasing the millage from the current 1 mill to 2 mills. A motion was made to approve the millage rate of 2 mills

for ambulance service by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All In favor, motion carried.

5. Assessor's Report— Assessor Fedie stated that the roles are done. BOR will be held on March 11 and March 13.

Two BOR members will attend online training on March 4.

K. New Business:

1. Catherine Andrews spoke to the board and those in attendance about the Citizens for Local Choice petition to give back local zoning authority for wind and solar.
2. The board accepted the retirement of Tom Nordstrom as hall custodian. The board thanked him for his many years of service to the Township.
3. The budget hearing date will be set for 3:00 on Wednesday, March 20.
4. The volunteer blight committee gave their recommendations to the board. Scott Lloyd felt the updated blight ordinance recommended was clear and enforceable. Trustee Sweeney will contact the attorney for review.
5. The two doors on the back of the building need repairs or replacing. We will contact a local contractor to get a price.
6. The new key cards for the front door were given to all board members. A policy of for their use was agreed upon.
7. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the recommended park equipment requested by the recreation committee for Meadowbrook Field and pickleball for upstairs at the hall, by Supervisor Maggaragia, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.

- L. Clerk's Report: Two election inspector trainings were held. The election commission meeting was held. Two public accuracy tests were held. Early voting to begin on Saturday, February 17, with the election to be held on Tuesday, February 27.

M. Public Comments:

N. Board Comments:

O. Adjournment:

Supervisor Magaraggia adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm.

Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the L'Anse Township Hall.

Peter Magaraggia, Supervisor

Kristin Kahler, Clerk