

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2025

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 September 10, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer, supported 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: Chimney cleaning was done by the fire department.

Constable Report: Liquor inspection was done.

Transfer Station Report: There are some after hour drop offs. New security cameras will be ordered and installed.

Recreation Committee Report:

- Community bonfire event was successful.
- Trunk or Treat event will be held at the ice rink for Halloween.
- The new trimmer purchased with Copper Shores grant funds is here and is working.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Fedie's report was read into the minutes and is attached.

Public Comment:

- Sympathy to the families of Ken Hemmila and Norma Seppanen.
- W. Juntunen would like to put up a sign for Ed Tossava at the new ice rink.
- The baseball team from Mass City used our ball field and may use it next year if their field is not improved.
- The fence around the ballfield needs to be fixed. Constable Peterson and J. Ploskonka will take care of it. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer, supported by Trustee Juntunen to allow the materials for this project to be paid for by Laird Township. The labor will be donated. With all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

- Copper Shores Grant is still being discussed. TC Electric will do his best to get work done this fall. A press release will be coming.
- The DR Trimmer for the trails is here. M. Smith will take a photo for the website.
- The bleachers are painted. Thank you to Mark Miler for completing this project.
- Signs for the ballfield will be installed next spring.

New Business:

- Memorial at the old Laird School site – there was discussion regarding who should be maintaining it. The Board will look into how best to preserve this monument.
- The 2026 Finnish Heritage Committee will include our museum and St. Henry's Church on their 2026 map.
- Snowplowing Bid – There were two snowplowing bids submitted. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Juntunen, supported by Trustee Hiltunen, to award the bid to Jim Peterson. Paul Peterson will be a backup plow driver in case J. Peterson is unavailable. With all in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Spencer will get a copy of J. Peterson's insurance coverage.

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 6:57 p.m.


Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk

Assessor report:

- 1) Working with county on the 2025 sales report for the 2026 roll. Properties are still selling at a good clip and higher rate. Sales are still coming in quite high on vacant land and residential lands.
- 2) Working on prior year construction and field work to see where and how far progress is for this current year.

I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.