Laird Township Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2026

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

The August 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer, supported by Treasurer Hiltunen, to accept the minutes. 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.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Henry provided updates on the November Election and discussed audit results and current status of the F-65 Annual Report. There will also be a meeting with the Decker Insurance Agency, who will be replacing Hannula Insurance Agency after Mark and Scott Hannula retire.

Fire Department Report:

- Chimney cleaning will be September 19, 2026 for the elderly and disabled members of our township.
- A grant is available for fire equipment. Clerk Henry and Deputy Clerk Smith will complete and submit the grant if the Fire Department provides equipment descriptions and quotes.

Constable Report: Church in the Valley Bar liquor license was inspected. There was one incident on Heikkila Road that Constable Peterson dealt with as a Peace Officer.

Transfer Station Report: J. Brooks discussed moving dumpster back away from the edge of the hill, as it continues to be a problem. Supervisor Spencer will talk to Waste Management to have this taken care of. There is also a washout at the end of the road. Supervisor Spencer will talk to Dustin at the Houghton County Road Commission to ensure this is taken care of.

Assessor Report – Assessor Fedie discussed new construction and the fact that small buildings/sheds on skids are still taxable. K. Kahler, who is now helping with assessments, is doing very well and catching on very quickly.

Public Comment:

- County Commissioner Roy Britz gave an update on the millage for the jail proposal that will be on the November ballot, and said Sheriff Saaranen will be doing presentations and we can have one in Laird Township if residents are interested.

- Ryan McGahan spoke about a non-profit program that is providing opportunities for hunting and fishing for disabled veterans. He will be promoting and fundraising for this cause.

Recreation Committee Report:

- Trunk-or-Treat is being planned.
- There will be bonfire when the warming shack is done.
- Trail work will continue in October.
- Next meeting of the Recreation Committee meeting is Monday, September 14th.

New Business:

- Plowing bids will be due at the October 14, 2026 meeting. Supervisor Spencer will make sure the Ad gets into the Sentinel, on the website, and on the Laird Happenings Facebook page.
- Tractor Races will be held on October 3, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Clerk Henry is working on the insurance and permit to close Hoover Road.

A motion was made by Supervisor Spencer and seconded by Treasurer Hiltunen to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Robin A. Henry

Robin A. Henry, Laird Township Clerk