

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2026

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

The April 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer, supported by Treasurer Krajnak, to accept the minutes. With all in favor, motion carried.

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

Clerk's Report: Results of the May 5, 2026 election were provided.

Petitions and Communications:

- Notice of upcoming hearing for UPPCO energy waste reduction costs.
- UP Fiber Metro Contract – Assessor Fedie will review this.

Constable Report: Church in the Valley Bar received their new liquor license.

Transfer Station Report: All is going well.

Recreation Committee Report:

- Clean up event at the Recreation Area on Saturday, May 16th with a bonfire to follow
- Weber grill was donated by Township Board.
- Northern Snowfliders snowmobile club donated \$2711.

Assessor's Report: A presentation by Baraga County on CFR land conversion is being held. Assessor Fedie will report back if it sounds as though it will be of interest.

Public Comment:

- A discussion was held on the topic of data center.
- Houghton County Commissioner R. Britz said the Houghton County Board voted not to sell Canal View.

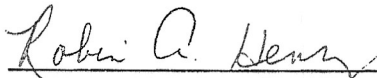
Old Business:

- Kitchen remodel status – we are waiting for installation of countertop and sink.
- When the kitchen is finished and Health Department signs off, Copper Shores can begin to use the kitchen for the Elder Nutrition Program.
- Both upstairs toilets have now been replaced.
- Fire hall roof has been repaired by DP Construction at a cost of \$17,600.

New Business:

- Community Fire Extinguisher Inspection is scheduled at the Fire Hall for June 20, 2026. Residents can bring their fire extinguishers to be checked at a cost of \$7.50 each. This event will be advertised on Facebook and the township website.
- Chloride Application for dust control is scheduled for mid June. Constable Peterson will ride along again this year to ensure all registered addresses receive chloride.
- Appointment of a new trustee to replace Trustee Hiltunen was tabled until the June 10, 2026 meeting.
- The July Regular board meeting date will be held on July 15, 2026 rather than July 8th.
- Ballfield needs bases set up and a new score board and numbers.
- Payton Hulkkonen resigned as custodian for the township hall, effective immediately. This position will be posted on Facebook and on the website, with letters of interest to be submitted at the June 10, 2026 regular board meeting.
- Trustee Hiltunen submitted her resignation as of June 30, 2026 and will be appointed Treasurer as of July 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Treasurer Krajnak and seconded by Trustee Hiltunen to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk