

LaGrange Township Regular Meeting
October 16, 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 7:05pm. Mr. McKnight updated the Board on the proposed plan for a 6-bedroom non-profit adult assisted living home off of Pokagon Hwy.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve that trees do not need to be identified on the McKnight property, seconded by Treasurer Criswell, motion approved at 7:23pm.

Lynn Schantz expressed her concern of Agricultural Zones on proposed Master Plans of nearby Townships. Cass County Commissioner Mary Howie informed the Board of a pending Grant for a Land Survey of Cass County parcels and proposed Master Plans of nearby Townships.

Public Comment Closed at 7:25pm.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes of September 25, 2023, seconded by Trustee File, motion approved at 7:25pm.

Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board. Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve the Summer '23 Tax Settlement #4, seconded by Trustee Juroff, motion carried at 7:26pm.

Communications were read to the Board.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve the Current Month Warrant Report totaling \$31,914.13, seconded by Trustee Juroff, motion carried at 7:28pm.

Fire/Ambulance Report: There was an Ambulance meeting on October 2nd and SMCAS (Southwest Michigan Community Ambulance Service) is continuing to provide Mutual Aid Service to LaGrange Township per a weekly fee shared with adjacent Townships. PrideCare ambulances and equipment was liquidated and removed from the Ambulance Barn in October. Supervisor Wright informed the Board that the \$10,000.00 Grant for turnout gear, gloves, and other items needed for the fire department was completed.

Zoning Administrator Report: Beth Pompey updated the Board of six open blight cases that includes two cases of people living in campers and the process of unregistered vehicles has changed as well. Also, Beth Pompey is working on a Guide to build and zoning with step by step to assist with future construction.

ZBA/Planning Commission Reports: The next ZBA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00pm. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:30pm.

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

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve Amending #6-2023 Resolution for Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines per the request of the State Tax Commission, seconded by Trustee Juroff for Roll Call Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 absent to adopt Amended #6-2023 Resolution at 7:34pm.

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 7:34pm.

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