

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, November 21, 2017

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Jeff Erickson, Robert Erickson, Hodges, Junot, Lanctot and Miller.

**Absent:** None.

**Guests:** Paul Baroni, Jeff Kalcich, Jon Koskiniemi 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 Jeff Erickson to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to approve the **minutes** of the October 17, 2017 regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Robert Erickson, Junot, Lanctot and Miller. Abstain – Jeff Erickson and Hodges. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for October/November 2017 in the amount of \$124,202.41 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$36,218.30. Carried 7-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

A letter was received from Accounts Clerk Cheryl Remali regarding her Friday hours during the winter. Lanctot indicated this matter should be handled with Village Administrator Vertin.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Parks/Recreation/Community Relations:** The George Gipp Arena will open for the season on Saturday, November 25, 2017. The annual Christmas party with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 in the ballroom at the town hall from 3:00-6:00pm. Volunteers will be needed to help with games and refreshments. \$150 is budgeted to spend for refreshments & gifts. The turnout for the Halloween party at the arena was good. Miller attended a meeting with Waste Management, Calumet Village and Calumet Township today. A work session will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at noon in the village council chambers to discuss recycling options for the village.

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

**Public Safety – Fire:** There were no fire calls in October.

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** There were some issues with the new loader and the Sno-go attachment that we have had to fix. Since there were labor costs we were not expecting to incur, the dealer will be notified for possible adjustments. All snow removal vehicles should make sure their lights are on when on village streets.

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

### **Unfinished Business**

The **LED replacement project** funding for 2017 has been used. The village will be at the top of the list for municipalities in 2018. Clear Results will be working on UPPCo's behalf. Since the village cannot just purchase the Irish Times parking lot, a motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Miller to reject all **delinquent properties** in the Village of Laurium from Houghton County. Carried 7-0.

### **New Business**

Despite advertising efforts, we still need another **Zamboni driver** for the arena this season. A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to have Village Administrator Vertin handle this job until a new person can be hired and trained. Carried 7-0. A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Hodges to leave the current rates for **sidewalk and snow contracts** the same as last year. A notice will be put on the bottom of each plowing bill that the village may not be plowing next year. Carried 7-0. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to change the **BC/BS** reinsurer from Standard to AMFirst to save on 2018 insurance premiums. The plan does not change, just the name. Carried 7-0.

At 6:07PM, a motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Junot to enter into **executive session** to discuss police union negotiations. Carried 7-0.

The meeting returned to regular session at 6:41PM.

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Jeff Erickson, Robert Erickson, Hodges, Junot, Lanctot and Miller.

**Absent:** None.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve a 3 year **contract** for the police department with raises of 2.5% for each year of the contract. Carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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