

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Bonenfant, Fish, Junot, Landolt, and Miller.

Absent: Harju

Guests: Al Anderson, Paul Baroni, Bill Bourland, Jeff Cde, Doug Cooper, Kurt Haugie, Kyle Qa, David Mukavetz, Marty Rajala, Edward Sever, Rob Tervo, Edward Vertin, Steve Wilkes, and Dan Weingarten.

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers by President Bausano at 5:30PM

Public Hearing on USDA Rural Development police vehicle grant: The original application had a purchase price of \$30,844 with the grant amount being \$7711. This has been modified changing the grant amount to \$15,000.

A motion was made by Landolt and seconded by Junot to approve the **agenda** with the addition of the fire pump purchase under New Business and the approval of the Statutory meeting minutes. Carried 6-0.

Minutes

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2014 **regular** council meeting. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fish to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2014 **statutory** meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Landolt to approve the **prepaid bills** for March-April 2014 in the amount of \$81,150.52 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$39,354.45. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

Al Anderson of MDOT gave a presentation about the M26 paving project and sidewalk improvements from last year along M26 from Isle Royale Street to Calumet Street. Steve Wilkes of the Michigan Concrete Association presented the village an **award** for the M26 Gravid pavement.

Bill Bourland, who is heading a group interested in reopening a senior citizens center, was directed by the council to make a formal offer for the senior citizen building to the village's rector.

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Junot to accept the resignation of Susan Schumacher as a commissioner on the **Laurium Housing Commission**.

Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Bonerfant and seconded by Landt to appoint Thomas Surost to this vacant commissioner position. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: Village Administrator Vertin will continue to work with State Representative Scott Danda to get more snow funding money for Laurium.

Parks/ Recreation/ Community Relations: Information for a new sign at the George Gopp Arena will be discussed at the May meeting. The new website should be up and running this week.

Public Safety – Police: A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Bonerfant to purchase two new Dell computers for the police department in the amount of \$1200.92. Carried 6-0.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Street/ Equipment/ Sanitation: No report.

Property/ Building Ordinance: No report.

New Business

A motion was made by Landt and seconded by Junct to support the renewal of the Houghton County road **millage** which will be on the August ballot. Carried 6-0. This millage will be for 10 years, 1.3 mills, some of which the village will get back.

A motion was made by Bonerfant and seconded by Landt to purchase a more efficient **pump** for the fire department in the amount of \$1279. This pump will be used to aid village residents who experience basement flooding due to the spring thaw and as the result of fighting a fire. Carried 6-0.

Announcement

President Bausano read an anonymous letter he received which stated that since spring is almost here, the village needs to make residents aware of the **ordinance** regarding dog earning up after their pets on village sidewalks.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gdus, Clerk

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