

## L'ANSE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES— SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

- A. The Wednesday, September 9, 2020 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, Kristine Rice; Clerk, Kristin Kahler; Trustee, Shelley Lloyd, and Trustee, Wallace Sweeney.
- C. The following visitors were present: Jim Fedie, Harry Miron, Lyle Olsen, Dan Robillard, Michael Greutz, and Fran Whitman.
- D. Approval of the minutes:  
Motion to approve the minutes of the August regular monthly meeting was made by Treasurer Rice, and seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Approval of agenda:  
Motion to approve the current meeting agenda was made by Trustee Sweeney, and seconded by Supervisor Magaraggia. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Receive Treasurer's report as submitted:  
Report on actual expenditures to date compared to budget: the report indicates that budget income was under budget by \$50,975.97, and the expenditures were under budget by \$26,643.95.  
Motion to accept treasurer's report as given was made by Supervisor Magaraggia, and seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
- G. Approve any budget amendments: No budget amendments.
- 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--\$307.10 General fund--\$4120.68 as funds become available; and to approve the prior month's activities in the General Fund Checking Account made by Trustee Lloyd, and seconded by Treasurer Rice. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. Brief Public Comments: Dan Robillard shared information about a road bike mapping program he is currently working with author Jim Studinger to create new mapping that would include Baraga County as a road bike destination. It could increase tourism to the area. They are working with Barb at the Visitor's Bureau to hopefully grow interest in providing mapping and amenities to outside groups.
- J. Unfinished/Pending Business:
  - 1. Aura Fire Department—Meeting held August 19<sup>th</sup>. A county grant was received for the purchase of Air Packs for local fire departments in the amount of \$677,800.
  - 2. Parks and Cemeteries—Treasurer Rice, Clerk Kahler, and Deputy Clerk Mervar met with Trimedia about the cemetery remapping project. They started mapping today.
  - 3. Zoning/Planning—Next meeting September 21<sup>st</sup>.

4. Ambulance Report—Meeting held August 26<sup>th</sup>. A new ambulance was purchased with grant funding. There is currently a lack of employees and an increase in runs. An EMT course will be held in October.
5. Assessor's Report— Assessor Fedie reported that the County is being mandated by the State Tax Commission to hire a designated assessor to have on retainer by December 31st because of the current lack of assessors. The Townships would be responsible for retainer pay. The county is currently looking for someone who is qualified.

Motion to accept the Assessor's report made by Treasurer Rice, seconded by Supervisor Magaraggia. All in favor, motion carried.

K. New Business:

1. Harry Miron presented information on creating an ORV trail system in Baraga County. The plan would include the 9 government bodies of Baraga County to be involved financially and on a newly created board. The plan would include hiring an individual to GPS and connect the trails to include local points of interest. Trustee Sweeney agreed to be part of the newly created board as a representative of L'Anse Township.
2. Michael Grentz discussed this year's audit and shared the overview books with the board and those in attendance. The audit is available to view in the office.
3. The park will be closing October 11<sup>th</sup>. Treasurer Rice will deal with final closing details.
4. Bids were opened for the Fire Truck and the highest bid came from Danielson Inc. in the amount of \$6200. Motion made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Treasurer Rice. All in favor, motion carried.  
Bids were opened for the Hall improvement project, and the project will be completed in the spring of 2021 by Ron Whitman in the amount of \$28,600. Motion made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Lloyd to accept Ron Whitman's bid. All in favor, motion carried.
5. We are currently meeting upstairs due to carpet mold in the main meeting room of the Hall. We are looking in to how to remedy the problem. A dehumidifier has been added to the room and is helping temporarily.
6. Mary Mervar agreed to learn the Building Permit Data entry system so Dale will have a back-up. A motion was made to have Mary learn the system from Dale and to have the Township cover her training pay at \$15.00 per hour, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.

- L. Clerk's Report: The minute summary for the regular meeting was sent to the L'Anse Sentinel for publication; minutes were printed and sent by email to board members, posted on the town hall bulletin board, and posted to the website; papers resulting from board actions were placed in the regular meeting folder for 2020 in the treasurer's

office; checks were signed for payment as prepared by the treasurer for bills approved at the meeting.

Kahler explained the need for an Absent Voter Counting board for the upcoming November election due to high interest in absentee voting. This would include the purchase of a new tabulator for use in counting ballots on election day. The State currently has grants available to help with 50% of the purchase of the \$5295.00 unit. The grant is awaiting approval. A motion was made to purchase an AVCB tabulator for use in the November and subsequent elections by Treasurer Rice, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.

M. Public Comments:

N. Board Comments:

O. Adjournment:

Supervisor Magaraggia adjourned the meeting at 5:24 pm.

Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the L'Anse Township Hall. The Election Commission meeting will follow.

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Peter Magaraggia, Supervisor

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Kristin Kahler, Clerk