

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 09, 2010

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

Guests: Paul Baroni, Walter Fish, Barbara Flanigan, Crissy Gerhart, Ray Gerhart, Kurt Hauglie, Dale Ninko, Edward Sever, 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 Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the **agenda** with the addition of the Laurium Housing Commission parking concerns under Communications to the Council. Approved 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve the **minutes** of the October 19, 2010 regular council meeting as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve the **prepaid bills** for October-November in the amount of \$51,408.57 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$57,893.23. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

The **Laurium Housing Commission** recently added a new parking lot on South Calumet Street near South Hecla Street. South Calumet Street is very narrow and when vehicles are parked on the street, at times it is nearly impossible for traffic to pass. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to eliminate parking on the Laurium side of South Calumet Street between Lake Linden Avenue and South Hecla Street. Signage will be put in place stating this parking ban. Carried 6-0.

The village **election** was held on November 2, 2010. Lorelee Miller, Chuck Junot and Steven Lanctot were reelected to the council. Walter Fish and Dale Ninko were elected as write in candidates for two vacant seats. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to appoint Kevin Harju to the remaining vacant seat. Yes – Bausano, Bonenfant, Junot, Lanctot and Miller. Abstain – Harju. Carried 5-0. Once the election has been certified, all of the qualified electors will be sworn in prior to the December regular council meeting. The village snow removal millage renewal passed as well.

Crissy Gerhart from **Northern Consultants** gave a brief presentation on a MSHDA rental rehab conversion grant. This grant would be specifically for downtown units. Northern Consultants will draft a letter to be sent by the village to building owners in the downtown area to attend an informational meeting about this grant program. There would be no cost to the village for implementing these grants.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The George Gipp Arena is scheduled to open on Saturday, November 27, 2010. Thanks to all who volunteered and donated for the Halloween party. Over 350 people were served.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The wind turbine ordinance is being reviewed by the village attorney.

Unfinished Business

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to approve **Ordinance #150** Prohibiting the installation and use of outdoor furnaces and outdoor boilers designed for dwelling/structure heating purposes. Carried 6-0.

New Business

A letter from Century 21 was received regarding the **Laurium Senior Citizens Center** asking price. The matter will be reviewed by the Property/Building/Ordinance committee.

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Miller to keep **snow removal rates** the same as last year.

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Lanctot to increase the **part time truck drivers' rate** from \$8.50/hour to \$9.00/hour.

At 5:50PM, a motion was made by Harju and seconded by Lanctot to enter into **executive session** to discuss police and DPW union negotiations. Carried 6-0.

The meeting returned to regular session at 6:09PM.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
Village of Laurium