

**Laird Township Board**  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Supervisor Patrick McLaren called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present were Supervisor Patrick McLaren, Clerk Robin Henry, Treasurer Nicole Krajnak, Trustee John Juntunen, and Trustee Patricia Spencer.

The Minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor McLaren and seconded by Trustee Juntunen 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 Supervisor McLaren 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

- There were no call-outs this month.
- The new air compressor and light over the door in the fire hall were wired in by J. Juntunen.
- Chief A. Juntunen thanked Clerk Henry and the Portage Health Foundation for the AED grant.

Transfer Station Report – Nothing new to report.

Constable Report

- New liquor license was received and posted at the Church in the Valley.

Public Comment:

- Road conditions were the main topic of discussion.

Old Business -- Bids:

- Repairs to Museum – J. Ploskonka submitted the only bid to repair shutter and bench for \$50. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen, seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to award the bid to J. Ploskonka. With all in favor, motion carried.
- Painting the Grandstand – There were three (3) bids submitted. A motion was made by Clerk Henry, seconded by Trustee Spencer to award the bid to J. Ploskonka, who was the lowest bidder at \$2760. With all in favor, motion carried.
- Removal of Outhouse at the Recreation Area – Four (4) bids were submitted for this job. A motion was made by Supervisor McLaren, seconded by J. Juntunen to award the bid to J. Ploskonka, who submitted the lowest bid at \$1710. With all in favor, motion carried.
- Painting the Transfer Station – Three bids were submitted. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen, seconded by Clerk Henry to award the bid to J. Ploskonka. His bid was \$750. With all in favor, motion carried. At the April 12, 2023 meeting, it was incorrectly stated that H. Smith-Grannis would paint the transfer station while working as attendant. This was not her intent.

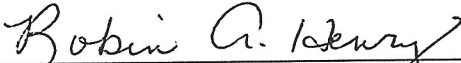
Old Business – other:

- Investment policy was tabled until the regular June meeting.
- Dust Control – May 20, 2023 is the deadline to be register and payment must be received. Supervisor McLaren will make sure the township hall parking lot, Hoover Road by the ball field and the transfer station also receive dust control this year.

New Business:

- The ARPA (Covid funds) Report for 2023 has been submitted.
- New tables and chairs are needed for the hall and the expense was included in the township budget. Clerk Henry made a motion to order 8 tables and 50 chairs from Uline. This motion received support from Trustee Juntunen and, with all in favor, motion carried.
- Playground – Trustee Spencer made a motion to order two (2) toddler swings for the playground at a cost of \$67 each. This motion was seconded by Trustee Juntunen and, with all in favor, motion carried. Picnic tables in the recreation area need a couple of boards replaced. J. Ploskonka offered to donate his time and the township will purchase the board. A motion was made by Supervisor McLaren, seconded by Trustee Juntunen to approve the picnic table repairs.
- Road Project – Supervisor McLaren proposed to accept a contract with Houghton County Road Commission to place 3 inches of gravel 24 feet wide on China Road from M-38 to Carlson Road and Carlson Road from China Road to Payter Road for a total cost not to exceed \$85,855. A roll call vote was taken:
  - Ayes: McLaren, Henry, Krajnak, Juntunen, Spencer
  - Nays: NoneWith all in favor, motion carried to execute the contract. Houghton County Road Commission will be notified of our decision.
- Kickball Tournament – A. Vizina gave a status update and asked the township to donate 8 cases of water. The recreation funds earned at the fall craft fair are more than adequate to cover expenses for this event, including the three (3) umpires that will be hired to keep the rules consistent.

A motion was made by Supervisor McLaren and seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

  
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Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk