

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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

The Minutes of the September 13, 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 Clerk Henry 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 – Chimney cleaning was successful with 14 chimneys cleaned by 7 fire fighters. Battery was replaced in the tanker.

Constable Report – Constable Peterson stated that the monthly liquor license inspection for the Church in the Valley was done. Tractor rims were stolen, resulting in the State Police being called.

Transfer Station Report – H. Smith-Grannis would like to winterize the building at the transfer station. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen, seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to allow reimbursement of up to \$200 for supplies needed. With all in favor, motion carried. Smith-Grannis will also be passing out candy, as Halloween is on Tuesday, when the Transfer Station is open.

Recreation Committee Report – The ski trails have been cut and the supplies have arrived for the pickleball court. The committee will be meeting after the township board meeting.

Public Comment:

- A civil war veteran is buried in St. Henry's cemetery. M. Juntunen received a grave marker for him and hopes to organize a re-dedication service in the future.
- N. Shimp expressed interest in the open trustee position.

Old Business:

- The Scrap Tire Grant was submitted and is in review.
- Road signs were installed by Pat and Terry Spencer. The N. Laird Road signs are missing. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen, seconded by Supervisor Spencer to purchase two signs for N. Laird Road. With all in favor, motion carried.
- Tree removal was completed by Tikky's Tree Service.
- The Grandstand project was finished. Thank you to George Koskela and Tim Seppanen who reviewed the project and signed off that it is completed and safe. J. Ploskonka advised looking at installing netting and a railing in the upper rows of the bleachers in the spring.

New Business:

- Snow plow bids were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen, seconded by Clerk Henry to award the contract for the 2023/2024 winter plowing season to Paul Peterson. With all in favor, motion carried.
- Vacant trustee position was discussed. Amy Mensch and Norm Shimp expressed interest. After some discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

- Trustee Juntunen abstained.
 - Clerk Henry voted for Amy Mensch.
 - Treasurer Krajnak and Supervisor Spencer voted for Norm Shimp
- N. Shimp will be sworn in after the meeting and will take office immediately.
- Garage and basement cleanup was done by Supervisor Spencer.
 - P. Peterson and L. Lefeber cleared a 3/4 mile loop for a ski trail. They are willing to groom it. Appreciation was expressed to them for handling this.

A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk