

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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

The Minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen and seconded by Supervisor Spencer 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.

Constable Report:

- Monthly inspection for the Church in the Valley was done.
- Logger had aluminum rims stolen.
- A thank you to Constable Peterson for cutting up tree near township hall and donating wood to the ice rink warming shack.

Transfer Station Report:

- Waste Management moved a dumpster to the ice rink one Saturday while road restrictions were on. The situation was less than ideal.
- J. Fedie will check on number and cost of bags for sale in Houghton County.

Recreation Committee Report

- Copper Shores Grant has been submitted and has been moved on past the first round in the selection process.
- The ice is completely gone at the ice rink.

Assessor's Report:

- Board of review will meet on March 12th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and on March 14th from 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. Assessments are going up quite a bit this year. The taxable value can go up a maximum of 5%, but assessments are going up 20% or more.
- Two members of the Board of Review will be attending a training on February 20th.

Old Business:

- Fire extinguisher inspection was done.
- There are more small trees on township property that will need to be removed. P. Peterson will take care of this.
- Primary Election is Tuesday, February 27, 2024.
- Grant Updates –
 - The Community Center grant notified us that we did not receive any funds, but we are welcome to reapply in the fall.
 - Funds have still not arrived for the Fire Department Grant of \$10,000.
 - Scrap Tire Grant for \$3,000 was awarded to us. Supervisor Spencer will talk to Superior Watershed regarding help on the Saturday of Memorial Weekend, May 25, 2024.

New Business:

- There was a meeting at Bay Ambulance on February 7, 2024, regarding more millage. Gary Wadaga gave a strong presentation on why additional funds are needed and discussion ensued. There is a follow up meeting on March 6, 2024 that Supervisor Spencer, Clerk Henry and Trustee McGahan will attend. More information will be shared at our March 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

- The water line at the township hall was capped off by ALK.
- The Cemetery Policy was discussed. Sexton Sullivan has requested a change such that people cannot bury their own loved ones without submitting a death certificate and an exact location. A fine if this is not obeyed was discussed. Clerk Henry will draft a revised policy to present at a later meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Robin A. Henry
Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk