

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 15, 2013

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

**Absent:** Harju, Junot, and Lanctot.

**Guests:** Jeff Cole, Robert Kyllonen, Edward Sever, Edward Vertin 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 Miller and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Miller to approve the **minutes** of the December 18, 2012 regular council meeting. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fish to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$67,836.15 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$19,781.10. Carried 4-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

Jeff Cole, a Laurium businessman, would like the village to look into new **Christmas decorations**. Once the new street lights are in place this summer, decisions can be made as to what decorations would work and look the best. Mr. Cole also indicated that a group is interested in leasing the old Senior Citizens Center for a **Museum/Welcome Center/Gift Shop**. This committee would be willing to write a grant to run this facility and once the committee meets again, they will come back to the council with more firm plans.

A letter was received from the **Laurium Housing Commission** indicating that Corrine Leppen was interested in serving on the board. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Bonenfant to appoint Corrine Leppen to the Laurium Housing Commission. Carried 4-0.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** The committee met with the Village Auditor Jackie Aalto regarding her letter in the audit. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fish to have the Village Attorney review the **personnel manual** for any changes/updates that would make it applicable for all village employees. Carried 4-0. Another topic discussed at the committee meeting was the reconciliation of accounts. A motion

was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Fish to have Computer Mechanix look at what **program and computer** options are available to comply with the auditor's recommendations for improved accounting of village finances.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** No report.

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

**Public Safety – Fire:** The fire department gave the council a copy of their annual report and the department officers.

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

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** No report.

### **New Business**

At 5:50PM, a motion was made by Fish and seconded by Bonenfant to enter into **executive session** to discuss police and DPW union negotiations. Carried 4-0.

At 6:00PM, the meeting returned to regular session.

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

**Absent:** Harju, Junot and Lanctot.

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Fish to approve the police union contract with the following terms: 3 year contract, 1 ½ % pay increase for each of the 3 years of the contract, a reopener clause if BC/BS insurance rates increase or decrease 10% during the contract period and a reopener clause if the MERS pension multiplier changes during the contract period. All other language in the contract stays the same. Carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk  
Village of Laurium