

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2023

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.

The Minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen and seconded by Trustee Spencer to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting with one typographical error corrected. 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 – There were no incidents or calls.

Transfer Station Report – There was nothing to report.

Constable Report – Constable Peterson performed the monthly liquor inspection at the Church in the Valley Bar. The transfer station dumpster lids have been left open repeatedly. Supervisor McLaren will talk to Waste Management again.

Ice Rink Report – There has been a lot of use and enjoyment by skaters. The Zamboni has been made and is ready to use.

Public Comment:

- N. Shimp asked how snow plow bids were evaluated. Trustee Spencer explained. After some discussion, more transparency in how the plowing payments are reported on the Treasurer's Report was requested. Clerk Henry will ensure the number of hours is included on the memo line of each payment.
- County Commissioner R. Britz gave a County Jail Project Update.
- The township website looks great. Meeting dates should be listed in addition to meeting minutes. Bid requests should also be posted.
- Discussion regarding how bids are collected and evaluated ensued. Trustee Juntunen will develop a spec sheet for all incoming bids to follow. All contractors need to be licensed and insured.
- Congratulatory comments were given to Commissioner Britz on his re-election to the Houghton County Board.

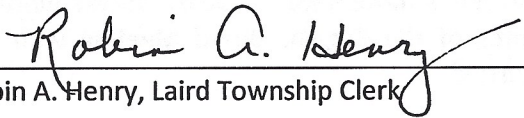
Old Business – None

New Business:

- There will be a special election on May 2, 2023. The Houghton County Road Commission will have a millage renewal on the ballot. Currently that is the only item known to be on the ballot.
- Supervisor McLaren attended the December meeting of the Houghton County Road Commission and discussed why Laird Township was not given permission to use one mile of Alston Ave. this winter for the snowmobile trail. The softness of some gravel roads, specifically China and Kiviranta Roads, as well as the state of disrepair that part of North Laird Road is in were discussed at the meeting. County Road Commissioner Gene Londo offered to investigate these issues.

- Trustee Spencer suggested getting skating aids for the ice rink to help children learn to skate. They appear to be made out of PVC. Trustee Spencer will look into cost and availability of these before the next meeting.

A motion was made Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Trustee Spencer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.


Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk