

LaGrange Township Regular Meeting
July 17, 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 7:01pm. Darin & Michelle McKnight updated the Board on their proposed plan for a 6-bedroom non-profit adult assisted living home off of Pokagon Hwy to the Board. Darin & Michelle McKnight have been moving forward to present their plan to the LaGrange Township Planning Commission once their architect is ready. A site plan review application is underway by the McKnights too. Also, the McKnights made a bid on the front one acre parcel adjacent to their land as well, which has the storage tanks on it. Nick from Pride Care Ambulance updated the Board on funding increases that most likely will be needed from the four Townships in Cass County receiving service. LaGrange Township may need to double its funding contribution, which is currently \$43,750.00. Public Comment Closed at 7:22pm.

Supervisor Wright made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes of June 19, 2023, seconded by Treasurer Criswell, motion approved at 7:23pm.

Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board.

Communications were read to the Board.

Trustee Juroff made a motion to approve the Current Month Warrant Report totaling \$152,957.02, seconded by Trustee File, motion carried at 7:26pm.

Fire/Ambulance Report: Fire Chief Locke reported to the Board on a pending Grant application, Fire Board Secretary update and that the next Fire Board meeting is scheduled for July 26th.

Zoning Report from Beth included possible steps towards demolishing the old carbon factory off of M-62. The roof is falling in and there has been unknown activity at the abandoned building. Also, positive phone calls from neighbors have been received about the Happy Drive house being demolished.

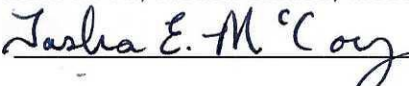
The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 20th.

Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing Reports were provided to the Board. Ron Bellaire informed the Board of the two Code Books that he must follow as Electrical Inspector: 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC) and Michigan Residential Code (MRC). Unfortunately, 2020 Electrical Code was not passed in 2020. Electrical Inspectors are hopeful that the State may pass 2023 Code by the end of this year or by January 2024 to meet new technology codes such as Electric car charging stations. Also, Ron Bellaire explained to the Board as to why he has not approved an Electrical Permit for property along M-60 that had a house fire this year. A non-owner of the house has reached out to Ron multiple times and submitted an Electrical Permit application, which was denied.

Treasurer Criswell made a motion to approve Cass County Road Commission Estimate No. 23-04-03 R1 up to \$5,000.00 from ARPA Funds, seconded by Trustee File, motion carried by Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, and 0 Abstain at 8:09pm.

Clerk McCoy made a motion to appoint Daniel Ming to the Board of Review, seconded by Treasurer Criswell, motion carried at 8:12pm.

With there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Supervisor Wright made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Juroff, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

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