

**Laird Township Board**  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 12, 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 September 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Spencer and seconded by Trustee Juntunen 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 Juntunen and supported by Trustee Spencer 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 busy month. There was one search and rescue call, one tanker support to Keweenaw Bay, an EMT assist, and a carbon monoxide incident. Chimney cleaning day went well. 8 fire fighters and Matt Juntunen volunteered their day to help and the weather was good. Missy Juntunen cooked everyone lunch afterward, as always. Thanks to Missy!

Approximately \$2,000 is needed for a new air compressor and air dryer. Trustee Juntunen volunteered to do the wiring, which will save the fire department approximately \$1,000.

Transfer Station Report – No report was given.

Constable Report – Constable Peterson went to the Church in the Valley to check out the liquor license, but it was unavailable until the following day. He also noted a picnic table in the pavilion that needs two new planks. This work will wait until spring.

Public Comment

- K. Kovach gave an update on the Halloween party that A. Vizina is planning. The township will provide hot dogs and drinks.
- There was discussion about the Ottawa National Forest Fund and what it does for the roads.

Old Business:

- Transfer Station Attendants were interviewed and Hannah Smith-Grannis was recommended for the position. A motion was made by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Trustee Juntunen to hire her. With all in favor, motion carried. Smith-Grannis will start officially on November 1<sup>st</sup>, but will begin working in October as she is available.
- The township website should be up and running within a month.

New Business:

- An ad will be placed in the L'Anse Sentinel regarding snow plowing bids for the transfer station, township hall, fire hall and recreation center. All bids will be reviewed at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Ice Rink Employee – discussion ensued about whether this position should be hourly or a lump sum. This issue was tabled and will be revisited at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Election Update – The public accuracy test for the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election will be Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome.
- Firewood was provided for the skating rink warming shack by J. Sullivan again this year. Thanks, Jim!

A motion was made by Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Trustee Spencer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.