

**Laird Township Board**  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday April 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 was Trustee Ryan McGahan.

The Minutes of the March 13, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting. With all in favor, motion carried.

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:

- One call out on March 21<sup>st</sup> for a car fire on S. Laird Road. Pelkie Fire Department was called for mutual aid.
- New member is finishing Fire Fighter I and II and Hazmat training.
- Batteries in the pumper were replaced.
- Fire Bar hasn't been working. Baraga Telephone Company will issue a refund. Alternate methods of communication including pagers and 800 megahertz radios as well as cell phone apps are being used.

Constable Report:

- Monthly inspection for the Church in the Valley was done.
- Complaints came in about garbage on Horoscope Road. Constable Peterson contacted the Michigan State Police to deal with it.
- Someone made wide ruts in the Alston Cemetery with lug tires. Constable Peterson is looking into this.

Transfer Station Report:

- Dumpsters are now getting emptied regularly by Waste Management.
- New bags will be here and available for sale by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Recreation Committee Report:

- Easter Egg hunt went well.
- Copper Shores Grant recipients have not been named yet.
- Sign for Mike Jylha Stadium needs to be replaced.

Assessor's Report:

- Board of Review met and information has been submitted to the State of Michigan. 5 residents showed up and there was one appeal.
- Property values increased approximately 13% in residential class.
- One mill is now worth approximately \$21,600 in revenue.
- John A. Juntunen is now on the Board of Review and will take the training next year.

Old Business:

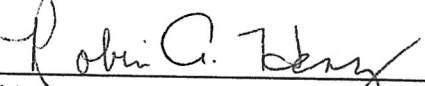
- Scrap Tire Grant was signed and returned. Superior Watershed has been contacted regarding securing the date to get the trailer to gather tires.

New Business:

- Road Oil was discussed. Clerk Henry will reach out to Houghton Road Commission to get current pricing.
- Clerk Henry requested up to \$100 to purchase a button maker to be used for election worker badges as well as the ability for it to be used by the Recreation Committee or for any other township purpose. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen, seconded by Supervisor Spencer. With all in favor, motion carried.

- Mowing bids for 2024 were opened.
  - A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen, seconded by Clerk Henry to award the Museum and Township Hall mowing to Terry Spencer. With all in favor, motion carried.
  - A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer, seconded by Trustee Juntunen to award the Nisula Cemetery and Alston Cemeteries to Northern Edge and the Ballfield and Rec. area to Jeff Ploskonka. With three (3) in favor and one (1) opposed, motion carried.

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 7:05 p.m.

  
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Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk