

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 21, 2012

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Fish, Harju, Junot, Lanctot, Miller and Ninko.

Guests: Jeff Cole, Barbara Flanigan, Ronald Gipp, Jon Koskiniemi, Robert Kyllonen, Edward Sever, and Edward Vertin.

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

Public Comment: Barbara Flanigan expressed her disappointment that the period lighting will not be installed next year on Hecla Street. The council indicated that since UPPCO did not provide enough notice or alternatives, their hands were tied in the matter. Ronald Gipp complained about the unsanitary conditions of a neighbor's dogs, towing issues, and pictures he donated to the village that have not been properly displayed.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Ninko to approve the **agenda** with the addition of towing under New Business. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in amount of \$102,670.94 and the **prepaid bills** for July and August in the amount of \$85,170.60. Carried 7-0.

Communications to the Council

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Ninko to authorize Village Administrator Vertin to sign the MDOT M-26 project **detour** routes for next year's work. Carried 7-0. Harju also suggested Vertin inquire about MDOT having additional insurance while the detours are in place. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Ninko to approve the MDOT M-26 project **maintenance agreement** which states that MDOT will cover 67% of the surface maintenance and the village 33% for the historical streetscape project. Carried 7-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: The audit reports were handed out to the council.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: No report.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: Another meeting will be held tomorrow, August 22, 2012 to continue exploring the creation of a new fire authority for the villages and township.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

Unfinished Business

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Ninko to approve the ballot wording for the **fire millage renewal** as presented for the November 6, 2012 election. Carried 7-0. Copies of ordinances from Houghton and Hancock along with a draft of an **ordinance** for Laurium were presented for review regarding dog waste. The matter was tabled until the September meeting. By that time, the committee will decide on the locations of disposal sites and bags, the village attorney and police chief will be consulted on the wording of the ordinance and also whether or not to expand the scope of the ordinance to include unsanitary conditions of dog waste in residential yards.

New Business

The two push **lawn mowers** that the DPW currently use will need to be replaced soon. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Ninko to purchase a new John Deere commercial mower from LeBlanc Sales & Service for \$7288.05, which is the state purchasing plan price. Carried 7-0. Lanctot suggested that decisions about who does the **towing** for violators of the winter parking ban be decided by the police department and the police committee. The council does not need to be involved with the process.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
Village of Laurium