

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting

June 19, 2018

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Jeff Erickson, Robert Erickson, Junot, Miller and Schneiderhan.

**Absent:** Lanctot.

**Guests:** Nathan Anderson, Antonia Burich, Robert Kyllonen 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 Jeff Erickson and seconded by Junot to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Robert Erickson to approve the **minutes** of the May 15, 2018 regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Robert Erickson, Junot, Miller and Schneiderhan. Abstain – Jeff Erickson. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Jeff Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** for May/June 2018 in the amount of \$163,796.00 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$31,949.22. Carried 6-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

**Dan DeBeaubien** was not present to discuss the Croxice rink divider panels project for the George Gipp Arena.

**Antonia Burich** gave a presentation to the council on her desire to raise money on behalf of the village for a sign for Daniell Park and its history. The council supported this idea and encouraged her to move forward in this effort. If there is a shortage of funding, it will be discussed next year when the sign is dedicated.

Marilyn Langley's term on the **Laurium Housing Commission** expired in May. She indicated she would like to serve another term. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Schneiderhan to appoint Marilyn Langley as the resident commissioner to a 5 year term on the Laurium Housing Commission. Carried 6-0.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** The recycling program is going well. The trailer will be emptied for the second time this week. About 1000 lbs. was in the first load and there was no charge since we are a new account. A different type of bin from Waste Management is being considered for use rather than the trailer. The ballfields did not sustain any damage from the storm over the weekend. Bigger handicap signs are needed by the entrance to the ballfields.

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

**Public Safety – Fire:** There were no calls during the month of May. The department participated in the tri-annual disaster training at the Houghton County Airport.

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** No significant local damage from the storm over the weekend. The DPW assisted Lake Linden Village with their cleanup and the cost incurred will be reimbursed by MDOT.

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** No report.

### **Unfinished Business**

Jeff Erickson updated the council on the **LED lighting project** for the George Gipp Arena and DPW garage. He gave information on the types of lights that were recommended and the cost savings & rebates that will be generated. Pricing can be reduced by picking up the fixtures rather than having them shipped and there would be no tax. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Jeff Erickson to fill out the applications for each of these buildings. Carried 6-0.

Sample ordinances were received from Michigan-American Water Company. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Schneiderhan to have a draft ordinance available at the July meeting changing the Village paid to a customer paid **monthly fire hydrant charge**.

After examining the cash flow in the **Fire Truck Debt Fund** and in order to take advantage of interest savings in the future, Village Administrator Vertin is suggesting making an extra principal payment. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Jeff Erickson to authorize an extra payment not to exceed \$40,000 toward the principal. Carried 6-0.

The Recreation committee will meet to determine a solution for allowing vehicles access during the **District 11 Minor Baseball Tournament** next month.

### **New Business**

A portion of the **DPW garage roof** is leaking and is in need of replacement. Due to the high cost of building supplies at this time, the roof replacement will be tabled until the spring.

The **proposed millage resolution** was read into the record by Village Administrator Vertin. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Junot to approve the proposed millage resolution with the correction of the limited Village operating tax levy to 19.8708 mills. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Junot to hold the **public hearing** on the proposed millage rate on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 5:00PM in the council chambers followed by a **special meeting** at 5:10PM to approve the millage rate for 2018-19. Carried 6-0.

The deadline to file to run for Trustee in the November 6, 2018 general election is July 24, 2018 at 4:00PM. Trustees Junot, Lanctot and Jeff Erickson four year terms expire and Schneiderhan's two year term will also be on the ballot.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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