

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Bonenfant, Lanctot and Miller.

Absent: Harju and Junot.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Beverly Bracco, Ken Bracco, Krista Carlson, Kurt Hauglie, Sandy Johnson, Todd Lightfoot, Edward Sever, Edward Vertin and David Zei.

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

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Miller to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the **prepaid bills** for May-June in the amount of \$46,801.34 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$24,671.85. Carried 4-0.

Communications to the Council

Eric Waara from UP Engineers & Architects informed the council that the Northend Water Project is on schedule and First Street should be paved by July 4th. A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Lanctot to approve the resolution for the **second draw** of funds for the Northend Water Project in the amount of \$178,171.07. Carried 4-0.

Krista Carlson, 67 First Street, addressed the council regarding an easement for the movement of a water main on her property in conjunction with the Northend Water Project. Ms. Carlson stated she was not advised of the specifics and scope of this project. She was disappointed by the lack of communication on the part of the village. Her concerns were addressed by Eric Waara of UPEA and the matter appears to be resolved to her satisfaction. The council and administration will be more timely with notice and planning with property owners on future projects.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The Daniell Park Concerts are scheduled to begin on July 1st. Posters are being printed and will be distributed within the week.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The furniture pickup is taking place this week.

Property/Building/Ordinance: A sample ordinance for outdoor furnaces/boilers designed for dwelling/structure heating purposes will be sent to the village attorney for review.

New Business

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the **lease agreement** at the fire hall for Keweenaw Fire Sales & Service. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Lanctot to authorize President Bausano and Village Administrator Edward Vertin to sign the **MDOT contract** to waive the interest from a Small Urban Project. This project was from work on the corner of Hecla Street on Lake Linden Avenue to Boundary Street. Carried 4-0.

Ken and Beverly Bracco, representing the **CLK Senior Citizens Center** of 318 Hecla Street, addressed the council. Citing economic reasons, the board of the center has decided to close the facility after 40+ years in the village. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Miller to approve the resolution in accordance with Ordinance #118, for the CLK Senior Citizens Center to revert title of the property back to the Village of Laurium. Carried 4-0. The village is having an appraisal of the building and the information will be available at the July monthly meeting.

Another ad was placed for a **part time accounts clerk** and three candidates were interviewed. A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Lanctot to hire Kasey Hanninen as part time accounts clerk. Carried 4-0. She will be starting on Thursday, June 17, 2010.

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Miller that the **Public Hearing/Special meeting** for setting the millage rates will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 5:25/5:30PM. The village mechanic position will also be discussed at the special meeting. Carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
Village of Laurium