

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 17, 2012

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

Guests: Paul Baroni, Jeff Cole, Dan Crane, Josh Kocjan, Paul Marttila, Nancy Roberts, 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 Junot and seconded by Ninko to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

Minutes

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Junot to approve the minutes of the **June 19, 2012** regular council meeting. Carried 7-0. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Ninko to approve the minutes of the **June 28, 2012** public hearing/special meeting. Yes – Bausano, Fish, Junot, Lanctot, Miller and Ninko. Abstain – Harju. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Ninko to approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$40,326.21 and approve the **prepaid bills** for June-July 2012 in the amount of \$85,802.68. Carried 7-0.

Communications to the Council

Nancy Roberts from UP Engineers & Architects has been working on the **lighting** aspect of next year's M-26 project. The plans were to have double globe lights hang from fiberglass poles along Hecla, Third and Osceola Streets. However, UPPCo does not approve of this type of lights on their poles on Hecla Street. A lengthy discussion took place about what kind of lights and poles to choose and if the village, UPPCo or the enhancement grant would pay. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lanctot to have UPPCo replace the poles on the 300 & 400 blocks of Hecla Street with wooden poles and place Cobra head lights on them. This would be at no cost to the village. On Third & Osceola Streets, the enhancement grant will pay for fiberglass poles with double globes for lighting. Yes – Junot, Harju, Lanctot, Miller and Ninko. No – Bausano and Fish. Carried 5-2.

Committee Reports

Finance: The annual audit begins tomorrow.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The tennis courts have been repaired. The Lazy Days events were held on Saturday, July 14th. \$2357.34 was raised for improvements for baseball field #3. Setting up a separate checking account for Lazy Days will be reevaluated after next year's event.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital will be informed of the plans for next year's M-26 project ASAP.

Property/Building/Ordinance: Miller will review other local municipal ordinances regarding dog waste on sidewalks.

Unfinished Business

This is the last year that the **extra voted fire millage** can be collected. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to place the extra voted fire millage on the November election ballot for renewal. Carried 7-0.

New Business

Two properties in the village are being foreclosed. According to the Houghton County Treasurer, the village must decide to either purchase or refuse to purchase these properties by July 31, 2012. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Ninko to refuse to purchase these two **foreclosed properties**. Carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
Village of Laurium