

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Bonenfant, Harju, Junot, Lanctot (5:37PM), and Miller.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Kurt Hauglie, Steve Helminen, Edward Sever, Ben Steber, 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 Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Junot to approve the **minutes** of the November 10, 2009 regular council meeting. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$59,902.17 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$41,587.69. Carried 5-0.

Communications to the Council

Miller's Recreation requested a change in their Class C **liquor license** due to the death of owner William Miller. Due to conflicts of interest, Trustee Miller and Village Administrator Vertin excused themselves from the room. Police Chief Baroni did background checks and has approved the request. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the requested changes to Miller Recreation's Class C liquor license. Carried 4-0.

A recent article in the Daily Mining Gazette described the miscounting of the **census** due to residents going to another state for the winter months. The census states that residents declare their residence on April 1st, even though most of the year they may reside in a different state. This misrepresentation may be costing Laurium a significant amount of money since there are several "Snow Birds" that may not be counted in the census. An article will appear in the Gazette and/or some other form of communication will be written to try to reach the attention of the Snow Birds to fill out the census form indicating their main residence is in Laurium.

Committee Reports

Finance: State shared revenues have gone down \$22,598 since November 2008. This trend is expected to continue and will seriously affect the village.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The new engine for the Zamboni will be installed tomorrow.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Public Safety – Police: The Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home donated a camera to the department.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The village applied to the 2011 Small Urban Program for roadwork on Osceola and Third Streets but was not chosen.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
Village of Laurium