

LaGrange Township Regular Meeting
April 15, 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 7:01pm. Cass County Commissioner Mary Howie greeted the Board with a reminder of the Cass County Tire and Hazardous Materials Pick up Wednesday, April 24th between 3:00pm and 6:00pm at the Cass County Road Commission: 340 N. O'Keefe Street, Cassopolis, MI 49031.

Ted Gogol greeted the Board concerning short-term rentals in the Township. The neighbors of parcel ID 14040-011-004-00 reported Blight of rodents from property, vehicles, boats and other nuisances. The property address is 23224 Engle Street and it is a rental property. Discussion followed concerning the blight. Public Comment closed at 7:07pm.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes of March 18, 2024, seconded by Trustee File, motion approved at 7:07pm.

Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board. Clerk McCoy made a motion to approve the Final Settlement for Summer 2023 Taxes, the Final Settlement for Winter 2023 Taxes, and the Final Settlement for 2023 IFT Taxes, seconded by Supervisor Wright, motion carried at 7:08pm.

Communications were read by Supervisor Wright.

Trustee File made a motion to approve the Current Month Warrant Report totaling \$52,953.47, seconded by Trustee Juroff, motion carried at 7:13pm.

Unfinished Business: A proposed Resolution Confirming Appointments of Member Representative to the Michigan Township Participating Plan was not fulfilled. LaGrange Township is not appointing a representative for MTPP.

Fire/Ambulance Report: There was a Joint Meeting between Jefferson Township Board, Central Cass Fire Board, Village of Cassopolis Clerk and Treasurer and the LaGrange Township Board at 5:30pm on Monday, April 15, 2024. The purpose of the Joint Meeting was to clarify and document the fire districts within each township and to review the mechanism for funding of the Central Cass Fire Department. Fire Chief Locke informed the Board that there have been 24 runs in April by Cass Fire Dept.

Zoning Administrator Report: None.

ZBA/Planning Commission Reports: Trustee File discussed a recent LaGrange Township Planning Commission meeting on April 10, 2024 at 7:00pm. The PC decided on a proposal for a simple short-term rental agreement which was discussed by the Board. Trustee File made a motion to recommend the short-term rental agreement to include a \$100.00 one-time fee to register a short-term rental in LaGrange Township to the Cass County Planning Commission, seconded by Trustee Juroff and approved by roll call vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, and 0 Abstained at 7:33pm.

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

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve the Cass County Road Commission countywide dust control program for 2024, seconded by Clerk McCoy and approved by roll call vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, and 0 Abstained at 7:36pm.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve the Ambulance Services Agreement with SMCAS, seconded by Treasurer Criswell and approved by roll call vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, and 0 Abstained at 7:42pm.

