

LaGrange Township Regular Meeting  
November 20, 2023

Supervisor Wright called the meeting of the LaGrange Township Board to order at 7:00pm. The meeting was held at the Twp Hall. Pledge of allegiance was given in unison. Roll Call found Supervisor Rob Wright, Treasurer Naomi J. Criswell, Clerk Tasha E. McCoy, Trustee John Juroff and Trustee Paul File present.

Public Comment opened at 7:01pm.

Mr. McKnight updated the Board that the survey was completed and the zoning fee was submitted for the proposed plan for a 6-bedroom non-profit adult assisted living home off of Pokagon Hwy.

Mr. Gogol gave an update to the Board on his planned expansion of the Woodlands Lodge and informed the Board of one of the retreats, "While We're Waiting," that will benefit from the expansion for accommodation of families that have lost a child. Short-term rentals in LaGrange Township was discussed as well.

Cass County Sheriff Behnke informed the Board of the upcoming Christmas for the Animals at Cass County Animal Control on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Sheriff Behnke also informed the Board of available openings with the Cass County Sheriff's Office.

Cass County Commissioner Mary Howie informed the Board of the funding secured to maintain operation of the Cass County Public Transit Authority through the end of February 2024.

Treasurer Criswell made a motion to approve MMF Spirits, LLC to reclassify Tavern license to Class C license pursuant to MCL 436.1531 (1), seconded by Trustee Juroff for Roll Call Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 absent, 1 abstain, approving the Resolution at 7:26pm.

Public Comment Closed at 7:29pm.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes of October 16, 2023, seconded by Treasurer Criswell, motion approved at 7:29pm.

Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board. Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve the Summer '23 Tax Settlement #5, seconded by Clerk McCoy, motion carried at 7:29pm.

Communications were read to the Board.

Trustee File made a motion to approve the Current Month Warrant Report totaling \$81,195.00, seconded by Supervisor Wright, motion carried at 7:36pm.

Fire/Ambulance Report: The Trustees updated the Board on a recent Fire Board meeting. The Central Cass Fire Department Chief, Jeff Locke, informed the Board of the recent passing of a 50 year Penn Township Volunteer Fire Fighter, Wolfgang Gless. Also, Chief Locke informed the Board of a recent automobile accident to the East side of the Fire Department building. A police report was completed.

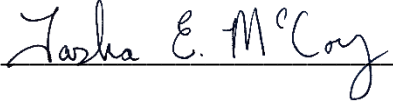
Assessor Report: EagleView Imagery Software was discussed.

ZBA/Planning Commission Reports: ZBA had a meeting Tuesday, October 24, 2023. The Planning Commission had 3 meetings recently: October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>. The next Planning Commission meeting is planned for mid-December. Trustee File made a motion for Planning Commission members that attended a scheduled Planning Commission meeting this year that did not have a quorum will still be paid the per diem, seconded by Supervisor Wright, motion carried at 7:55pm.

Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing Reports were provided to the Board.

Clerk McCoy provided a copy of the Early Voting Contract between LaGrange Township and Cass County to the Board that the nine days of early voting will be held at the Cass County Road Commission. Also, Clerk McCoy informed the Board of the Presidential Primary Election for Tuesday, February 27, 2024 that will be held at the Central Cass Fire Department.

With there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Treasurer Criswell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Wright, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  Tasha E. McCoy, LaGrange Twp. Clerk