

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2013

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

Absent: Lanctot.

Guests: Robert Kyllonen, Erik Lee, Edward Sever, Jerry Simpkins, Edward Vertin and Eric Waara.

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

Erik Lee addressed the council regarding a formal request to purchase an up to date **radar gun** to enforce the speed limits on village streets. The police committee will review this request. Another concern was the access to village **alleys**. They are currently not maintained by the village but adjacent property owners. President Bausano will meet with Village Administrator Vertin, Trustee Harju and DPW Group Leader Sever to evaluate the need of the DPW crew to clear any obstructed alleys.

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Harju to approve the minutes of the **September 17, 2013** regular council meeting with one change. Under New Business, Mr. Lee was to submit a letter to the council regarding the radar gun and alleys which would be presented to the police chief. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the minutes of the **September 19, 2013** special meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$26,111.92 and approve the **prepaid bills** for September/October in the amount of \$241,544.72. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

All work on the water project has been completed. A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Junot to approve the Resolution for a drawdown of funds for the **Water Project** from Rural Development in the amount of \$370,760.22. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Fish to approve **Change Order #2** for Payne & Dolan to decrease the quantities and price of the paving in the amount of \$1894.64. Carried 6-0.

As of Saturday, October 13, 2013, all paving has been completed. A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Junot to approve the Resolution of drawdown of funds from Rural Development for the **2013 Village Paving Project** in the amount of \$98,857.78. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The annual **Halloween party** will be held at the George Gipp Arena on Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 5:00-8:00PM. Help will be needed for bagging the treats prior to the event and distributing the goodies at the party. Bonenfant will contact the CHS National Honor Society to see if any members would like to volunteer for this community service project.

Public Safety – Police: One of the police vehicles has about 95,000 miles on it. The department would like to look in the spring to see if any USDA grants are available to purchase a new **vehicle**.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Bonenfant to purchase a used **sander** from Schultz Equipment of Iron Mountain for approximately \$36,000 with funds from the Ordinance #114 Fund. Carried 6-0. The wing will be removed and an under blade attached.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The **ditches** on Old Colony Road need to be cleaned out so that there are not flooding issues on the road in the spring. Harju will see if the North Houghton County Water & Sewer Authority would be willing to share the cost. Village Administrator Vertin is looking into new **Christmas decorations** for the new light poles. He will report his findings at the November meeting.

Unfinished Business

Bob Haataja will not be available as previously indicated to install the new **compressor** at the arena. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to contract Bassett Mechanical to install & set up the new compressor for \$24,397. Carried 6-0.

New Business

Bids were received for the **DPW surplus equipment** as follows:

1981 Dump Truck - \$450.00 Joe Trevathan

1995 Pickup Truck - \$250.00 Joe Trevathan

1981 Sno-Go - \$800.00 Joe Trevathan

1971 Oshkosh Plow - \$6000.00 Houghton County Road Commission

\$3100.00 Lindsay Nettell

\$ 660.00 Joe Trevathan

1976 Case Loader W-14 - \$2200.00 Eric Newman

\$2756.00 Terry Schaaf

\$1820.00 Joe Trevathan

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Bonenfant to keep the 1981 Dump Truck, sell the 1995 pickup truck to Joe Trevathan for \$250.00, reject the bid for the 1981 Sno-Go and sell it for scrap, sell the 1971 Oshkosh Plow to the Houghton County Road Commission for \$6000.00 and sell the 1976 Case Loader W-14 to Terry Schaaf for \$2756.00. Yes – Bausano, Bonenfant, Fish, Junot and Miller. Abstain – Harju. Carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
Village of Laurium