

LaGrange Township Regular Meeting
September 25, 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 7:00pm. Mr. & Mrs. McKnight updated the Board on the proposed plan for a 6-bedroom non-profit adult assisted living home off of Pokagon Hwy. A land split has been requested and the steps were discussed. Ed Gogol greeted the Board with his plans (October 2024-Sept. 2025) for remodeling his short-term rental (Woodlands Lodge) located in LaGrange Township as well as future plans for his 47 acres of private land to better accommodate Retreats and add a lazy river. Public Comment Closed at 7:38pm.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes of August 21, 2023, seconded by Treasurer Criswell, motion approved at 7:39pm.

Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board. Clerk McCoy made a motion to approve the Summer '23 Tax Settlements #2 and #3, seconded by Supervisor Wright, motion carried at 7:39pm.

Communications were read to the Board.

Trustee File made a motion to approve the Current Month Warrant Report totaling \$82,836.82, seconded by Trustee Juroff, motion carried at 7:43pm.

Fire/Ambulance Report: LaGrange Township and the Central Cass Fire Department received a \$10,000.00 Grant for turnout gear, gloves, and other items needed for the fire department. SMCAS (Southwest Michigan Community Ambulance Service) has continued providing Mutual Aid Service to LaGrange Township per a weekly fee shared with adjacent Townships. The Ambulance Barn insurance was secured with a shared cost amongst adjacent Township as well.

Assessor Report: The PA 660 Audit for LaGrange Township by the State Tax Commission was completed.

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

Treasurer Criswell notified the Board of the list of LaGrange Township residents with delinquent sewer charges from the Village and the list of LaGrange Township residents with delinquent water charges from the City of Dowagiac. Treasurer Criswell made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Wright, to approve for the Clerk to send a letter to the residents with delinquent sewer charges and/or delinquent water charges, noting an additional charge to be added to the delinquent sewer and/or delinquent water charges and assessed on the 2023 Winter Tax Roll if not paid by 5pm on Oct 13, 2023, motion carried at 7:57pm.

Additions: The LaGrange Township Clerk and Deputy Clerk plan to attend the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) Master Academy in Mt. Pleasant, MI November 28th.

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 8:03pm.

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