

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2016

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

Guests: Paul Baroni, Zach Fredin, Jeff Kalcich 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 Fish and seconded by Junot to approve the agenda as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Harju to approve the **minutes** of the January 19, 2016 regular council meeting. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve the **prepaid bills** for January/February 2016 in the amount of \$86,349.48 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$18,892.54. Carried 7-0.

Communications to the Council

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **MHSDA grant** paperwork to allow President Bausano to sign the grant agreements, designate a public relations coordinator and handle requests for information regarding events, and authorize President Bausano and Village Administrator Vertin as the authorized signers on forms. Carried 7-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: Village Administrator Vertin is working on the budgets and will make them all available for review when they are completed. There will be no increase from the state in the statutory revenue sharing again this year.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The annual mite tournament will be held February 19-21 at the George Gipp Arena. 12 teams are expected to participate. A draft of a newsletter for village residents was distributed for all to review.

Public Safety – Police: Calumet Village is interested in sharing police services. The committee will meet with Chief Baroni to discuss.

Public Safety – Fire: Shane Johnson has been added as a part time firefighter to the department.

Streets/Sanitation/Equipment: The streets are being cut for the second time now. A SnoGo went down today and parts need to be found to repair it. Calumet Village would also like to share garbage service on Wednesdays. The committee will review.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The County building inspector and a structural engineer made an onsite inspection of the collapsed roof in the Irish Times banquet room last week. Their

report has not been received yet but the restaurant is open for business. The State's lease for their radio shop in the village hall is being reviewed.

Unfinished Business

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the **garbage ordinance**. A motion was made by Erickson but unsupported due to confusion over the wording. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Lanctot that the language for the garbage ordinance needs to be clarified and concisely presented at the budget hearing/special meeting so that the council can vote on it. Carried 7-0.

New Business

Since the village has not been able to make a monthly transfer from the Public Improvement Fund in several years and the state shared revenues are not likely to increase, perhaps a **millage** should be sought at the November general election to purchase equipment. More information will be available at the March meeting.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Harju to hold the **budget hearing** on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 5:00PM to take public comment on the budgets. A **special meeting** will follow at 5:15PM to amend the 2015-16 budgets and approve the 2016-17 budgets. Carried 7-0.

For the next meeting, Fish would like to have public comment added to the agenda.

At 6:23PM, a motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Junot to enter into **executive session** to discuss police and DPW union negotiations.

At 6:38PM, the meeting returned to regular session.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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