

Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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 Deputy Clerk Mary Smith.

The May 13, 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, the motion carried.

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

Clerk's Report: Election worker training will take place on June 22, 2026.

Fire Department Report:

- There was a call for a dying battery on a carbon monoxide detector.
- The fire department auxiliary will be ordering firefighter memorial markers and will manage placing them on the appropriate gravesites.

Constable Report:

- The liquor inspection was done at the Church in the Valley; their new license is posted.
- The intersection of Cemetery Road was torn up a bit; Constable Peterson checked the cemetery, and all was in order.
- There are trees by the ice rink that need to be taken down. Constable Peterson and K. Bialas will take them down and save the firewood for the ice rink.

Transfer Station Report:

- There were vehicles parking on the side of the road, narrowing the road and making access to the dumpster difficult. Supervisor Spencer knows the property owner and will discuss this concern with them.

Recreation Committee Report:

- The ice rink project is proceeding. There is a concern with the back corner of the rink being able to hold water. The committee will take a video of the concern and share it with the contractor so it can be addressed.
- There is a ball field/recreational area dedication ceremony planned for July 18.

Assessor's Report:

- Assessor Fedie will be attending training in Escanaba on June 11, 2026.
- Building permits are being reviewed.
- Kristen Kahler, the new assessor, has been hired and will be doing field work with Assessor Fedie.
- The L4029 is being worked on and will be ready for the next board meeting.

Ambulance Committee Report: No report.

Public Comment:

- Supervisor Spencer reported the Nisula cemetery will be mowed completely.
- Assessor Fedie shared how nice it was to see so much interest in the open Trustee position.
- M. Miller asked if the Nisula church would be available for use. The board responded it was not available as there is no water or working restrooms in the building.
- J. Ploskonka reported the monument is primed. Names are needed for the monument. If possible, the names will be placed on a panel and mounted to the monument. Otherwise, they will be painted.

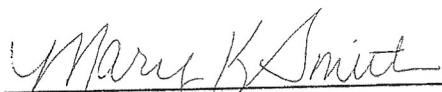
Old Business: The ballfield sign is mounted and has received a lot of attention and compliments. Another gallon of paint is needed for the stands and one for the fencing in front of the monument. J. Ploskonka was authorized to pick up the paint.

New Business:

- The fire extinguisher inspection date will need to be changed due to the technician being unavailable. Supervisor Spencer will work with him and pick a new date, possible July or August.
- On a motion by Supervisor Spencer, with support from Trustee Juntunen, the board accepted the resignation of Sarah Hiltunen as Township Trustee. With all in favor, the motion carried.
- Supervisor Spencer announced there were three people interested in serving as Laird Township Trustee: G. Sly, J. Grentz, and K. Hill. The appointment will go until the November election. On a motion by Treasurer Krajnak, with support from Trustee Juntunen, G. Sly was appointed as Trustee. With all in favor, the motion carried.
- The Township board received one letter of interest for the position of Custodian for Laird Township. On a motion by Supervisor Spencer, with support from Trustee Juntunen, K. Bialas was chosen for the job. With all in favor, motion carried.
- P. Peterson will ride along during the chloride application.

Adjournment: On a motion by Trustee Hiltunen, with support from Treasurer Krajnak, the meeting was adjourned at 7 pm. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Note: After adjournment, Supervisor Spencer thanked Treasurer Krajnak for her many years of service to the Township.



Mary K. Smith, Laird Township Deputy Clerk