

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Supervisor Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. Present were Supervisor Patricia Spencer, Treasurer Nicole Krajnak, Trustee John Juntunen, Trustee Ryan McGahan, and Clerk Robin Henry.

The Minutes of the October 9, 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.

Petitions and Communications: There was one late bid received for snow plowing after the deadline. It was left unopened and filed with other bids.

Fire Department Report:

- No call-outs this month.
- Thermal imaging camera is permanently on loan to the Laird Fire Department.
- The new grant Clerk Henry and Deputy Clerk Smith will be applying for can include equipment.

Constable Report: The monthly liquor license inspection for the Church in the Valley was done. Constable Peterson also dealt with trash dumped on Hazel Road.

Recreation Committee Report:

- Trunk-or-Treat was a success with 10 cars and approximately 70 children participating.
- A Christmas party is being planned.
- The Rec. Committee is considering taking on the ice rink maintenance this year to earn funds. They will let the board know after their next meeting.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Fedie provided an update on Houghton County sales, assessed values, and CPI. Tax rates will be increasing by 3.1%.

Ambulance Committee Report: R. McGahan stated that offers will be made to four (4) paramedics. Also, after the January 1, 2025, Gary Wadaga will be the Director of Bay Ambulance and will not be going on runs.

Public Comment:

- County Commissioner R. Britz stated that Chelsea Rheault has been hired as the new Houghton County Administrator.
- Residents of Silver Mountain Road came to discuss how to get their road plowed this winter.

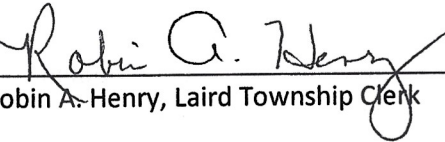
Old Business:

- Feral cats on Hulkkonen Road are still being live trapped by K-SNAG. There are still two (2) cats that have eluded capture. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer, seconded by Trustee Juntunen to give a \$400 donation to K-SNAG for taking on this project for our township. With all in favor, motion carried. That equates to \$10 per cat, as 40 cats have been caught so far.
- The scrap tire grant of 2024 has officially been closed. The final bill of \$948 for transporting tires has been paid.
- The Mike Jylha sign at the ball field was discussed. The old sign is not salvageable, so Supervisor Spencer and Treasurer Krajnak will look into replacement options.

New Business:

- There are new sick time laws taking effect in February of next year. Clerk Henry will provide more information as it becomes available.
- Thank you to Trustee McGahan for his service. Trustee Sarah Hiltunen will be taking his place on December 1st.

A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and seconded by Trustee Juntunen to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk