

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

- A. The Wednesday, September 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; Clerk, Kristin Kahler; Trustee, Shelley Lloyd, and Trustee, Wallace Sweeney. Absent— Treasurer, Kristine Rice
- C. The following visitors were present: Dave Miller, Lyle Olsen, Deb Kahler, Linda Kinnunen
- D. Approval of the minutes:
Motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting made by Trustee Lloyd, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Approval of agenda:
Motion to approve the meeting agenda made by Trustee Lloyd, seconded by Clerk Kahler. 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--\$559.96 General fund--\$10,834.00 as funds become available; and to approve the prior month's activities in the General Fund Checking Account made by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. Brief Public Comments: None
- J. Unfinished/Pending Business:
 - 1. Aura Fire Department—Meeting held August 19- Awarded \$10,000 equipment grant from the State. Participated in the community picnic. Request was made by Lyle to increase hourly rate to \$20.00, as this is inline with the rest of the County. A motion was made to increase the hourly rate to \$20.00 by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.
 - 2. Parks and Cemeteries—Closing date set for October 14. Wood chips will be used at the base of the playground instead of rubber mulch due to cost. Posts will be installed by the road for safety near the new location.
 - 3. Zoning/Planning—Meeting held September 6- Blight and short-term rentals were discussed. The board will look into each of these topics.
 - 4. Ambulance Report—None
 - 5. Assessor's Report—None
- K. New Business:
 - 1. A motion was made by Supervisor Magaraggia to regretfully accept the resignation letter of Treasurer Kristine Rice, effective immediately, seconded by Clerk Kahler. All

in favor, motion carried. We would like to thank Kris for all of the years she dedicated to the Township. She will be missed.

2. A motion was made by Clerk Kahler to appoint Sarah Solberg to the Treasurer position, effective immediately, seconded by Supervisor Magaraggia. All in favor, motion carried.
 3. Deputy Clerk Mary Mervar will become deputy Treasurer, and Kim Fedie will become Deputy Clerk. A motion was made by Supervisor Magaraggia to increase deputy pay to \$20.00 per hour, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
 4. A motion was made by Supervisor Magaraggia to submit the Verizon contract as provided, and be executed by Clerk Kahler, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
 5. A motion was made by Trustee Sweeney to allow Supervisor Magaraggia to move forward with the current \$25,000 bid for fencing for the dog park, seconded by Clerk Kahler. All in favor, motion carried.
 6. Blight has been an ongoing issue. The board will look into options to follow up on complaints.
 7. Approval was made to accept the 2023 tax rate and submit the current L-4029.
 8. There have been several requests to rent the entire park for events. The board decided to continue the current system of online booking without giving preference to groups. The park is public and would not be able to be closed for private events.
 9. The Recreation Committee is working with land owners for easements to begin work on the new trail.
 10. Supervisor Magaraggia will talk to our janitor about snow removal this winter and various other duties that should be done. We will need to keep the side of the building clear for early voting for elections.
 11. A motion was made by Supervisor Magaraggia to approve attendance to the September and October official's trainings, to those interested in attending, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
 12. Approval was made to accept the current Road Commission Cost Participation Agreement.
- L. Clerk's Report:
- Election updates for the implementation of Prop 2 and an early voting focus group will be held online on Friday the 15th.
- Clerk Kahler will be the Countywide coordinator for Early Voting. The early voting center for the County will be in the L'Anse Township Hall, and the L'Anse election commission will hold meetings to appoint election inspectors and schedule and conduct public accuracy testing for the early voting center. Municipal agreements are currently be created to determine participation by Townships and cost sharing.

M. Public Comments:

N. Board Comments: A shredding company will be coming in October if anyone has materials in their offices to dispose of.

O. Adjournment:

Supervisor Magaraggia adjourned the meeting at 5:09 pm.

Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the L'Anse Township Hall.

Peter Magaraggia, Supervisor

Kristin Kahler, Clerk