

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
March 17, 2009

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

**Guests:** Brad Anderson, Kurt Hauglie, Jon, Koskiniemi, Robert Kyllonen, Andy Lanctot, 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 Junot and seconded by Harju to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the minutes of the **February 17, 2009** regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Bonenfant, Erickson, and Miller. Abstain – Harju, Junot, and Lanctot. Carried 4-0. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the minutes of the **February 26, 2009** Budget Hearing/Special Meeting. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Junot, Lanctot, and Miller. Abstain – Bonenfant, Harju. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$556,723.06 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$36,826.43. Carried 7-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

Eric Waara from UP Engineers & Architects was present to discuss the proposed **water project** for the north end of the Village. Because of the federal stimulus money, Rural Development has expedited their grant loan process so that money can be committed by June. A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Miller to approve UP Engineers & Architects to submit the application to Rural Development for the water project for a fee of \$5500. This cost will be rolled into the project. Carried 7-0. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Harju to retain Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC, bond attorneys, necessary for this water project through Rural Development. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Bonenfant to reappoint Randal Golus to the **Laurium Housing Commission** for a 5 year term. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to send a letter to our representatives, senators and other elected officials to stress the importance of keeping the **crime lab** in Marquette open. Carried 7-0.

## **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to appoint Brian Lutz as rink manager at the George Gipp Arena starting next fall. His hourly rate would increase \$1.00/hour for this position. He would have authority for the day to day operations and minor repairs to the building, reporting to Village Administrator Vertin, the Recreation committee and council. Carried 7-0. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to reimburse Brian Lutz \$63.50 for a George Gipp Arena jacket he purchased and had monogrammed. Carried 7-0. Future employees would have the option to have these jackets as well. Estimates for metal panels to replace the broken fiberglass panels on the east side of the arena will be obtained for the April meeting. A break in the boards needs to be fixed and the parking lot graded to improve the drainage.

**Public Safety – Fire:** Jesse Caron is a new sub for the department.

**Public Safety – Police:** New shift schedules are being worked on and will be in place by the April meeting.

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

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** The new and improved website should be on the internet by the end of the week. Calumet Township recently passed a small wind turbine ordinance and the committee will be looking at one as well.

## **Unfinished Business**

**Traverse Engineering** sent a letter saying they were paid but not in a timely fashion. There are no further issues with their services.

## **New Business**

Money will be available from the **Small Urban** projects for the local area. The Village needs to set a priority list of projects. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to set the Village of Laurium priorities as follows: 1 – 200 block Osceola Street; 2 – First Street; and 3 – Third Street from Hecla Street to Isle Royale Street. Yes – Bausano, Bonenfant, Erickson, Junot, Lanctot and Miller. Abstain – Harju. Carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk  
Village of Laurium