

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2015

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

Absent: Landt.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Cheryl Fahrner, Chris Holmes, Jeff Kalich 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 Fish and seconded by Erickson to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Junt to approve the **minutes** of the **February 17, 2015** regular council meeting. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Harju to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing/ Special meeting on **February 26, 2015**. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junt and seconded by Harju to approve the **prepaid bills** for February/ March 2015 in the amount of \$681,024.22 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$30,308.52. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

Chris Holmes from UP Engineers & Architects reported that the work to be done for the **Urgent Needs Grant** is ready for bidding. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Erickson to accept the plans, sign and submit the needed paper work for the project and bid the job. An ad will appear in the Daily Mining Gazette to advertise for bids which will be due at 4:00PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. A permit will have to be obtained from the DEQ as well. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: According to Village Administrator Vertin, now that the Ordinance #114 Fund has been distributed, there are no other reserves to dip into should any negative fund balances occur. The referendum in May will be important for future funding. Harju stated that it is still being debated what units of government will get how much and when.

Recreation/ Parks/ Community Relations: The Keweenaw Little League has applied for a \$3000 matching grant for field improvements to be used for the state tournament in July. At the April meeting there will be more information on the status of this grant and whether or not the village will contribute to field improvements for Gpp 1 and 2.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Street/ Equipment/ Sanitation: The SnoGo made it through the winter but along term sanitation needs to be found to replace it.

Property/ Building/ Ordinance: No report.

Unfinished Business

A draft of a letter was presented to the council for review. The committee will revise this letter to village residents indicating the size container (32 gallon) and weight limit (50 lbs.) that should be used for garbage cans as stated in the village ordinance. The safety of the garbage men is also an issue. Hopefully the letter that is mailed will resolve many of the problems that now exist. A follow up will be done for noncompliance which may require purchasing village carts or changing the ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gdus, Clerk

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