

LaGrange Township Regular Meeting
June 17, 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 Paul File, and Trustee John Juroff present.

Public Comment opened at 7:00pm. Cass County Commissioner, Mary Howie, informed the Board of the next Van Buren/Cass District Board of Health meeting at 2:00pm on Thursday, June 20th. Also, Commissioner Howie updated the Board on the renovations of the Historic Courthouse, which are scheduled to be completed October 2024. Mr. Ted Gogol of The Lodges at Stone Lake inquired on short-term rentals in LaGrange Township. Discussion followed. Public Comment closed at 7:06pm.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes of May 20, 2024, seconded by Trustee Juroff, motion approved at 7:06pm.

Treasurer Criswell made a motion to approve previous special meeting (CCIFD, Jefferson Twp, LaGrange Twp & Village of Cass) minutes of April 15, 2024, seconded by Clerk McCoy, motion approved at 7:06pm.

Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board.

Communications were read by Supervisor Wright.

Trustee File made a motion to approve the Current Month Warrant Report totaling \$79,672.73, seconded by Trustee Juroff, motion carried at 7:11pm.

Treasurer Criswell made a motion to table Resolution No. 9-2024 Legal Services to the July 2024 meeting, seconded by Trustee File, motion carried at 7:12pm.

Board member, Cynthia Boss, from the Cass County Council on Aging presented the upcoming millage renewal to the Board. Handouts were provided and discussion followed.

Trustee File moved to appoint Luke Wagner as LaGrange Township Building Inspector, seconded by Treasurer Criswell, motion carried at 7:22pm.

Fire Chief Locke was present and updated the Board on the Fire Department Budget. Ambulance Services in Cass County was discussed.

Trustee File updated the Board on a letter received from the Cass County Planning Commission on May 30th. Short-term rentals in LaGrange Township and the zoning amendment to allow short-term rentals were discussed.

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

Treasurer Criswell made a motion to approve a Road Commission Estimate No. 24-04-02B for \$148,191.42 of 1.75 miles of Twin Lakes Road between Engle Street and Dutch Settlement Street, seconded by Clerk McCoy, by Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain at 7:41pm.

Trustee Criswell made a motion to approve 2023-2024 Budget Amendments, seconded by Supervisor Wright, by Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain at 7:43pm.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the Budget Hearing, seconded by Treasurer Criswell, motion carried at 7:44pm.

The Board reviewed the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget and Resolution No. 14-2024.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget and Resolution No. 14-2024, seconded by Trustee Juroff, by Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain at 7:46pm.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to close the Budget Hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Trustee File, motion carried at 7:46pm.

Supervisor Wright provided the Board with an update from Mr. Biek from Indiana-Michigan Power Company. The construction of a streetlight at M-62 and Dutch Settlement Street by Indiana-Michigan Power Company will be set at \$6.50 a month as was the approved amount by the Board in April 2023.

With there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Supervisor Wright made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Clerk McCoy motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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