

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2011

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

Absent: Harju.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Jeff Cole, Barbara Flanigan, Edward Sever, Edward Vertin, Claire Zubiena, and Dan Zubiena.

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers by President Bausano at 5:30PM.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Miller to approve the **agenda** as presented with the addition of Fire Truck and Garbage under New Business. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ninko to approve the **minutes** of the April 19, 2011 regular council meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$26,646.80 and approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$72,640.78. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

The Keweenaw National Historical Park's Heritage grant program did not approve the village's application for funding for roof replacement at the village hall. According to Village Administrator Vertin, other sources of funding will be pursued to fix the roof.

Committee Reports

Finance: Vertin did not request rates from the local banks since the last meeting but will try to get them for the June meeting. Analysis or indicator scores from the Michigan Department of Treasury for Laurium and other local municipalities were discussed.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: No report.

Public Safety – Police: An application was filed with USDA Rural Development for a new police vehicle. The village would pay 60%; the grant would be for 40%. We should know in a couple of weeks whether or not we are successful in obtaining a grant. Due to the declining state shared revenues, it is possible that a police officer may need to be laid off this fall. A federal COPS grant would

allow funding for wages and benefits for 36 months to continue staffing at the current number. The village would have to employ this officer for an additional year after the grant funding is discontinued. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to apply for one of these COPS grants. Carried 6-0. The application deadline is May 25, 2011. The police department has contacted 15 property owners in violation of the yard maintenance ordinance.

Public Safety – Fire: The UP Firefighters Tournament will be held in the Calumet-Laurium area July 28-30, 2011. The nightshirt parade will be held on Thursday, July 28th and a judge for the parade is needed from Laurium. Trustee Miller agreed to take on this duty. In order to save the village interest, a discussion was held on the possibility of paying off the USDA Rural Development loan on the fire truck. The remaining balance is about \$110,000.00. Vertin will research the feasibility of early repayment and inform the council at the June meeting of his findings.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: President Bausano inquired whether or not Calumet Village approached Laurium to have Laurium pick up Calumet's garbage. Vertin indicated that Calumet did inquire. However, Calumet did not formally approach Laurium for a bid for garbage service.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

The Michigan Municipal League Region 7 meeting will be held in Houghton on May 26 & 27. If any council members are interested, there is still time to register.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
Village of Laurium