

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Erickson, Fish, Lanctot and Miller.

Absent: Harju and Junot.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Joe Caron, Kurt Hauglie, Jeff Kalcich, and Edward Vertin.

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

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Fish to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Miller to approve the **minutes** of the July 19, 2016 regular council meeting. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$69,179.38 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$44,765.79. Carried 5-0.

Communications to the Council

Joe Caron approached the council regarding the condition of **Old Colony Road** from Amygdaloid Street to North Florida Street. It is filled with potholes and dangerous to pedestrians and vehicles. The Streets/Equipment/Sanitation committee, President Bausano, DPW Group Leader Kalcich and Village Administrator Vertin will meet to discuss the possibility of making the road all gravel on this stretch.

A bid of \$1000 was received from Tony Abe for the **1988 Ford Garbage truck**. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to reject this bid.

Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital will be having its annual "**Light the Night Fun Run/Walk**" in the village on Saturday, September 17th. They are asking the village to become a sponsor of this activity. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Fish that while this is a good event and has the village's support, the village will not make a monetary sponsorship. Carried 5-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: The annual audit has been completed and as of today, filed with the State of Michigan.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: No report.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The banquet room roof at the Irish Times was knocked down yesterday at the village's expense to meet the order of demolition as set in the Unsafe Building Ordinance. There is a temporary wall in the front of the building. A public hearing will be held at the September regular council meeting to address the demolition and removal of the rest of the building, which was also part of the order in the ordinance.

Unfinished Business

Erickson reviewed the **village equipment** and its condition. Both of the graders should be replaced; the bucket truck can be used but has hydraulic issues; both of the SnoGos need to be replaced; the dump trucks are starting to be expensive to maintain; the 2000 loader has a lot of hours on it; the 1998 pickup has many miles; the paint sprayer is not easy to use and should be upgraded. The sweeper and sander are still in good condition. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Erickson to have the committee get the opinion of an Equipment Broker as to the value of the Ford and Load-All garbage trucks, and the 1981 and 2000 International dump trucks, since they are not in use at this time. Carried 5-0. No decisions will be made regarding the buying or selling of vehicles until after the November election millage request results are known.

New Business

Houghton County has a grader that it will be selling later this year. The millage and Equipment Broker results will determine if a grader will be purchased or sold.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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