

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 18, 2012

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

**Guests:** Bill Baxandall, Robert Kyllonen, William Leder, Daniel Mukavetz, Edward Sever, Edward Vertin, Eric Waara, 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 Junot and seconded by Fish to approve the **agenda** with the addition of an audit review under New Business. Carried 7-0.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the minutes of the **November 13, 2012** regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Bonenfant, Fish, Harju, Junot and Miller. Abstain – Lanctot. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Junot to approve the minutes of the **December 11, 2012** special meeting. Yes – Bausano, Bonenfant, Fish, Harju, Junot and Miller. Abstain – Lanctot. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve the **prepaid bills** for November-December 2012 in the amount of \$313,350.92 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$41,378.46. Carried 7-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

William Leder and Bill Baxandall from MTU's Civil Engineering Department were present to discuss the **Complete Streets** project. This project is done by MTU civil engineering students to gain practical experience. They will evaluate the village streets and sidewalks as they pertain to usage by motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. There is no cost to the village for this study and written reports will be made. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Fish to authorize the MTU students to perform this study. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Lanctot to authorize President Bausano to sign the **loan resolution** for next year's water project. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Junot to publish the **Notice of Intent** for the village to issue bonds to USDA Rural Development for next year's water project. Carried 7-0.

Due to the low interest rates and lower paving costs associated with a contractor already being in town for the M-26 project, a motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to begin the **loan paperwork** with USDA-RD for paving additional village streets next year. Carried 7-0.

## **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** Miller considered the holiday party a success.

**Public Safety – Police:** No report.

**Public Safety – Fire:** Three new non-compensated subs will be added to the department's roster at the end of March after they complete the fire school which will begin January 2, 2013. Another meeting regarding the consolidation of local fire departments will be held in January.

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** No report.

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** The current Keweenaw Kids Company building owned by BHK on Hecla Street will be for sale at the end of the year.

## **New Business**

A discussion was led by Fish regarding the **audit comments** from the 2011-2012 audit. The matter was tabled until the January meeting when Jackie Aalto, CPA, the village auditor, will be invited to the meeting.

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Bonenfant to opt out of **PA 152** for EVIP funding. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the village share of \$1800 for turnout gear for the fire department. The other \$1800 will come from a **DNR grant**. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to appoint Bonenfant to the Public Safety - Fire and Streets/Equipment/Sanitation **committees**. Carried 7-0.

At 6:13PM, a motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to enter into **executive session** to discuss police union negotiations. Carried 7-0.

At 6:30PM, the meeting returned to regular session.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:31PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk  
Village of Laurium