

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
March 20, 2012

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

Absent: Harju.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Jeff Cole, Barbara Flanigan, Bob Marr, Janet Marr, 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 Ninko to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

Minutes

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Fish to approve the minutes of the **February 21, 2012** regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Fish, Lanctot, Miller and Ninko. Abstain – Junot. Carried 5-0. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ninko to approve the minutes of the **February 29, 2012** Budget Hearing/Special Meeting. Yes – Bausano, Fish, Lanctot, Miller and Ninko. Abstain – Junot. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Ninko to approve the **prepaid bills** for February-March in the amount of \$323,326.07 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$27,384.78. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Parks/Recreation/Community Relations: The George Gipp Arena is closed for the season. Contact will be made with baseball representatives before their season begins. President Bausano would like Village Administrator Vertin to research what grants would be available for the arena since Baraga just received some money for their rink.

Public Safety – Police: The police will begin reviewing the village for noncompliance with the yard maintenance ordinance starting April 1, 2012.

Public Safety – Fire: The 1981 aerial pumper is in Wisconsin undergoing estimates for repairs to the pumping system.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: Eric Waara reported that the MDOT project will proceed in 2013. The village did receive the Enhancement grant as well. The village will be working with USDA Rural Development for funding to do a water project in conjunction with the MDOT project on M26.

Property/Building/Ordinance: Village Administrator Vertin is working on the grant applications for the village hall.

Unfinished Business

Janet Marr gave a presentation about garlic mustard. This invasive plant has been spotted in Laurium. This species should not be composted but bagged and taken to the landfill for disposal so it does not spread. Janet will evaluate the garlic mustard already present at the leaf pile later this spring.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
Village of Laurium