

Village of Laurium

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

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

Absent: Harju.

Guests: Grace Ala, Scott Bowman, Antonia Burich, June Burich, Bruce Carlson, Cheryl Carlson, Lori, DeBeaubien, Debbie Dlubala, Paul Eisenman, Barbara Flanigan, Bob Foley, Audrey Johnson, Bruce Joosten, Jeff Kalcich, Chris Koskiniemi, Robert Kyllonen, Ed LaBonte, Erik Lee, Bill Mikko, Pat O'Connell, Tom Renier, Jerry Tuovila, Pat Touvila, Sharon Turovaara, Gunnard Weijola, Gordy Wetelainen, Edward Vertin and Peter Vorhes.

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

A **public hearing** was held regarding the current garbage ordinance and some proposed changes. Many residents were not in favor of a mandated village cart because of the size and cost. The majority felt there was not enough communication from the village to the residents on containers to be used and restrictions on the weight and size. A newsletter with details on containers and restrictions will be written and sent to village residents in the near future.

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the minutes of the **November 17, 2015** regular council meeting. Carried 5-0. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the minutes of the **November 24, 2015** special council meeting. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Fish to approve the **prepaid bills** for November-December 2015 in the amount of \$254,536.04 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$25,718.38. Carried 5-0.

Communications to the Council

A letter was received from **MSHDA** regarding the property at 100 North Pewabic Street. Preliminary approval for the \$110,920.00 grant has been given pending certain conditions are met by the end of the month.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The Christmas party had a respectable turnout.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: The department would like to use their monthly stipends to purchase new dress uniforms.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: Areas have been identified that, if necessary, snow could be blown in the right of ways. The new pickup truck has been ordered and an appraisal was done on the old truck.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

New Business

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Junot to opt out of **PA152**. This is necessary to meet the requirements for EVIP and the village's state shared revenue. Carried 5-0.

At 6:32PM, a motion was made by Junot and seconded by Fish to enter into **executive session** to discuss union negotiation updates. Carried 5-0.

The meeting returned to regular session at 6:35PM.

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

Absent: Harju and Miller.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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