

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2009

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Bonenfant, Erickson, Harju, Junot, Lanctot and Miller.

Absent: None.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Kurt Hauglie, Edward Sever, Edward Vertin, and Daniel Zubiena.

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

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **agenda** with the addition of the Par Plan review under Unfinished Business. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Harju to approve the **minutes** of the July 21, 2009 regular council meeting. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$42,596.20 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of 32,887.15. Carried 7-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: The audit report was distributed to the council. The auditor recommends that the council review the Income Statements, Balance Sheets and Budgets at least three times per year. All of the financials are ready through July 2009.

Recreation/Parks/Community Service: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Public Safety – Police: The committee is still working with the department on changing the time sheets and shifts.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The grader had to be sent out for repairs to FABCO Equipment. There will be a large bill to fix the brakes.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

Unfinished Business

The estimate for cable hookup at the DPW garage from **Charter Communications** was \$3500. Instead of spending that much money, Village Administrator Vertin is to check with Houghton County about getting a NOAA radio for weather reports.

The **wind power ordinance** will be sent to the village attorney as is for his opinion.

The **par plan insurance** semi annual premium is due on September 1st. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Miller to make the following changes to the policy: add the salt shed at 90% of \$115,000; due to the addition of several machines for making repairs in the DPW garage, increase the coverage on contents in the building to \$75,000; and, increase the 1986 American LaFrance aerial fire truck to \$180,000. Carried 7-0.

New Business

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Harju to approve the **loan resolution** from USDA Rural Development for a \$726,000 loan for the water project on First, Amygdaloid and Fulton Streets and Fifth Street from Tamarack to Isle Royale Street. Carried 7-0. A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Erickson to approve the **bond resolution** for the water project which includes previously spent expenses. Carried 7-0. All of the paperwork should be done by the end of the year with construction starting in 2010.

Two interviews were conducted for the **accounts clerk position** today. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to set the starting wage at \$11.35/hr for 20 hours/week with no benefits except holiday, sick and vacation time. Carried 7-0. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to have Vertin offer the position to the individual the committee recommends and if necessary, work down the list until the position is filled. Carried 7-0.

At 6:20PM, a motion was made by Harju and seconded by Erickson to go into executive session to discuss **DPW union negotiations**. Carried 7-0.

At 6:34PM, the meeting returned to regular session.

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Bonenfant, Erickson, Harju, Junot, Lanctot and Miller.

Absent: None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
Village of Laurium