

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
November 12, 2008

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

**Absent:** None.

**Guests:** Kurt Erkkila, Barbara Flanigan, Kurt Hauglie, Scott Madajewski, Chuck Nelson, Edward Sever, Edward Vertin, Matt Vertin, Eric Waara, and Daniel Zubiena.

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

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Junot to approve the **agenda** with the additions of Scott Madajewski of the CC Slo-pitch League and a final draft of an UPPCo contract under Communications to the Council. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Junot to approve the **minutes** of the October 21, 2008 regular council meeting. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$39,727.48 and payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$56,485.39. Carried 4-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

Since Trustees Harju, Koskiniemi and Zei did not run for re-election, their seats are open. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to appoint Kevin Harju to fill the 2 year **trustee** position. Carried 4-0. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to appoint Mark Bonenfant to one of the two 4 year trustee seats. Carried 4-0. Harju and Bonenfant were sworn into office by the clerk.

Chuck Nelson and Matt Vertin from **Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital** presented the council with a check for \$1000 to be used for the purchase of a taser gun for the police department.

Scott Madajewski from the **Copper Country Slo-pitch League** asked the council to consider naming the slo-pitch field after Billy Miller who recently passed away. Billy was instrumental in the development of the baseball fields in Laurium. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to name the slo-pitch field the Billy Miller Memorial Field. Carried 6-0. Signage will be taken care of in the spring.

Eric Waara from UP Engineers & Architects was present to discuss the proposed **water project** for next summer on the north end of the village. New mains would be added from Calumet St to Willow Avenue along First Street, Amygdaloid St from First Street to Old Colony Road and Fulton St from Amygdaloid to North Florida Street. A cost estimate is needed for budget purposes. The Streets/Equipment/Sanitation committee will have more details finalized for the December meeting.

A bill was received from **Traverse Engineering** for the Lake Linden Avenue project. The contract stated that any additional costs would be agreed upon in writing prior to the work being done. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Erickson to pay Items 2, 3, and 4 relating to a couple of new sidewalks which were done according to the contract, following an itemized bill. Item 1 should have been covered under the engineering contract and therefore will not be paid. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to continue membership in the **Keweenaw Economic Development Association** and pay the annual dues of \$319.00. Carried 6-0.

An updated contract was received from **UPPCo** regarding decorations. No decorations will be allowed from pole to pole but decorations can be hung on individual poles. This contract is non-negotiable and will be signed by Village Administrator Vertin.

## **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** The arena is set to open for the season on November 29, 2008. 326 Halloween bags were given out at the annual Halloween party. The cost for the party went slightly over what was expected but the cash donations received will offset this. More help is needed for next year.

**Public Safety – Police:** No report.

**Public Safety – Fire:** No report.

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** The Small Urban Program is calling for 2011 projects. The deadline to apply is May 2009. We will be looking to do Third & Osceola Streets.

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** No report.

## **Unfinished Business**

**Bids** were reviewed for the new police vehicle. Bids were presented net of trade in. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to accept a bid from Parkway Chevrolet for a 2009 Tahoe for \$23,950.00. A 3 year, 36,000 mile extended maintenance warranty plus a five year power train warranty are included in the purchase price. Yes – Bonenfant, Erickson, Harju, Junot, and Lanctot. No – Bausano. Carried 5-1.

## **New Business**

**Snow removal rates** will stay the same this year since they were raised last year. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to increase the **ice rental rates** \$1.00/hour for Jr. Hockey and \$2.00/hour for figure skating. The rate for other rentals will stay the same. Carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk  
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