

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Bonerfant, Fish, Harju, Junot and Miller.

Absent: Landt.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Bill Borland, Jeff Cole, Barbara Flanagan, Chris Gopp, Kristen Gopp, Ron Gopp, Greg Kingstrom, Jon Koskiriemi, Daniel Mukavetz, Beth Mill, Michael Rastelq, Edward Sever and Paul Volker.

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

A motion was made by Bonerfant and seconded by Junot to add Bill Borland to the **agenda** under communications to discuss a proposal for a community center in Laurium. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Junot to add Ron Gopp to the agenda under communications to discuss a safety issue. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonerfant to approve the agenda with the previous additions. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Harju to approve the **minutes** of the January 21, 2014 regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Bonerfant, Fish, Harju and Miller. Abstain – Junot. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonerfant to approve the **merchandise accounts** for February in the amount of \$43,670.80 and approve payment of the **prepaid bills** for January-February 2014 in the amount of \$84,109.07. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

Bill Borland gave a presentation on a proposal for the Laurium Senior Center to become a **community center**. The facility would mainly be used by senior citizens and hand capped residents as a venue for activities, education, and wellness. Funding would come from grants, churches and fundraising in addition to other agencies utilizing the center. The Property/Building Ordinance committee will meet with Mr. Borland to further discuss this proposal to see if it would be viable for the village to sell, rent or turnover the Seniors' Center for this use.

Ron Gopp addressed the council on an accident on South Pewabic Street involving a bus and a child. Alenghy discussed took place regarding the safety of the village streets. Streets/Equipment/Sanitation committee will meet with the department heads to address these issues. A motion was made by Fish to change the DPW working hours from 4AM to Noon to 3AM to 11AM M-F and OT as needed. The motion died from lack

of support. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonerfant to make a donation to support bringing "The Moving Wall" to our area this summer. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/ Parks/ Community Relations: The annual nitetournament will be held this weekend at the George Gopp Arena.

Public Safety – Police: A grant will be submitted next month for a new police vehicle. The village share will be 20-25%. After trading in the cost to the village should be about \$10,000. Village Administrator Vertin has a cell phone that is now in use. President Bausano's phone number will be listed on the website and complaints can go through him. A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Miller to adopt a no cell phone or hand held communication devices usage **policy** compliant with the federal vehicle code for village employees while using village CMVs unless authorized or the vehicles are early parked. Hands free devices can be used. Police and fire are exempt. Carried 6-0. As a safety measure, snow being pushed onto the streets beyond the allowable amounts need to be enforced. A motion was made by Fish to have a 20mph maximum speed limit for village snow removal equipment. Fish withdrew the motion since there was no support and suggested that all village snow removal equipment must follow speed limits and traffic signs.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Street/ Equipment/ Sanitation: Safety issues and snow contracts will be addressed at a committee meeting.

Property Building Ordinance: Since the current village **website** is outdated and difficult to update, a motion was made by Miller and seconded by Bonerfant to get estimates from web designers to improve the village website. Carried 6-0.

New Business

Fish will talk to Steve Dubala at Michigan-American Water Company to find out their policy on running water when pipes freeze.

A motion was made by Bonerfant and seconded by Junot to hold the **Public Hearing/ Special meeting** for the budgets on Thursday, February 27, 2014. The public hearing will be held at 5:15PM followed by the special meeting at 5:30PM. Carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia McGlus, Clerk

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