

Village of Laurium

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Jeff Erickson, Robert Erickson, Hodges, Junot, Lanctot and Miller.

Absent: None.

Guests: Antonia Burich, June Burich, Graham Jaehrig, Jeff Kalcich, Amanda Kesti, Robert Kyllonen, Erik Lee, Jean Oikarinen, Roger Reiter, Alicia Roundtree, Ben Schuckert, 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 Miller to approve the **agenda** with the addition of a letter of resignation from Trevor Hodges under Communications to the Council and to change the meeting date to February 20, 2018. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to approve the **minutes** of the January 16, 2018 regular council meeting as presented. Yes – Bausano, Robert Erickson, Junot, Lanctot and Miller. Abstain – Jeff Erickson and Hodges. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Jeff Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** for January/February 2018 in the amount of \$336,882.73 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$36,597.90. Carried 7-0.

Communications to the Council

Alicia Roundtree was present to ask the council if she can move her medical marijuana dispensary, The Zen Garden, from Calumet to Laurium. The council felt that due to the government uncertainty regarding these businesses and the fact that Laurium is an older, residential village; the council does not want to opt in to allow a medical marijuana dispensary.

Roger Reiter and Amanda Kesti recently purchased the Irish Times restaurant. They are planning to open Matador on Mother's Day in May. Cleanup of the property will be taking place soon. A bin will be on the sidewalk blocking foot traffic and will be coordinated with the DPW. The question of whether or not the village had to approve the liquor license was asked. Village Administrator Vertin will look into that matter. The council welcomed them to Laurium and wished them well in their new endeavor.

Mark Harrick of Waste Management was not present to discuss the contract for **streamline recycling**. The new garage door in the village hall garage has been installed. Miller explained that the contract with Waste Management will be for a one year trial period with an initial startup fee of \$105.00. Every time the 30 yd. bin is emptied, the charge will be based on weight, with the cost not to exceed \$375. Turnaround time to get a new bin should be half a day. The cost for recycling will be \$3.00/carload. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Jeff Erickson to approve this contract with Waste Management and the cost to recycle. Carried 7-0.

Trustee Trevor Hodges submitted a letter of resignation from the council. Effective February 28, 2018, he will be moving from the village and no longer eligible to serve. The council thanked him for his contributions since November, 2016.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The annual Mite Tournament was held at the George Gipp Arena last weekend. It was well attended and ran smoothly. Keweenaw Little League will be hosting the 10U minor league districts in mid-July. Gipp 1 & 2 as well as the George Gipp Arena will be used for this event. Meijer Corp is a sponsor and will be assisting with the cost of field prep for the districts statewide. Efficiency United will be on site the week of March 5th to do a walk through pre inspection for LED replacements in the village.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: There were two fire calls in January. The first was an arcing power line and the second a home with a furnace issue.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The 1997 Galion grader has a bad center pin. It can be used and get us through the winter. Repair costs would be \$10,000-\$15,000. There is a 2010 grader in Three Lakes WI for \$65,000. The dealer said he would give the village \$45,000 now for a trade in of the old grader and the bucket truck. If we fix it now, we can probably get another 5-6 years use but the trade in value would be only about \$5000. A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Hodges to authorize DPW mechanic Jerry Simpkins and Group Leader Jeff Kalcich to go to Three Lakes to evaluate the 2010 grader. Carried 7-0. Jeff Erickson thought that the surplus from the snow contracts, specifically Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital, should be put into the Public Improvement Fund each year and not remain in the General Fund. Village Administrator Vertin will review the impact this will have on these funds and report his findings at the March meeting.

Property/Buildings/Ordinance: No report.

New Business

A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Miller to hold the **budget hearing** on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 5:00PM. A special meeting will follow at 5:10PM to amend the 2017-18 budgets and approve the 2018-19 budgets. Carried 7-0.

At 6:03PM, a motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Jeff Erickson to enter into **executive session** to discuss DPW union negotiations. Carried 7-0.

The meeting returned to regular session at 6:25PM.

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Jeff Erickson, Robert Erickson, Hodges, Junot, Lanctot and Miller.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Golus, Clerk