

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 15, 2017

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

Absent: Jeff Erickson and Junot.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Charles Dlubala, Debbie Dlubala, Jeff Kalcich, Sharon Turovaara and Edward Vertin.

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

A **public hearing** was held regarding the proposed chicken ordinance. Most in attendance were not in favor of allowing any chickens, roosters or water fowl in the village. The police indicated they have several calls a week over these animals and would like to see an ordinance in place.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **agenda** with the addition of the USDA Rural Development Loan Resolution under Communications to the Council. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Robert Erickson and seconded by Miller to approve the **minutes** of the July 18, 2017 regular council meeting as presented. Yes – Bausano, Robert Erickson, Hodges and Miller. Abstain – Lanctot. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for July/August 2017 in the amount of \$58,223.49 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$22,343.90. Carried 5-0.

Communications to the Council

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Robert Erickson to approve the **loan resolution** requesting a \$153,000 bond issuance from Rural Development for the 2017 DPW Equipment. Carried 5-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: The annual audit has been completed.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: Work continues on the arena roof following a slight delay due to the wrong kind of screws being ordered.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: The department was called to a garage fire on Florida Street last month.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

Unfinished Business

Jeff Erickson was not present to report on the progress of the **sidewalk replacement** program or the **LED light replacements**.

The new police vehicle is scheduled to arrive next week. The old **police car** has been listed for sale on Craig's List for a minimum bid of \$14,000, with bids due on August 28th.

New Business

The **water main** by the Gipp Memorial has the neighbor's garage sitting on top of it. Village Administrator recommended moving the water main to the north of the park, hooking up to the line with the fire hydrant and abandoning the old line to Lake Linden Avenue. This old line is not deep enough and has had freezing issues. Michigan-American Water Company was consulted and is on board with this plan. A bid to do the work was received from B&B Contracting for \$13,900. Hodges would like to see another bid for this job. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Hodges to have DPW Group Leader Jeff Kalcich review the scope of work necessary for this project and see if the DPW could handle it. If so, they will do the work. If not, bids will be obtained for a contractor. Carried 5-0. Money will come from the Water Fund.

Last month Kalcich and village mechanic Jerry Simpkins inspected a 2008 JCB **loader** that will meet the village's needs for the Sno-go attachment and is in good condition. A motion was made by Hodges and seconded by Robert Erickson to approve the purchase of the 2008 JCB loader for \$80,000 pending the bond money approval. Carried 5-0.

A draft of a **Chicken Ordinance** from the village attorney was presented to the council. Noise, smell, close proximity to neighbors and attracting other vermin were reasons discussed for not allowing chickens in the village. Fresh eggs and meat were reasons for allowing them. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lanctot to not allow chickens, roosters or water fowl in the village and have the village attorney revise the draft of the ordinance with language to this effect. Carried 5-0.

Village President asked that a card and flowers be sent the family of Larry Harju, former councilman, for his funeral.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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