

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2012

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

Guests: Paul Baroni, David Bastian, Luann Bastian, Joni Carlson, Jeff Cole, Janet Frisk, Cara Goulette, Ila Goulette, Jalynn Goulette, Joan Goulette, Joe Goulette, Landon Goulette, Margery Gronlund, Matt Mikkola, Dan Mukavetz, 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 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Harju to approve the **minutes** of the April 17, 2012 regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Fish, Harju, Junot, Miller and Ninko. Abstain – Lanctot. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Ninko to approve the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$16,527.68 and approve payment of the **prepaid bills** for April and May in the amount of \$72,044.63. Carried 7-0.

Communications to the Council

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Ninko to authorize President Bausano to sign the **application** to USDA Rural Development for the water project in conjunction with the 2013 MDOT paving. Carried 7-0. A motion was made by Ninko and seconded by Junot to authorize President Bausano to sign the **agreement for professional services** with UP Engineers & Architects to prepare the USDA application. Carried 7-0.

Joe Goulette saved three people in the fire at 115 Pewabic Street in April. On behalf of the village, Trustee Miller thanked Mr. Goulette for his heroic efforts and presented him with a plaque and several gift certificates.

A letter was received from a group concerned about the parking situation at the **baseball** fields. The committee will research the options presented and have a response at the June meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: Repairs to the tennis courts will be identified and completed in the next month or so.

Public Safety – Police: Contacts to those in violation of the yard maintenance are in progress.

Public Safety – Fire: The 1981 American LaFrance aerial truck was sold for scrap after all items of value were removed and returned to the village. Two firefighters have/will be moving and will be taken off the roster, leaving 15 volunteer firefighters.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: Miller and Fish were reviewing some of the ordinances and some appear to have outdated rates and data. These will be addressed in upcoming months. The committee would also like to meet quarterly with the police department for assistance with the unsafe building ordinance.

Unfinished Business

Neither of the grants for the **town hall roof** or ballroom restoration was approved by the Keweenaw National Historical Park. The south side of the roof & eaves need to be replaced this summer. Village Administrator Vertin will request proposals to replace just the south side and also proposals to replace the entire roof & eaves. A decision can then be made at the June meeting based on the cost of these two options on how to proceed.

New Business

Margery Gronlund spoke on behalf of a group of concerned citizens on the condition of **South Calumet Street**. Not only is the street in poor condition but it has become unsafe. Traffic often has to go into yards and driveways to go around the potholes and there are many small children on this street. Siler Contracting, Payne & Dolan and Bacco Construction have all been contacted for a price to resurface this street. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Lanctot to receive these bids and if the cost comes in under \$90,000.00, to accept it and proceed with the paving of this street. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ninko to obtain a liquor license through the fire department for the Lazy Days of Laurium on July 14, 2012. Carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Golus, Clerk