

**Laird Township Board**  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, December 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 November 9, 2022 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor McLaren 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 Spencer and supported by Clerk Henry 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 one assist in the past month. He also thanked the board for the gift cards for the fire fighters who worked on the chimney cleaning.

Transfer Station Report – M. Lantz across the street from the Transfer Station gave permission for H. Smith-Grannis to use the outhouse during her shifts.

Constable Report – Constable Peterson went to the Church in the Valley to check out the liquor license. He is still closing lids on the dumpsters at the transfer station on a regular basis. Supervisor McLaren will call Waste Management to see what can be done with the bad cable, which is causing the lids not to latch. There was some destruction at the Alston Cemetery by deer and snowmobilers. There was also an attempted theft of a van at the Church in the Valley.

Ice Rink Report – J. Ploskonka has plans for the rink including lights around the base. He hopes to get the rink flooded as soon as the weather cooperates.

Public Comment – None.

Old Business:

- The website is up and running. Mary Smith will keep it updated.
- Snow Removal – bids were opened and evaluated. A motion was made by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Clerk Henry to accept the bid by Zach Hulkkonen at \$60/hour for the ice rink/fire hall, \$35/hour for the Transfer Station and \$80/hour for the town hall. Bids includes shoveling. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes were Supervisor McLaren, Clerk Henry, Treasurer Krajnak and Trustee Spencer. Nays were Trustee Juntunen. Motion carried. A motion was made by Supervisor McLaren, seconded by Trustee Spencer for D. Peterson to serve as a backup plow driver at the same rates of pay if Z. Hulkkonen is unable to plow for any reason. With all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

- Board of Review – S. Carlson, J. Sullivan and E. Dufek are all willing to serve another year on the Board of Review. A motion was made by Supervisor McLaren, seconded by Clerk Henry to appoint them all. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Supervisor McLaren, Clerk Henry, Treasurer Krajnak, Trustee Juntunen, Trustee Spencer. Nays: None. With all in favor, motion carries.
- Cemetery and Green Burial Ordinances – Clerk Henry distributed updated ordinances to take effect on January 1, 2023. A motion was made by Treasurer Krajnak, seconded by Supervisor McLaren to accept both ordinances and to post them on the website on January 1, 2023. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Supervisor McLaren, Clerk Henry, Treasurer Krajnak, Trustee Juntunen, Trustee Spencer. Nays: None. With all in favor, the motion passed and both ordinances will take effect on January 1, 2023 and will be posted by M. Smith on the township website.
- The township audit was completed with no negative findings. Clerk Henry is concerned that the audit is not thorough and will be getting quotes from several different auditors to present to the board for review at a later date.

A motion was made by Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Supervisor McLaren to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

  
Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk