

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 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 Sarah Hiltunen, and Clerk Robin Henry.

The Minutes of the November 13, 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 Supervisor Spencer to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills. With all in favor, motion carried.

Petitions and Communications: A thank you was received from K-SNAG. They have now captured 41 cats on Hulkkonen Road, with only one still eluding them. They continue to try to live-trap the one remaining.

The CCISD sent their annual letter authorizing Laird Township to collect taxes for them. We send an annual invoice to them for this service.

Fire Department Report: There was one callout on December 5th with a power line down across the road.

Constable Report: The monthly liquor license inspection for the Church in the Valley was done. Constable Peterson also took a tree off of Hazel Road.

Recreation Committee Report:

- Christmas party is Sunday, December 15th from 3-5 p.m. There will be refreshments and each child will receive a gift. Santa will also make an appearance.
- The Recreation Committee is not interested in maintaining the ice rink this year.

Assessor's Report:

- The Board of Review did not meet, as there was no business to conduct.
- One board member needs training that is offered via Zoom. Assessor Fedie will gather the information so that the township can pay the fee.
- All board of review members will need to be sworn in for their next 2-year term.
- Audit information will be provided to Mary Smith to be posted on the website.
- There will be a new poverty exemption presented at the January 2025 meeting.

Public Comment:

- Condolences were given to the Peterson family. Elaine Peterson served on the Laird Township Board for twenty (20) years.
- A. Juntunen has taken a job that requires travel. P. Peterson will take over plowing the fire hall and recreation center until new bids can be obtained. Supervisor Spencer will handle the process of posting the bid spec sheet and M. Smith will post it on the website.
- C. Balderamma presented three (3) issues: 1) expressed concern that there are three full time families on his road who would like the township to help pay for snow plowing from the tax money generated, 2) he would like a member of the board to maintain a Facebook page rather than the Laird Township Happenings page that is maintained by a private citizen; 3) he is willing to purchase the copyright for the Centennial book currently held by Denise Vandeville for \$7500 if the board is not willing to purchase it for that amount.

- J. Ploskonka had a list of concerns including chain of custody for ballots at the end of elections, lack of maintenance on the township hall and ice rink, and that the bake sale at the Alston Craft Sale should benefit a local group.
- D. Vandeville expressed concern that board members are using the building without submitting payment.

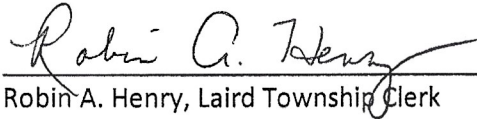
Old Business:

- The scrap tire grant of 2024 has officially been closed.
- The Mike Jylha sign at the ball field was discussed. Quotes are being gathered and should be available at the January 2025 meeting.

New Business:

- There was one bid for the ice rink maintenance. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen, supported by Supervisor Spencer, to accept the bid by Zachary Hulkonen for \$30/hour. With all in favor, motion carried.
- A grant application for a pumper/tanker for the fire department is due December 20, 2024. Clerk Henry and Deputy Clerk Smith will finish up the application and submit it before the deadline.

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 7:07 p.m.



Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk