

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 17, 2008

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

**Absent:** Harju.

**Guests:** Paul Baroni, Robert Foley, Marie Freimuth, Kurt Hauglie, Jon Koskiniemi, Edward Sever, 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 Erickson and seconded by Koskiniemi to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Zei and seconded by Junot to approve the **minutes** of the May 20, 2008 regular council meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Koskiniemi to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$41,777.77 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$44,021.11. Carried 6-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

On Wednesday, June 18, 2008, Village Administrator Vertin will attend an Act 51 Conference in Escanaba. He will also attend an MDOT meeting regarding Isle Royale Street in Escanaba on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** The audit will begin on July 7, 2008.

**Parks/Recreation/Community Relations:** No report.

**Public Safety – Police:** Of the 66 contacts made, 22 property owners still need to remedy their violations of the yard maintenance ordinance. Tickets and/or other action will be taken soon for those not in compliance. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Koskiniemi to amend the Rules of Procedure to state that agenda items need to be submitted by 5:00PM on Thursday before the regular council meeting. Agendas will be done and ready for delivery by the police department on Friday at 5:00PM. Carried 6-0.

**Public Safety – Fire:** No report.

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** No report.

**Property/Buildings/Ordinance:** A decision on the Blueprints for Michigan Downtowns grant should be received by the end of the month.

**Unfinished Business:** A draft of the **grass ordinance** was presented for review. Some changes were suggested and Vertin will contact the village attorney to make these revisions before the July meeting. A public hearing will be conducted at the July 15, 2008 meeting for comment on this grass ordinance.

**New Business:** The department has several **radios/pagers** that are very old and either expensive to repair or no longer able to be repaired. El-Com Services and Motorola Corporation are offering a deal on the purchase of new pagers. After Village Administrator Vertin confirmed that the funds are available in the General Fund fire department budget, a motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to purchase 2 mobile radios for the trucks and 7 pagers for approximately \$3500. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Koskiniemi and Lanctot. No – Junot. Abstain – Zei. Carried 4-1. Under a new procedure, the village has first right of refusal to either accept or refuse to purchase **tax foreclosed properties** in the village. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to refuse to purchase the properties being foreclosed this year. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Zei and seconded by Koskiniemi to approve the **proposed resolution** for the millage rate for 2008. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Zei and seconded by Erickson to hold a **public hearing** at 5:15PM on Thursday, June 26, 2008 to take public comment on the proposed millage and a **special meeting** immediately following at 5:30PM to approve the millage for 2008. Carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk  
Village of Laurium