

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
October 20, 2009

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

Absent: Bausano.

Guests: Lynette Anderson, Barbara Flanigan, Kurt Hauglie, Robert Kyllonen, Edward Sever, Edward Vertin, and Anna Ylitalo.

The meeting was called to order in the Village Council Chambers by President Pro Tem Lanctot at 5:30PM.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the **agenda** with the addition of November meeting change to New Business. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Harju to approve the **minutes** of the September 15, 2009 regular council meeting as presented. Yes – Junot, Harju, Lanctot and Miller. Abstain – Bonenfant. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$52,764.65 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$36,077.83. Carried 5-0.

Communications to the Council

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Harju to reappoint Daniel Mukavetz and Daniel Zubiena to the **North Houghton County Water & Sewer Authority** for a term of 4 years from August 2009 to August 2013. Carried 5-0.

USDA-Rural Development will have a **check presentation** ceremony for the police vehicle on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 10:30am at the Calumet Coliseum.

Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital is making a new parking lot to the south of the hospital. Water lines previously covered with snow in the winter will now be plowed. Both UP Engineers & Architects and Michigan-American Water Company agreed with the village that these lines need to be better insulated, which was done.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The scheduled opening date for the arena is Saturday, November 28, 2009. The plant and zamboni will be inspected next week for maintenance needs in preparation for the opening date.

Public Safety – Fire: Dylan Parske will be a part time, non-compensated firefighter. He has not attended fire school but is interested in training with the department.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

Unfinished Business

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Junot to authorize Village Administrator Vertin to submit the pre application to USDA Rural Development for a 60/40 grant loan for a **pickup truck** (or two) for the street department. Under this program, the cost would be approximately \$12,900/vehicle with the village's share coming from the Public Improvement Fund. Carried 5-0.

New Business

Halloween trick or treat hours will be from 5:00-8:00pm on October 31st in Laurium, Calumet and Calumet Township. Calumet Village will run the joint ad. The village's annual **Halloween Party** will be held during trick or treat hours at the George Gipp Arena. Donations of candy or money will be accepted at the village hall and workers are needed. President Bausano will purchase the food and refreshments for about \$300.

At 5:47PM, a motion was made by Junot and seconded by Harju to enter into executive session to discuss **DPW Union** negotiations. Carried 5-0.

At 5:50PM, the meeting returned to regular session.

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

Absent: Bausano.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the language as presented in the DPW contract. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Harju to change the date of the November regular council meeting to Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 5:30PM. Carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,