

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 9, 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 July 12, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Spencer 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 Trustee Juntunen and supported by Clerk Henry to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills. With all in favor, motion carried.

Constable Report:

- Liquor inspection was done.
- Window in the transfer station building was broken.
- Firewood was stolen on Cemetery Road.
- A tree needs to come down on the south side of the ice shack due to it being a safety hazard. A motion was made by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Trustee Juntunen to allow Supervisor McLaren to contact Tikky's Tree Service to take it down. With all in favor, motion carried.

Transfer Station Report:

- H. Smith-Grannis discussed the broken window and will take measurements. J. Sullivan offered to look into repairing it.
- Tuesdays transfer station hours are missing from the website. M. Smith will update that.

Assessor's Report: The Board of Review met and took care of a few veteran's exemptions and uncapping of properties.

Public Comment:

- Possible solutions to speeding traffic on Kiviranta Road were discussed. A property owner will put up "SLOW" signs.
- Concerns were shared regarding emergency vehicles being unable to reach some of our outlying areas such as Silver Mountain Road.
- The last easement came through for the snowmobile trail. That was the last thing needed to get funding from the DNR.
- A comment was made whether someone doing work for Laird Township was licensed or not.

Old Business:


- The upcoming China Road project will be pushed back, but will happen this year. There is some possible funding that will significantly lower the amount that Laird Township will need to contribute.
- Grandstand repairs are nearly complete.
- The Ambulance Committee is still looking for a representative from Laird Township. R. McGahan and N. Shimp both offered, and decided that R. McGahan would take this position.
- The road signs missing on four (4) roads have been ordered by Supervisor McLaren.

New Business:

- There is a tree stump that should be removed by the ballfield. A decision was made to table this for now.

- Election training for the 2024 and 2025 elections will be held in Houghton County this fall. There are two people interested. At least one is needed due to the resignation of C. LeClaire.
- Clerk Henry and Deputy Clerk Smith are working on a Capital Improvement Grant. Trustee Juntunen made a motion to allow Clerk Henry to submit an application on behalf of Laird Township, seconded by Trustee Spencer. With all in favor, motion carried.
- The Nisula Cemetery survey has been completed.
- Tractor Races will be September 9, 2023.
- The Township Audit will be August 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Trustee Juntunen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk