

L'ANSE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES— DECEMBER 11, 2024

- A. The Wednesday, December 11, 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: Cincy Larson, Curt Larson, Martin Meleen, Jim Selden, Joe Brogan, Jim Fedie
- D. Approval of the minutes:
Motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting made by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Treasurer Solberg. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Approval of agenda:
Motion to approve the meeting agenda with addition of 10. Contract with County for fire department ARPA funds, made by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Treasurer's Report: Unpaid bills report and transaction detail by account provided to the board by Treasurer Solberg.
- 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 Fire Fund--\$1,927.06 General fund--\$32,178.21 as funds become available; and to approve the prior month's activities in the General Fund Checking Account made by Trustee Lloyd, seconded by Trustee Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.
- I. Brief Public Comments: Cindy Larson asked the board about updated letters regarding blight that were not sent out the previous month. The board shared a statement of clarification from the Township attorney regarding blight officer jurisdiction. Martin Meleen requested the clarification be added to the minutes, and was read verbatim as follows: "the ordinance applies to all property in the Township, regardless if it is on a private road. If the Township receives a complaint involving property on a private road, the Township may use the private road to access the property, but shouldn't enter onto the property itself without an administrative search warrant. In these situations, it is often best to get a neighbor/complainant to take photos from their property (or authorize the township officer to enter on their property to take photos/investigate the alleged violations)".
- J. Unfinished/Pending Business:
 1. Aura Fire Department—None
 2. Parks and Cemeteries—Discussion on 2025 staffing.
 3. Zoning/Planning—None
 4. Ambulance Report—None

5. Assessor's Report— December BOR held on the 10th. One BOR needs training in 2025. All will be sworn in in January.

K. New Business:

1. The dog park will not be plowed in the winter due to the seasonal nature of the road.
2. A motion was made to accept the annual insurance policy through Hannula by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Treasurer Solberg. All in favor, motion carried.
3. The board was notified via email that Verizon will not be following through with construction of the tower.
4. Supervisor Magaraggia will reach out to realtors in regards to various property sales. The board discussed the option of putting in roads prior to sales.
5. A motion was made to approve payment of \$1000 for Clerk Kahler to attend the 9-month MCAO assessing course through the state, by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Trustee Lloyd. All in favor, motion carried.
6. A motion was made to approve a contract with the County for ARPA funding for the Aura Fire Department by Supervisor Magaraggia, seconded by Clerk Kahler. All in favor, motion carried.

L. Clerk's Report: Finalizing November election paperwork and waiting on the audit schedule from the state.

M. Public Comments: Sheriff Joe Brogan asked the board if they would be interested in a monthly activity report from his office. The board agreed that it would be informative.

N. Board Comments:

O. Adjournment:

Supervisor Magaraggia adjourned the meeting at 4:47 pm.

Reminder: The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the L'Anse Township Hall.

Peter Magaraggia, Supervisor

Kristin Kahler, Clerk