

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Erickson, Junot, Koskiniemi, Lanctot and Zei.

Absent: Harju.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Melissa Davis, Kurt Hauglie, Ken Marshall, Edward Sever, and Edward Vertin.

The meeting was called to order in the Village Council Chambers by President Bausano at 5:30PM.

The **Public Hearing** for the proposed USDA Rural Development grant for a new police vehicle was held. The floor was opened for public input and discussion. No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Koskiniemi and seconded by Zei to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Junot to approve the **minutes** of the March 18, 2008 regular council meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Koskiniemi to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$51,482.59 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$33,141.33. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

Ken Marshall from WUPPDR gave a presentation on mapping software that can be used for tax purposes. The village will have access to this program through the internet at no cost. Calumet Township will handle updates of the information.

Melissa Davis from New Power Tour gave a presentation on renewable energy.

There is a **vacancy** on the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Committee. Anyone interested can follow the procedures to apply.

The **UP Managers Conference** will be held in the Calumet/Laurium area May 8th & 9th. Village Administrator Vertin will attend.

On April 17th at 5:30PM, Caroline Kennedy of the Michigan Municipal League will hold a **training session** for elected officials at Calumet Village.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: No money has been received yet for the mite tournament. The interior of the arena needs to be painted. There is no longer a juvenile program to help with this project.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: Some members of the department were involved with the Pigs-n-Heat hockey game. The Girl Scouts had a tour of the fire hall.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: Since the snow is late in melting, the spring jobs have been delayed.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The deadline for the demolition of the building and removal of debris from 240 Hecla Street has passed. Since Tim Lyons, the property owner, has not completely knocked down the building yet, the village attorney will be consulted. His recommendation as to how to proceed will be followed. Also, the village attorney will address the grass ordinance and more information will be available at the May meeting.

Unfinished Business: A motion was made by Koskiniemi and seconded by Zei to approve the **resolution** for the Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns grant. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Junot, Koskiniemi and Zei. No – Lanctot. Carried 5-1. The application process is going well and many letters of support have been received. There is still a water drainage problem at 534 **Isle Royale Street**. The matter was referred to Eric Waara at UP Engineers and Architects for warranty work.

New Business: A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to change the 457B **deferred compensation plan** from Donahue Securities to River Valley State Bank/Hartford Group. Carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gokus, Clerk
Village of Laurium