

LaGrange Township Regular Meeting
December 18, 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.

The McKnights discussed the proposed plan for a 6-bedroom non-profit adult assisted living home off of Pokagon Hwy. Beth Pompey passed out an application review for the McKnights plan and the status was discussed. Mr. Gogol gave an update to the Board on his planned expansion of the Woodlands Lodge. Public Comment closed at 7:08pm.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes of November 20, 2023, seconded by Treasurer Criswell, motion approved at 7:09pm.

Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board.

Communications were read to the Board.

Trustee File made a motion to approve the Current Month Warrant Report totaling \$61,150.21, seconded by Trustee Juroff, motion carried at 7:18pm.

Fire/Ambulance Report: The Central Cass Fire Department Chief, Jeff Locke, informed the Board that the Audit has been going well with the Village Clerk. Supervisor Wright and Beth Pompey updated the Board of a plan to add a second ambulance to our coverage area, so that one ambulance would be in Jefferson Township at the Ambulance barn and the second ambulance would be at the City of Dowagiac Ambulance Barn. The estimate is \$18,000.00 per week to upgrade to two ambulances, which is a shared cost of all the Townships in the coverage area.

Zoning Administrator Report: Beth Pompey informed the Board that a site plan for a new church was submitted for review. Also, clarification of the timeline for the McKnights plan was discussed.

ZBA/Planning Commission Reports: The Planning Commission met Wednesday, December 13th and the next meeting is scheduled for January 10th. Beth Pompey informed the Board of a recent court date with James Vandyken concerning a house fire earlier in the year that has not been demolished. A building review/report needs to be completed at 23345 M-60 Hwy, Cassopolis, MI 49031. A trial date for James Vandyken is set for January 22, 2024. Lastly, a review of the building permit extensions for Daniel Grimes at 23360 Shurte Street, Cassopolis, MI 49031 were discussed.

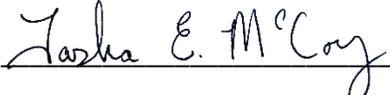
Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing Reports were provided to the Board.

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 and the nine days of early voting that will be held at the Cass County Road Commission. Postcards will be sent out informing all residents of the early voting location, which is different than the location on Election Day for LaGrange Township residents. Clerk McCoy will order additional signs to have posted at the Townhall for Early Voting location and Election Day location clarification. Treasurer Criswell made a motion to use up to \$3,000.00 of ARPA Funds for a new tabulator pending ARPA expense approval, seconded by Trustee Juroff for a Roll Call Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 absent, 0 abstain, approving at 7:58pm.

Supervisor Wright informed the Board of the December Board of Review (BOR) meeting. Clerk McCoy confirmed the order of new 2024 BOR guidebooks for the BOR members. Clerk McCoy made a motion to appoint Tim Hulett as a Board of Review Alternate, seconded by Treasurer Criswell, motion carried at 8:06pm.

ARPA Funds were discussed by the Board.

With there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Supervisor Wright made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Treasurer Criswell, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

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