

**Laird Township Board**  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Supervisor Patrick McLaren called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Supervisor Patrick McLaren, Treasurer Nicole Krajnak, Trustee Patricia Spencer, Trustee John Juntunen and Clerk Robin Henry.

The Minutes of the August 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Trustee Spencer to accept the minutes of that meeting. With all in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Spencer and supported by Trustee Juntunen to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills. With all in favor, motion carried.

Fire Department Report – Fire Chief A. Juntunen reported a person was pinned under a vehicle on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The fire department will clean chimneys on September 24<sup>th</sup> for seniors and disabled residents.

Transfer Station Report – nothing to report.

Constable Report – Constable Peterson continues to find the dumpsters open at the Transfer Station.

Public Comment

- J. Sullivan repaired the landscaping around the Nisula cemetery vault, with the help of A. Juntunen and J. Ploskonka.
- There was discussion about the snowmobile trail meeting.
- Alston Ave. still needs shoulder gravel, but the paving is complete.

Old Business:

- Alston Ave. paving is done, and the shoulder gravel needs to be completed.
- Green burial – Houghton County has a surveyor who may be willing to survey the Nisula and Alston cemeteries at no cost to Laird Township. Clerk Henry will pursue this.
- The Laird Township audit went well. Results should be available later this fall.
- Tractor Races were held and went well.

New Business:

- Transfer Station Attendant: With the upcoming retirement of Fran Tossava, there were two (2) applicants for a new attendant. A motion was made by Clerk Henry, seconded by Trustee Spencer, for Supervisor McLaren and Treasurer Krajnak to interview both and make a hiring recommendation to the board. With all in favor, motion carried. A substitute attendant should also be secured in case the attendant cannot work on a scheduled day.
- Website – Supervisor McLaren will proceed with this. The contract was signed and a deposit made to the SmartCreative, a local web design company. Deputy Clerk Juntunen will keep the site updated once it is up and running.
- Propane price has been locked in at \$2.10 per gallon by LaCourt's in Baraga. This is a \$.10 savings from the residential lock-in rate.
- The Nisula Church needs some topsoil delivered. Trustee Juntunen, J. Ploskonka and Constable Peterson will work on getting this project completed.
- The marijuana grow operation has been put on hold. It is not financially worth pursuing at this time.
- In honor of F. Tossava's retirement from the Transfer Station and Trustee Juntunen's retirement from the Laird Volunteer Fire Department, cake was served. Congratulations to both men for their many years of service.

A motion was made by Supervisor McLaren and seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
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Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk