

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2022

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

The Minutes of the October 12, 2022 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Trustee Spencer to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting. With all in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Clerk Henry 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 – There was one mutual aid call for Pelkie this month.

Transfer Station Report – H. Smith Grannis reported that November 29th will be the last Tuesday the transfer station will be open this year.

Constable Report – Constable Peterson performed the monthly liquor inspection at the Church in the Valley Bar.

Public Comment:

- N. Shimp asked County Commissioner R. Britz for a County Jail Project Update. A purchase agreement on the Sharon Ave. property has been signed. N. Shimp also stated that Supervisor McLaren should attend Houghton County Road Commission meetings periodically. R. Britz does attend and offered to field specific questions.

Old Business:

- Website is being edited and should be up and running before the December meeting.
- Snow Removal bids – after discussion, sealed bids will be opened at the December township meeting. All bids will be submitted on a "per hour" basis to make evaluation fair.
- Ice Rink Employee – A motion was made by Supervisor McLaren, seconded by Trustee Spencer to hire Jeff Ploskonska to handle the ice rink for the 2022/2023 season at a cost of \$25/hour. With all in favor, motion carried. Supervisor McLaren will help with the initial training.

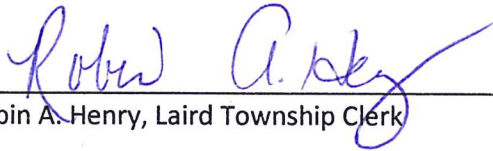
New Business:

- Chimney Cleaning – 8 volunteer firefighters plus Matt Juntunen cleaned chimneys for seniors and handicapped in September. A motion was by Trustee Juntunen, seconded by Trustee Spencer to provide each worker with a \$50 prepaid visa card as a thank you (including M. Juntunen), and provide Missy Juntunen with a check for meal reimbursement of \$200 for feeding all of the workers afterward. With all in favor, motion carried.
- Scrap Tire Grant was applied for again this year. We should hear the results in early 2023.
- Election Update – 269 votes were cast from Laird Township, which is a high turnout for a midterm election. Thank you to all of the election inspectors who worked a 16 hour day to make sure everything ran smoothly. All workers provide their own breakfast, lunch, and snacks, but dinner is paid for by the township, up to a total of \$60. That is no longer adequate. A

motion was made by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to raise the limit for the election night dinner up to \$100. With all in favor, motion carried.

- The lights over the stage and the bar area upstairs in the hall are not working. Trustee Juntunen will look to see if they just need bulb replacement. If new fixtures are needed, he will install new LED fixtures.
- There are several broken tables upstairs in the hall that should be removed for safety reasons. Supervisor McLaren will see this happens before the Alston Craft Fair on November 19th.

A motion was made Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Trustee Juntunen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk