

**Laird Township Board**  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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

The Minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Spencer and seconded by Supervisor McLaren 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 one correction made that would add \$30.30 to the balance of the Fire Fund. With all in favor, motion carried.

Fire Department Report

- The new air dryer and compressor were installed by J. Juntunen.
- A quote for new gear from Dinges Fire Company totaled \$23,799.00. This is complete sets of gear for six (6) firefighters plus extra gloves. The turnout gear we currently own is from 2004.
- A grant for volunteer fire departments for up to \$10,000 was applied for to be used toward the new gear. The deadline for applications is July 10, 2023, and awards will be issued after that.
- SCBA training was this past month.

Transfer Station Report – Nothing new to report.

Constable Report

- Liquor inspection was done.
- Toddler swings were installed at the playground.
- Constable Peterson donated a load of sand for the ballfield.
- There is a dying tree that needs to be removed by the bleachers.
  - A motion was made by Supervisor McLaren, seconded by Trustee Juntunen to call Tikky's Tree Service for a quote to remove tree. Supervisor McLaren called for a roll-call vote:  
Ayes: McLaren, Henry, Krajnak, Juntunen, Spencer  
Nays: None  
With all in favor, motion carries. Supervisor McLaren will contact Tikky's Tree Service.
- A new volleyball net is needed.
- Houghton County Road Commission will provide dirt and fill in the gully behind the skating rink.

Public Comment:

- F. Tossava provided an update on Bay Ambulance.
- Houghton County Commissioner R. Britz discussed the corrections to the voter rolls that will be available within a couple of weeks.
- A new flag is needed at the ball park. M. Juntunen has one she is willing to donate.
- Road signs are needed on Hazel Road, Huttunen Road, and N. Laird Hts. Road, and Heikkila Road.

Old Business:

- A motion was made by R. Henry, supported by Supervisor McLaren, to adopt the Investment Policy discussed in the April 2023 meeting. With all in favor, motion carried.
- Dust control will be spread tomorrow, June 15, 2023, weather permitting.

- China Road project is scheduled for August, per K. Harju from the Houghton County Road Commission.

New Business:

- The museum was cleaned by Supervisor McLaren and his wife Melinda. It was opened one afternoon in May and had 18 visitors.
- Kickball tournament is this Saturday.
- Grandstand Repairs – J. Ploskonka discussed damage he found. Tim Seppanen was called and consulted with a Civil Engineer to assess situation and make a recommendation on repairs. J. Ploskonka submitted a bid to indicate necessary repairs and costs. A motion was made by P. Spencer, seconded by Trustee Juntunen, to accept the bid and expedite repairs due to the public safety issue. A roll call vote was taken:

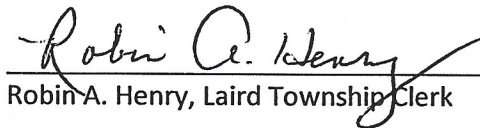
Ayes: McLaren, Henry, Krajnak, Juntunen, Spencer

Nays: None

With all in favor, motion carried and J. Ploskonka will make the necessary repairs.

- Cemetery Committee is working on Nisula Cemetery. Survey should be completed soon. Maps will be copied and scanned onto a flash drive so more than one copy exists.
- Clerk Henry has applied for postage reimbursement for the May 2, 2023 election as well as reimbursement from the Houghton County Road Commission for allowable expenses for the Road Millage election.

A motion was made by Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Supervisor McLaren to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

  
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Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk