

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 18, 2013

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Bonenfant, Fish, Harju, Lanctot & Miller.

**Absent:** Junot.

**Guests:** Robert Kyllonen, Tony Laidlaw, Steve Mann, Edward Sever, Edward Vertin, and Eric Waara.

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

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

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Miller to approve the **minutes** of the May 21, 2013 regular council meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Harju to approve the **prepaid bills** for May-June in the amount of \$49,729.53 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$35,260.93. Carried 6-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Fish to approve the **Resolution** Authorizing Issuance and Sale of 2013 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bond for the water project. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **Resolution** Authorizing Issuance of 2013 Michigan Transportation Fund Bond for the street project. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Fish to approve the resolution for payment in the amount of \$77,809.30 by drawdown of funds from Rural Development for the **MDOT Water Systems Improvements Project**. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Lanctot to approve the resolution for payment in the amount of \$35,496.84 by drawdown of funds from Rural Development for the **2013 Village Paving Project**. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Lanctot to approve **Ordinance #152** for the collection of a water distribution maintenance fee from each water customer to be collected by the water company to cover bonded debt service costs for capital improvements to the Village's Water Distribution System.

Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the **addendum to the lease** of the operating and water purchase agreement until the debt of the capital improvements on the village's water distribution system remains on the village's loan to Rural Development. Carried 6-0.

A letter was received from Konrad Lester who was interested in having a **skate park** for Laurium. Since Lake Linden is undertaking a similar project at this time, the council agreed to table the matter until feedback from Lake Linden's skate park is available.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lanctot to reappoint Karl Kazeks to the **Laurium Housing Commission** for a five year term beginning June 2013. Carried 6-0.

## **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** The committee would like either a meeting with the baseball association to be held or a letter received from them stating their position on the gate remaining closed. The committee would also like, for future reference, Village Administrator Vertin to obtain a letter from our insurance carrier as to the rationale of why the gate is closed during baseball games.

**Public Safety – Police:** No report.

**Public Safety – Fire:** No report.

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

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** A discussion on identifying unsafe buildings was held.

## **Unfinished Business**

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Bonenfant to authorize village mechanic Jerry Simpson's brother, also a mechanic, to inspect a 1994 trackless piece of **equipment** with attachments at Bargain Shack Motors which could be used to clean the village sidewalks. He would be reimbursed for mileage and lunch with proper documentation. Should the machine be found in good condition, the village would purchase it for \$19,000 delivered. Carried 6-0.

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Lanctot to lower the asking price for the **Laurium Senior Citizens Center building** to \$50,000 negotiable. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to hold a **public hearing** for the proposed Headlee resolution on Thursday, June 27 at 5:00PM. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Miller to hold a **special meeting** immediately following the public hearing at 5:15 to approve the 2013-14 millage rate. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Miller to reappoint Daniel Zubiena and Daniel Mukavetz to the **North Houghton County Water & Sewer Authority** for a four year term beginning in August 2013. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to refuse the **tax foreclosed properties** in the village. Carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk  
Village of Laurium