

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2016

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

Absent: None.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Chris Holmes, Jeff Kalcich, Sharon Turovaara and Edward Vertin.

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

Chris Holmes from UP Engineers & Architects was present for the public hearing to close out the **CDBG grant** from last year. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson that the village does not desire to adopt CDBG plans and policies at this time but would have to do so before applying for another CDBG grant. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Fish to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Junot to adopt the **minutes** of the December 15, 2015 regular council meeting as presented. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Fish, Harju, Junot and Lanctot. Abstain – Miller. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** for December 2015/January 2016 in the amount of \$146,060.68 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$28,745.81. Carried 7-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: Village Administrator Vertin is working on the budgets. Any and all input is welcome.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: No report.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: The department submitted its annual report. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to approve the Laurium Fire Department's officers elected by the department on January 6, 2016 for a one year term: President – Dan Zubierna; 1st Assistant – Sean Jacques; 2nd Assistant – Roger Wetelainen; Secretary – Jason Lund; Treasurer – Jesse Caron. Carried 7-0.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

Unfinished Business

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to **redirect** the monthly fire department stipends to cover the cost of new uniforms. Carried 7-0.

Changes to the **garbage ordinance** were discussed. A new draft of the ordinance with changes, based on input from the residents at the December meeting, regarding can size, fines, etc. will be done by the committee and sent to the village attorney for approval. Once this has been done and the new ordinance is adopted by the council and published, a newsletter will be sent to village residents with the specifics. A certain timeframe will be given to comply with the new ordinance. After that period, cans will be tagged and garbage not picked up until the resident is in compliance with the ordinance.

At 5:50PM, a motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to enter into **executive session** to discuss union negotiations.

The meeting returned to regular session at 6:05PM.

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

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Fish to amend the Village **Section 125 cafeteria plan** to include an opt-out option. Any employee opting out of village provided health insurance shall receive cash in lieu of insurance payment according to the following:

Premium cost for Village health insurance \$700-\$1200 - \$350.00 Cash in lieu of payment

Premium cost for Village health insurance \$1201-\$2100 - \$500.00 Cash in lieu of payment

Premium cost for Village health insurance \$2101 and over - \$650.00 Cash in lieu of payment

Carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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