

## L'ANSE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES—MAY 8, 2024

- A. The Wednesday, May 8, 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: Deb Kahler, Barb McEwen, Catherine Andrews, Lyle Olsen, Joe Brogan, 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 Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Receive Treasurer's report as submitted:  
Financial reports including monthly transactions and unpaid bill details shared with the board. Payment for delinquents from the County have been received. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Clerk Kahler. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. Approve any budget amendments: None
- 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--\$2,628.27 General fund--\$22,489.43 as funds become available; and to approve the prior month's activities in the General Fund Checking Account, with the addition of two additional bills presented to the board, 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 April 17- Responses to 2 accidents and a brush fire.
  - 2. Parks and Cemeteries—The park crew is back and getting the park and cemeteries ready for the season. Clerk Kahler will look into getting some work done on the hardball field.
  - 3. Zoning/Planning—4 zoning permits submitted.
  - 4. Ambulance Report—Meeting held May 1- \$42,000 lost in the first quarter to Medicare/Medicaid; camp 911 to be held June 19 and 20; millage requests are being promoted by Bay.
  - 5. Assessor's Report—None

K. New Business:

1. A motion was made to approve the structural evaluation of the Hall agreement with Jurmu Engineering by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Discussion was had regarding the Bay Ambulance request for an increased millage. Clerk Kahler shared with the board and Bay staff in attendance that L'Anse Township could ask voters for 1.5 mills instead of 2 mills to cover the requested amount increase if the contract was updated to provide the entire millage collection to Bay each year, eliminating a collection surplus. A special meeting will be called to approve a collection amount and ballot language. Fire and ambulance millages will appear on the August ballot.
3. Clerk Kahler will contact the attorney's office to begin working on a new contract for the fire millage.
4. A motion was made to set the pay rate for blight officer Lloyd at \$17.00 per hour with mileage by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Office staff was given board approval to contact a company to clean the carpets in the Hall this summer.
6. The Township will again fund the purchase of flags for the cemeteries for Veterans for Memorial Day.

L. Clerk's Report: Beginning to work on preparations for the August election. Applications for absentee ballots will be going out at the end of the month.

M. Public Comments: Barb McEwen updated the board on the progress of the ORV committee in the trail system and abandonment of the railway. Catherine Andrews updated the board on the current statewide "local choice" petition drive. The new blight ordinance was also discussed with an interest in contacting KBIC and the Village for collaboration.

N. Board Comments:

O. Adjournment:

Supervisor Magaraggia adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 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