

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2025

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

The November 12, 2025, meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and seconded by Trustee Juntunen to approve the minutes. With all in favor, motion carried.

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

Petitions and Communications: Susan Shimp submitted a letter describing damage to her fencing when her road was repaired. Supervisor Spencer will reach out to D. Grentz with the Houghton County Road Commission to let him know and see what, if anything, can be done about this situation.

Fire Department Report:

- There were two calls in August: a power line down on S. Laird Road on November 3rd and medical assistance on November 15th.
- New tires were put on the pumper-tanker. If a newer truck is purchased, these tires can be used on the older pumper-tanker.

Constable Report:

- The monthly liquor license inspection for the Church in the Valley was done and license was mounted on the wall.
- Constable Peterson responded to a call from a local business asking that someone be asked to no longer patronize that business due to a potentially dangerous situation.

Transfer Station Report: New cameras are a bit temperamental but are working well overall.

Recreation Committee Report:

- J. Ploskonka has resigned from handling the ice rink maintenance this winter. Bids were discussed under New Business later in the meeting.
- The Recreation Committee was on the TV6 news to discuss the ice rink grant from Copper Shores.
- Nearly \$900 was made at the Craft Fair Bake Sale/Pie Social to be used on the Laird Township Christmas party that will be on December 20, 2025.
- J. Ploskonka has been working on a 5 year plan that will be submitted to the Recreation Committee at their next meeting and then submitted to the Township Board.

Assessor's Report:

- Consumer Price Index came out with a 2.7% rate of inflation, compared to 3.1% last year.
- Assessor Fedie provided millage numbers that will help in preparation of the 2026/2027 budget.

Public Comment: Houghton County Board member Roy Britz provided an update on the jail project. He also stated that all Houghton County Board meetings are available online on Microsoft Teams.

Old Business:

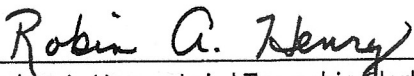
- The ice rink project that is grant funded through Copper Shores will begin in the spring, unless TC Electric is able to begin sooner.

- There is a year end report due to Copper Shores for the trimmer that was purchased for our trail system. Clerk Henry and Supervisor Spencer will get it submitted before the due date, which is December 31, 2025.

New Business:

- Two bids were submitted for the ice rink maintenance. A motion was made by Trustee Juntunen, seconded by Trustee Hiltunen, to award the bid to Joe Mantta at a rate of \$25 per hour. Treasurer Krajnak abstained, but with the majority in favor, motion carried.
- Waste Management's contract expires in March 2026. Their rates are increasing from \$615 per month to \$650 per month. A motion was made by Clerk Henry, supported by Treasurer Krajnak, to sign a new one-year contract that will go through March of 2027.
- Supervisor Spencer will advertise for bids to refinish the wood floors in the township hall.

A motion was made by Trustee Hiltunen, supported by Treasurer Krajnak to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk