

**Laird Township Board**  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 9, 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 September 11, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen 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 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.

Fire Department Report:

- No callouts.
- 11 chimneys were cleaned.
- A County-wide grant for new radios is being pursued.
- Signature cards need to be redone on an account where there is only one signer.

Constable Report: The monthly liquor license inspection for the Church in the Valley was done.

Recreation Committee Report:

- P. Peterson and L. LeFeber have worked on the trails behind rec area. Hikers can now walk all the way to the river.
- D. Herrala decorated the recreation area for Halloween. Pictures will be submitted for the website. Trunk-or-Treat will be 5 - 8 p.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the ice rink. Hot cider and donuts will be available in the warming shack. A sign has been made for the highway. Anyone is welcome to bring a car and give out treats. Donations are welcome. G. Sly will be there to take photos of the children in their costumes. A fire truck will be there with lights and the fire hall bathrooms will be opened, accessible from the back.
- Mike Jylha sign will be put out for bids. The original sign is not usable. J. Ploskonka will text a photo of the existing sign to Treasurer Krajnak and Supervisor Spencer, and they will obtain bids.

Ambulance Committee Report:

- Bay Ambulance is looking for people to serve on their Board. R. McGahan has agree to serve another term.
- Five (5) paramedics are scheduled to graduate on October 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be another meeting later this month to see how to proceed.
- A new EMT class has started.

Public Comment:

- Supervisor Spencer commented on the Laird Township book that D. Vandeville reprinted, "A View of the Century Past 1887-1987". She clarified that there was no copyright infringement.
- Clarification was made that the fire department does not need to pay for their trash removal. It can be brought to the transfer station.


Old Business:

- Feral cats – ten have been caught by K-SNAG. There are thought to be at least fifteen more.
- An Alternative Energy Ordinance is still being looked into. More information will be coming in the future.

New Business:

- Snow Removal Bids – A motion was made by Treasurer Krajnak to award the fire station and ice rink plowing to A. Juntunen for \$50/hour and the transfer station for \$35/hour and township hall at \$70/hour to P. Peterson. Supervisor Spencer offered support and, with all in favor, motion carried.
- County Commissioner R. Britz shared that the Houghton County Administrator resigned and interviews for his replacement will be held soon.
- Electrical Bids – TC Electric was the only company to submit a bid. Supervisor Spencer contacted several others over the course of two months, but there were no other bids submitted. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer, seconded by N. Krajnak, to award the township hall electrical repair to TC Electric for a cost of \$6350. With all in favor, motion carried.
- The garage door was painted by Terry and Pat Spencer. It looks good.
- Clerk Henry gave an update on the upcoming November 5, 2024 election.
- All flowers and decorations must be out of the Nisula and Alston cemeteries by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Spencer will put the announcement on Facebook and email Clerk Henry to put on the website.

A motion was made by Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Trustee Juntunen to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

  
Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk