

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Jeff Erickson, Robert Erickson, Junot, Lanctot and Miller.

Absent: Hodges.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Jeff Kalcich, Sharon Turovaara, Edward Vertin and Dan Zubiena.

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

A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Junot to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **minutes** of the March 21, 2017 regular council meeting and the minutes of the April 10, 2017 Statutory meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for March/April 2017 \$119,064.29 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$15,595.53. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Junot to approve the agreement with **Houghton County Equalization Department** for the preparation of tax bills for the next three years. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Jeff Erickson to approve the **MDOT Performance Resolution** regarding liability exposure to the State of Michigan. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The CHS Softball team will be using Gipp 1 for games starting next week. Counts have been done in all of the buildings for LED light replacements as part of the 2017 UPPCo incentives for municipalities to receive a 40% bonus. A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Lanctot for Jeff Erickson to submit the application to **United Efficiency** for this program. Carried 6-0.

Public Safety – Police: The Rural Development Grant has not been funded locally so a new vehicle has not been ordered.

Public Safety – Fire: The department had an assist to Calumet Township for a structure fire and a call for a possible electrical wire down.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to approve ordering Village of Laurium **label decals** for DPW vehicles from Designotype Printers for \$380.00. Carried 6-0. The following DPW equipment will be posted on a Wisconsin

auction site: 2000 Volvo garbage truck, 1988 Ford garbage truck, 2000 International dump truck, 1999 bucket truck, 1985 Caterpillar grader and 1981 dump truck. The Village of Lake Linden may be interested in renting/purchasing one of the garbage trucks so one of these vehicles may not be sold at the auction. A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Junot to accept the **bid** from B&B Contracting for the 1985 Caterpillar grader for \$25,000 and not list it for sale at the auction. Carried 6-0. The new SnoGo attachment came with about \$5000 in miscellaneous parts. Items, in order of priority, still needed for the DPW are a loader for use with the SnoGo attachment, bucket truck and paint sprayer. A second door exclusively for the garbage truck at the DPW garage is being researched and more information will be available at the May meeting.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

New Business

A schedule for planning for equipment purchases based on the five year term of the 2017 millage was presented. A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Junot to proceed to have bond attorney Miller Canfield draft documentation for **bonding** for future equipment purchases based on the principal of \$153,000.00 and ask USDA Rural Development for \$146,550, which are the bond proceeds after fees. Carried 6-0.

The main **arena roof** needs to be removed and replaced. Specifications include a white roof, 24 gauge metal with fasteners exposed, eave & gable trims, 50 year warranty and the material from a company called Metal Sales. The structural integrity of the building seems to be intact and the bowing of the walls was likely caused by the weight of the snow on the roof. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to request bids for this roof job based on the above specifications. Carried 6-0.

A discussion was held regarding existing policy and procedure for spending and what changes need to be made for the future. Dollar limits and council approval were two of the topics addressed. Lanctot will take suggestions and present his findings for future purchasing guidelines at the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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