

L'ANSE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES—OCTOBER 11, 2023

- A. The Wednesday, October 11, 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: Scott Lloyd, Catherine Andrews, Mike Grentz, Lyle Olsen, Deb Kahler, David Miller
- 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: None
- 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--\$774.75 General fund--\$31,277.42 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: None
- J. Unfinished/Pending Business:
 - 1. Aura Fire Department—Pump testing was done on both trucks; seeking an additional bid on building storage extension.
 - 2. Parks and Cemeteries—The ADA walk will be moved for the winter months; discussion for lead park employee next year.
 - 3. Zoning/Planning—None
 - 4. Ambulance Report—None
 - 5. Assessor's Report—None
- K. New Business:
 - 1. There has been an increase in blight complaints leading the board to discuss how to update and enforce the blight ordinance. We will run an ad to find community members to share their input and look into what our enforcement options.
 - 2. Catherine Andrews addressed the board about the Herman Hall's condition and asked for the board to fund a portion of the proposed structural evaluation as proposed by Jurmu Engineering. A motion was by Supervisor Magaraggia to

approve \$700 towards the evaluation, seconded by Clerk Kaher. All in favor, motion carried.

3. The annual audit report was given by Michael Greutz. He reviewed the financial position of the general account in good standing and reviewed several portions of the report including fire and the water line.
 4. A motion was made by Supervisor Magaraggia to approve of the early voting plan for 2024, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.
 5. The updated easement for the Knoll family was reviewed after updates were made at the request of the family.
 6. The Rural Readiness Grant for CDC has been awarded. WUPPDR is working on the next steps in moving the housing project ideas forward.
 7. A motion was made by Supervisor Magaraggia to approve a \$765 annual online license in conjunction with TriMedia's mapping to update cemetery information, seconded by Clerk Kahler. All in favor, motion carried.
 8. A motion was made by Supervisor Magaraggia to approve a \$535 ad for the Baraga County visitor's guide for 2024, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
- L. Clerk's Report: Working on agreements and costs for early voting for 2024. Training was attended by Clerk Kahler and Deputy Clerk Fedie in Hancock for Proposal 2 updates.
- M. Public Comments:
- N. Board Comments: The Verizon contract was received on Tuesday. A special use permit to move forward will be the next step. Blight was discussed further with a plan to get the community involved and keep contact with other municipalities to work together.
- O. Adjournment:
Supervisor Magaraggia adjourned the meeting at 5:29 pm.

Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the L'Anse Township Hall.

Peter Magaraggia, Supervisor

Kristin Kahler, Clerk