

**Laird Township Board**  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, November 8, 2023

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

The Minutes of the October 11, 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 Shimp to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills. With all in favor, motion carried.

Fire Department Report – No calls or incidents occurred. All new turnout gear arrived, and new batteries are coming for the 800 mh radios.

Constable Report

- Constable Peterson stated that the monthly liquor license inspection for the Church in the Valley was done.
- Dumpster lids are still left unlocked at the Transfer Station.
- Two calls came in for missing hunting gear and road hunting.

Transfer Station Report

- The building has been winterized.
- 15 trick-or-treaters came and got candy on Halloween.

Recreation Committee Report

- Pickleball is up and running.
- A grant through Portage Health is being considered, but has not been finalized yet.
- The next meeting is November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the township hall and everyone is welcome to attend.

Public Comment:

- The Fire Department may need a new truck. Trustee Juntunen will work with Chief A. Juntunen on funding possibilities.

Old Business:

- Fire Extinguisher Inspection - American Welding & Gas doesn't do them anymore. Trustee Juntunen will talk to Mike at L'Anse Area Schools to see what we can do. Deputy Clerk Smith will also send contact information to Supervisor Spencer for JFA Hearn, who also do inspection.
- Road Signs for N. Laird Rd. were ordered from Homestead Graphics.

New Business:

- The Alston Craft Fair will be held Saturday, November 18 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- The pickleball court is currently being used upstairs in the Township Hall on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and learn. Rackets and balls are available for use anytime by anyone interested.
- Ice Rink bids will be due at the December 13, 2023 meeting. The bids shall be submitted on an hourly basis, and will include flooding, maintenance and shoveling doorways and around the

warming shack. Supervisor Spencer and Trustee Juntunen will work on a bid sheet and publish it as soon as it is available.

- Audit Reports arrived this week. Discussion will happen at the December meeting, after board members have had a chance to review the information. Laird Township will be looking for quotes from different auditors before the next audit is due in 2025.
- Recycling information has been coming to Supervisor Spencer. Information can possibly be shared in tax bill envelopes. This will be considered in the near future.
- The UPPCO Franchise Agreement was available for review. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen, seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to sign and execute this agreement. With all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Clerk Henry to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

  
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Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk