

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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. Absent is Trustee Norm Shimp.

The Minutes of the December 13, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and seconded by Trustee Juntunen to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting.

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.

Fire Department Report – No call-outs this month and nothing new to report.

Constable Report -- Constable Peterson stated that the annual liquor license is good for another year and monthly inspection for the Church in the Valley was done.

Transfer Station Report -- Point of clarification – Waste Management is leaving dumpsters unlocked after they are emptied. Supervisor Spencer will call them to see what can be done.

Recreation Committee Report

- Copper Shores Grant is being worked on.
- Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for March 24, 2024 from 2-4 p.m. in the Township Hall.
- 4 Seasons trail sign is done and trail has been expanded. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer, seconded by Trustee Juntunen to pay for the sign out of the General Fund. With all in favor, motion carried.
- D. Vandeville has applied for a Finnish Heritage Grant to republish the old Centennial book.
- Next meeting will be January 15, 2024.

Ambulance Committee Report -- Next Ambulance Committee meeting is January 24, 2024.

Assessor's Report -- Veteran's exemption is done differently now. It no longer goes to the Board of Review.

Public Comment -- Search and Rescue training for the fire department was discussed.

Old Business:

- Fire extinguisher inspection will be done by Keweenaw Fire Sales & Service on Tuesday, January 16th
- Office Planning Group came and hooked up the new office printer to Supervisor Spencer's office computer.
- Primary Election is Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The Public Accuracy test is Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the township hall and is open to the public to observe how the equipment is tested for the election.
- Grant Updates –
 - Nothing to report on the Scrap Tire Grant at this time.
 - Fire Department Grant of \$10,000 for turnout gear was awarded, but funds have not arrived yet.
 - Community Center Grant application results are still pending.

New Business:

- A letter of resignation from Trustee Norm Shimp was received. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer, supported by Trustee Juntunen to accept the resignation of N. Shimp and appoint Ryan McGahan as Trustee. With all in favor, motion carried.
- We have an opportunity to purchase new trash bags for the Transfer Station from a municipality in Houghton. There are the same-sized bags as well as smaller bags available. Assessor Fedie will find out the cost.
- Board of Review training will be in Marquette. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer, supported by Trustee Juntunen to pay the Board of Review one full day plus mileage, as well as the registration fees. With all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Supervisor Spencer to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.


Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk