

LaGrange Township Regular Meeting  
April 21, 2025

Supervisor Brittany File called the meeting of the LaGrange Township Board to order at 7:00pm. Pledge of allegiance was given in unison. Roll call found Supervisor Brittany File, Treasurer Naomi Criswell, Trustee Paul File, Trustee Amy Juroff, and Clerk Tasha E. McCoy present.

Public comment was opened at 7:02pm. John Lemon expressed concerns of leaf burning that is left unattended and left to smolder adjacent to his home along Diamond Lake on Shady Lane. Fire Chief Locke informed the Board that neighbors of John Lemon and Andrea Rixter are willing to communicate about the leaf burning. Public comment was closed at 7:15pm.

Supervisor File made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Criswell, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025 meeting as presented. Motion carried, 7:17pm.

Treasurer Criswell presented the April 2025 Treasurer's Report. Trustee Juroff made a motion, seconded by Clerk McCoy, to approve Settlement #8 (Final) of the Summer 2024 Taxes, Settlement #6 of the Winter 2024 Taxes, and Personal Property Settlement of the Winter 2024 Taxes. Motion carried, 7:18pm.

Communications were read to the Board by Supervisor File.

Trustee File made a motion, seconded by Trustee Juroff, to approve the Current Month Warrant Report, totaling \$80,041.53. Motion carried, 7:24pm.

The Unfinished business of Road Drainage at Diamond Lake was tabled to the May 2025 meeting.

Trustee Juroff noted that the Ambulance Board has a meeting scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Supervisor File read the current Zoning Administrator's Report.

There were no Planning Commission or ZBA reports.

Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Building Reports were received.

Treasurer Criswell made a motion to table the 2025 Tax Reverted Properties (Tax Foreclosures) to the May 2025 meeting once we have a report from the LaGrange Township Zoning Administrator on parcel ID: 14-040-008-002-00 located at 56960 M-62 Dowagiac, MI 49047, Seconded by Trustee Juroff, Motion carried, 7:38pm.

Trustee File made a motion to approve Cass County Road Commission Estimate No. 25-04-02, Estimate No. 25-04-03, Estimate No. 25-04-04, Estimate No. 25-04-06, and Estimate No. 25-04-07, seconded by Treasurer Criswell for a Roll Call Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent, to approve at 7:47pm.

Additions: Trustee Paul File reported on a recent Cass County Animal Control call of sheep killed by two dogs.

An inquiry of short-term rental ordinance awareness was discussed by the Board. Treasurer Criswell suggested that a newsletter be included with the Winter 2025 tax bill this December and to include information on the short-term rental registration in LaGrange Township. Clerk McCoy updated the Board on an upcoming Special Election on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at the Central Cass Fire Department that will be the polling location for LaGrange Township Voters as well as Wayne Township, Pokagon Township, and Howard Township Voters that are within Cassopolis School District and 300 Absentee Voter Ballots were mailed by LaGrange Township and almost half have been completed and returned.

With there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Treasurer Criswell made a motion, seconded by Trustee File, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 7:52pm.

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