

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2015

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

Absent: Harju.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Barbara Flanigan, Chris Holmes, 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** with the addition of CDBG grant under Communications to the Council and the 2015 meeting schedule to new business. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Fish to approve the **minutes** of the **December 16, 2014** regular council meeting. Yes–Bausano, Erickson, Fish, Lanctot and Miller. Abstain–Junot. Carried 5-0. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the minutes of the **December 30, 2014** special meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Fish to approve the **prepaid bills** for December -January in the amount of \$138,264.00 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$42,353.93. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

Karl Kazeks is no longer a resident of the Laurium Housing and is not eligible to serve on its board. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to appoint Carolyn Brouillette to fill Mr. Kazeks term, which expires in May 2018, on the **Laurium Housing Commission**. Carried 6-0.

Chris Holmes from UP Engineers & Architects gave an update on the **CDBG Urgent Need grant**. A meeting will take place with Michigan-American Water Company & the village to make sure all of the drawings are complete. Bids will be let in March, awarded in April and if the weather and conditions are favorable, work would begin by May 15, 2015.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: There was a problem with the cooling system at the arena which was addressed by Bassett Mechanical from Green Bay. The mite tournament will be held February 20-22, 2014.

Public Safety – Police: The annual report was presented.

Public Safety – Fire: The fire department recently held their election of officers. Chief – Dan Zubiena, First Assistant – Sean Jacques, Second Assistant – Roger Wetelainen, Secretary – Jason Lund and Treasurer – Jesse Caron. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to approve the new officers as elected by the fire department. Carried 6-0.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The Sno-Go is having problems with its gear box and parts are not available. Hopefully it will make it through the winter. The department would like to pursue finding a bigger loader with a Sno-go attachment. Early estimates indicate \$70,000 for a loader and \$30,000 for the attachment. The matter will be reviewed as budgets are prepared. Dump truck drivers need to use lights in the early morning. The new garbage truck is scheduled to arrive in April. Village Administrator Vertin did not think that garbage collection rates would need to be increased at that time. In order to take advantage of the limited time that UPPCo is offering incentives to purchase T-12 lights, the DPW garage will be replacing some of the older fixtures.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The committee will review the Sanitation Ordinance pertaining to the size of garbage cans prior to the February meeting. Too many cans that are larger than the ordinance allows are being used by many residents and they are difficult and unsafe to empty into the garbage truck.

New Business

The **Keweenaw Little League** will be hosting the senior girls' softball state tournament around July 16, 2015. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Miller to express an interest to the Keweenaw Little League that the village would like to have Gipp field 1 used for the tournament. Carried 6-0. A representative from KLL will attend the February council meeting with more information. Miller announced that **Lazy Days** will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015. The 2015 regular council **meeting schedule** was presented with no changes at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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