

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 15, 2008

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

Absent: Koskiniemi.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Robert Foley, Ronald Gipp, Kurt Hauglie, Lawrence Jukuri, Jon Koskiniemi, Kenneth Lutz, Eldred Mugford, Michael Rastello, Edward Sever, Edward Vertin, Betty Zei and William Zei.

The meeting was called to order in the Village Council Chambers by President Bausano at 5:30PM.

Public Hearing on Grass Ordinance

Several village residents voiced their opinions against passing the proposed grass ordinance. Many felt there are more important issues that need to be addressed in the village such as fixing the sidewalks, attracting businesses, snow removal and dog waste problems. It was also stated that the village needs to maintain its own properties and alleys before harassing the residents about their lawns. Questions of how this ordinance would be enforced, abated, and fined were also discussed.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Junot to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Zei to approve the **minutes** of the June 17, 2008 regular council meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$65,455.46 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$30,630.65. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: The audit is in progress. A report will be available at the August meeting.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: No report.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The transfer case for the grader has been shipped out for repairs.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

Unfinished Business: Since the majority of the residents attending the public hearing were opposed to the **grass ordinance**, Trustee Zei will take the ordinance back to the committee for review to see if enacting a grass ordinance should even be pursued.

New Business: A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Zei to purchase a used 1999 Chevrolet 28' **boom truck** in the amount of \$8000. The money would come from the Public Improvement Fund. Carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
Village of Laurium