

LaGrange Township Regular Meeting
October 21, 2024

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. Cass County Sheriff Behnke updated the Board on a rise of trailer thefts. He encouraged diligence in locking up trailers and barns due to the increase in thefts. Sheriff Behnke expressed gratitude for the passage of the Drug Millage in the August Primary Election. National Drug Take Back Day (October 26th) was discussed and prescription medicines that are no longer needed in your home may be disposed of safely at the Cass County Sheriff's Office. Lastly, Sheriff Behnke updated the Board that ten people have went to the Police Academy in 2024. Mr. John Lemon introduced himself to the Board with concerns of extensive leaf burning in his neighborhood. He explained the ongoing issue over the years. Discussion followed by Board. Leaf pick up options discusses. Public Comment Closed at 7:12pm.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes of September 19, 2024, seconded by Treasurer Criswell, motion approved at 7:12pm.

Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board. Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve the Summer '24 Tax Settlement #3 and Summer '24 Tax Settlement #4, seconded by Trustee Juroff, motion carried at 7:12pm.

Communications were read to the Board.

Trustee File made a motion to approve the Current Month Warrant Report totaling \$74,598.75, seconded by Trustee Juroff, motion carried at 7:13pm.

Unfinished Business: Newberg Township Ambulance Invoices – Keith Carter, Chairman of the Central Cass Ambulance Authority, updated the Board on a one-time payment of \$2,000.00 to Newberg Township for Mutual Aid Ambulance Service from August 2023 through October 2024. Discussion followed. Possibility of a permanent contract with SMCAS was discussed as well. Clerk McCoy made a motion to approve a one-time payment of \$2,000.00 to Newberg Township for Mutual Aid Ambulance Service pending the October 24, 2024 Central Cass Ambulance Authority meeting at 6:30pm, seconded by Supervisor Wright for Roll Call Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 absent, 0 abstained to approve at 7:24pm.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Locke present and engaged with the Board about leaf burning.

Zoning Administrator Report: No Report. LaGrange Township Board discussed the pending transition of a new Zoning Administrator. Treasurer Criswell made a motion to appoint Mr. Steven Allen as the new Zoning Administrator for LaGrange Township beginning November 1, 2024, seconded by Supervisor Wright, motion carried at 7:29pm.

ZBA/Planning Commission Reports: No meeting.

Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing Reports were provided to the Board. Electrical Inspector Ron Bellaire provided a letter to the Board along with an updated Electrical Permit Application. Trustee File made a motion to accept the new Electrical Permit Application and for it to be put onto the LaGrange Township website, seconded by Supervisor Wright, motion carried at 7:32pm.

The Bureau of Construction Codes from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Construction Code provided a letter to the LaGrange Township Board that included Part 7. Plumbing Code, Part 8. Electrical Code, and Part 9A. Mechanical Code. Clerk McCoy made a motion to accept the Bureau of Construction Codes and approve for Inspectors to follow and for the Codes to be put onto the LaGrange Township website, seconded by Supervisor Wright, motion carried at 7:33pm.

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 7:33pm.

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