

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

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

Absent: Bausano and Junot.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Jeff Kalcich, and Edward Vertin.

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

A **public hearing** was held regarding the Irish Times banquet room which is in violation of Ordinance #145 – Dangerous Buildings. A letter was received from Capt. Donald & Elizabeth Kilpela that a potential buyer has backed out of purchasing the property. Therefore, Mr. & Mrs. Ronan have decided to allow the property to go to Houghton County for back taxes. The order of demolition has not been adhered to by the deadline of July 1, 2016. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Fish to keep the order of demolition in place for the next deadline per the ordinance for another 21 days. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Miller that if the order of demolition has not been fulfilled after the new 21 day deadline and after all of the proper documentation necessary from the hearing officer and building inspector have been prepared, that the village may contract or perform the work in house to have the Irish Times banquet hall front wall and debris pushed back or removed from within 20 feet of the front of the building/face. A temporary wall/screen will be built along the sidewalk to prevent trespassing. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Erickson to approve the **agenda** with the addition of Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital's Night the Light Fun Run/Walk under New Business. Carried 5-0.

Minutes

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fish to approve the minutes of the **June 21, 2016** meeting with a correction under New Business furniture pick up from 3 times to 3 times per year. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Harju to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing/Special Meeting on **June 30, 2016**. Yes – Erickson, Harju, Lanctot and Miller. Abstain – Fish. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** for June-July 2016 in the amount of \$60,879.56 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$25,863.12. Carried 5-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: The annual audit began yesterday.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: A softball tournament in September is in the planning stages and Erickson will have more information at the August meeting.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: A letter from Calumet Village will be coming to request a price to provide garbage service for the village.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

Unfinished Business

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Harju to approve the following **millage wording** for the ballot at the general election in November: “Shall the ad valorem rate of taxation in the Village of Laurium be increased two and one-half (2.50) mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of State Taxable Valuation) during each of the years 2017-2021, inclusive, to be used EXCLUSIVELY for payment of the purchase or major upgrading of Department of Public Works Equipment? The tax revenue shall be deposited into the Public Improvement Fund and is estimated to collect \$58,270 in the year 2017.” Carried 5-0. For the August meeting, Erickson will get prices to sell some surplus equipment at the DPW garage and also revisit the **DPW** spending requests.

New Business

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Harju to support Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital’s annual Light the Night Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, September 17, 2016 through the village streets. Carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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