

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 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 August 9, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen and seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting.

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 – New gear is arriving, flat tire on pumper was repaired. Chimney cleaning is scheduled for September 23, 2023 with an alternate rain date of September 30, 2023.

Constable Report – Constable Peterson stated that the monthly liquor license inspection for the Church in the Valley was done.

Transfer Station Report – Broken window was repaired by H. Smith-Grannis.

Public Comment:

- There was discussion regarding pavilion bracing at the recreation area.
- Grandstand is done and is waiting for final inspection by T. Seppanen.
- 18 tractors competed in the Tractor Races.
- It turns out that firewood was not stolen from Alston Cemetery Road.

Old Business:

- China Road project has been started. No FEMA funds were available, leaving Laird Township's cost at \$85,855.
- The snowmobile trail will be open as far as the Church in the Valley this winter.
- Road signs will be installed after the last two (2) signs are finished.
- Supervisor McLaren will not be pursuing the Scrap Tire Grant this year.

New Business:

- The Nisula Cemetery survey can be completed by Clearwater Surveying in later October or early November for a total cost of \$900-\$1200. A motion was made by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Trustee Juntunen to move forward with this survey. With all in favor, motion carried.
- Clerk Report – Clerk Henry reported that the audit is completed, and results are pending on the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment grant and the Community Center grant. Election worker training will be held by the County Clerk on October 3, 2023.
- Supervisor McLaren will prepare advertisement for snow plowing bids.
- Six (6) trees need to come down near the ice rink and Alston Cemetery. Tikky's Tree Service will complete the work for \$800. A motion was made by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Trustee Juntunen to allow Tikky's Tree Service to complete this work. With all in favor, motion carried.
- Trustee Juntunen will look into installing a lock onto the back door at St. Henry's Church.
- Clerk Henry suggested forming a Recreation Committee as it was very effective in the past. Four (4) people volunteered to participate on this committee.

- Activities such as cross country skiing and pickleball were discussed. A motion was made by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to allow Clerk Henry to purchase a net, rackets and balls for pickleball, not to exceed \$300. With all in favor, motion carried. The pickleball court will be on the second floor of the hall in the winter and move to the ice rink in the spring.
- Resolution 2023-10 was presented, which is the annual L-4029 to establish the tax rates. Assessor Fedie was available to answer questions. There is no rollback this year. A motion was made by Clerk Henry, seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to accept this Resolution. With all in favor, the Resolution passed.
- Supervisor McLaren submitted his resignation. A motion was made by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to accept this resignation. With all in favor, motion carried.
- Trustee Spencer submitted her resignation as Trustee. A motion was made by Clerk Henry, supported by Treasurer Krajnak to accept her resignation. With all in favor, motion carried.
- P. Spencer expressed interest in being appointed to the Laird Township Supervisor position for the remainder of the term. A motion was made by Clerk Henry, seconded by Trustee Juntunen to appoint Patricia Spencer as Supervisor as of September 28, 2023. A roll call vote was taken:
 - Ayes: McLaren, Henry, Krajnak, Juntunen
 - Nays: None
 - Abstained: Spencer

With all in favor, motion carried. Spencer will take the oath of office before taking office. (It should be noted that Supervisor McLaren should not have voted on his successor. This would not have changed the result of the vote, due to the fact that the majority of the board was in agreement.)

A motion was made Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Trustee Spencer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk