

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2016

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

Guests: Paul Baroni, Jim Cone, Diane Holmstrom, Jeff Kalcich, Edward Sever, Jackie Sever, Paul Tomasi, 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 Erickson and seconded by Junot to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to approve the **minutes** of the May 17, 2016 regular council meeting as presented. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Harju, Lanctot and Miller. Abstain – Erickson and Junot. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$127,657.12 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$19,496.32. Carried 7-0.

Communications to the Council

Jim Cone introduced himself to the council as he is running for Houghton County Prosecutor in the November 8, 2016 general election.

At 5:38PM, a motion was made by Harju and seconded by Junot to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue related to **Edward Sever**. Carried 6-0. Lanctot had stepped out of the room and was not present for the vote.

At 5:50PM, the meeting returned to regular session with all council members present. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Lanctot to authorize a leave of absence for Edward Sever from June 23, 2016 to July 19, 2016 without pay or benefits. Carried 7-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: Calumet Council 1245 of the Knights of Columbus constructed two new dugouts for Gipp Field #2. A letter of thanks will be sent to them for their contribution to the Village. Repairs will be made in the bathroom at the George Gipp Arena prior to the firefighter's tournament this weekend.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

Unfinished Business

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Junot to adopt the following as policy in the **MERS pension funding language**: "The employer agrees to annually review the MERS pension minimum percentage of payroll funding requirements. Upon careful financial review, the employer will make a good faith effort to fund the MERS pension minimum funding percentage over and above the revised lower requirement due to the bridged MERS benefit changes from B-3 to B-2 for both Divisions 1 and 2. Anticipated employer funding is 6% over and above the new revised MERS employer rate." Carried 7-0.

Millage wording for the November 8, 2016 general election will be decided at the July meeting. Erickson will be taking comments and suggestions for the ballot wording.

New Business

Again this year, an overwhelming amount of furniture and non-furniture items were placed out for collection during the annual **furniture pickup**. Due to the cost, time and abuse, this service will be suspended. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Fish to have furniture pickup on a call basis only. Residents that need furniture pickup can call the village office up to a limit of 3 times per year for free furniture pickup. Carried 7-0.

The fire department building on South Florida Street is in need of **roof repairs**. Bids were obtained from Lake State Roofing and McGrath Roofing for the scope of work. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to award the job to Lake State Roofing for a price of \$2339.00. Carried 7-0.

Upon examination of the **police department carpeting** following a cleaning, it was determined that the carpeting needs to be replaced. Bids were obtained from Gartner's Gallery & Kirkish to replace all or some of the carpeting. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to replace all of the carpeting by Kirkish in the amount of \$2964.00. Yes – Bausano, Fish, Harju, Junot, Lanctot and Miller. No – Erickson. Carried 6-1. A review of the DPW needs will be made at the July meeting.

North Houghton County Water & Sewage Authority would like to have a study done to address the overtaxed storm sewer on First and Boundary Streets. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Lanctot to participate in this study with funds from the Major Street Fund. The cost of the study would be approximately \$10,800.00 and would be split between all the participants: NHCW&SA, Calumet Township, Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital, Houghton County Road Commission and the Village of Laurium. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to set the **Headlee public hearing** for Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 5:00PM. A **special meeting** will be held at 5:10 to approve the millage rate for 2016. Carried 7-0.

Nominating Petitions and Affidavits of Identity are available from the Calumet Township Clerk to file for the November 8, 2016 General Election. The village President, Clerk, Treasurer and 3 Trustees are up for reelection. Deadline to file is July 26, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk