

## LAIRD TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2024

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

The Minutes of the May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting and the May 11, 2024 Special Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and seconded by Trustee Juntunen to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and seconded by Trustee Juntunen to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen and seconded by Trustee McGahan to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize the payment of bills. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Bay Ambulance Presentation – Q&A: Gary Wadaga, Director of Bay Ambulance, gave a presentation on the current state of the ambulance service, including staffing challenges, the services they provide, and explained the need for additional support. Without the millage, they will need to reduce services to the communities they serve. Following the presentation, members of the community asked questions.

Petitions and Communications: Nothing to report.

Fire Department Report: There were two calls since the last report. On May 9, a propane truck pulled down a power line. On May 12, smoke was reported. After investigating, it was determined to be smoke from the Canadian wildfires.

Constable Report:

- The monthly liquor inspection at the Church in the Valley was completed.
- The trees were cleaned up around the Town Hall.

Transfer Station Report:

- The tire trailer hasn't been picked up yet.
- The transfer station may need to close early on Saturday, June 15 because the dumpster was already mostly filled from Tuesday, June 11.

Recreation Committee Report:

- The Plant & Craft Sale was well attended.
- The trail clean-up effort was very successful. 1100 pounds of trash and 8 tires were collected. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and supported by Trustee Juntunen for the Township to cover to cost of the trash disposal. With all in favor, the motion carried.
- The Kickball Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 15. Angie Vizina is in charge of the event. They still need more teams and light concessions will be served.

- A Pickleball court will be set up in the ice rink.

Ambulance Report: Covered in the Bay Ambulance presentation.

Public Comment:

- J. Sullivan and C. Hill have cleaned out two safes from the basement of the Township Hall. They requested the Board go down to see what needs to be taken care of to make more room. They found the combination for the safe.
- Cemetery markers and flag holders are getting damaged by the mowing service. The mowing service is aware of this and will switch out the crew if needed. J. Sullivan will check to see the state of things after July 4.
- D. Vandeville reported the Centennial Book is all typeset. She's working on the front and back cover designs and is looking for help/input with this. Within the week, it will be off to the printer.
- Putting historical photographs on the website was discussed.

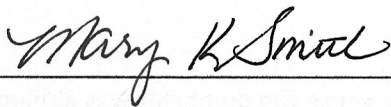
Old Business:

- Scrap Tire Trailer: The trailer is filled but hasn't been picked up yet. J. Ploskonka thanked the Board for offering this to the Township. Almost 700 tires were collected.
- Road Oil Contract/Completed: This hasn't been completed yet, but hopefully by next week.
- Electrical Estimate: Three calls have been made but there hasn't been time to meet yet to discuss.
- Tree removal by garage: More trees need to be addressed.

New Business:

- The ambulance millage on the August ballot is for almost ½ mill (.492) which is less than \$40.
- The current Fire Department millages are both for operations. On the August ballot, the two separate one (1) mill requests were merged into one two (2) mill request.

A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and seconded by Treasurer Krajnak to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



Mary K. Smith, Laird Township Deputy Clerk