

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 21, 2014

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Bonerfant, Fish, Harju, Lanctot and Miller.

**Absent:** Harju

**Guests:** Paul Baroni, Antonia Buri ch, June Buri ch, Zach Fred n, Jeff Kal d ch, Jerry S mpkins, 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 Bonerfant to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Junot to approve the minutes of the **September 16, 2014** regular council meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the minutes of the **September 29, 2014** Public Hearing/ Special Meeting. Yes – Bausano, Junot, Lanctot and Miller. Abstain – Bonerfant and Fish. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonerfant to approve the minutes of the **October 7, 2014** special meeting. Yes – Bausano, Bonerfant, Junot and Miller. Abstain – Fish and Lanctot. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for September and October in the amount of \$381,762.92 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$53,504.80. Carried 6-0.

**Communications to the Council**

The village attorney reviewed the June 21, 2013 **Water Purchase Agreement** with Michigan American Water Company. A typo existed in the original agreement. A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Junot to change the agreement to read that the annual rental paid by Michigan American Water Company to the Village of Laurium would be 12.5% of gross revenues, not 10% which was incorrectly typed in the agreement. Carried 6-0.

The attorney's opinion was also obtained regarding the use of **Ordinance #114 Fund**. This fund had been established to levy a sewer fund for village taxpayers. Since that time, the North Houghton County Water & Sewage Authority has assumed this responsibility. The attorney's opinion is that the only equitable way to use the monies still remaining in Ordinance #114 Fund should benefit all taxpayers of the village. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonerfant to disburse Ordinance #114 Fund and use the monies by the end of this fiscal year for snow removal, if necessary due to a hard winter or by the General Fund. Carried 6-0.

## Committee Reports

**Finance:** The State of Michigan appropriated additional one-time funds to municipalities. Laurium's share is \$11,761.64.

**Recreation/ Parks/ Community Relations:** The ice arena is scheduled to open on November 29.

**Public Safety – Police:** The new police vehicle has arrived and will be used as a backup this winter. The winter parking ban takes effect at midnight on November 1.

**Public Safety – Fire:** No report.

**Streets/ Equipment/ Sanitation:** No report.

**Property/ Building Ordinance:** Village Administrator Vertini is to contact the county to see if a building permit has been obtained for a garage on Hedra St.

## Unfinished Business

The committee has contacted the renters of the **ballroom** regarding rates, \$25/ session or \$450/ month. Village Administrator Vertini will check with our insurance carrier to see if requiring \$100,000 liability insurance is adequate.

## New Business

The 2009 police Tahoe will be sold on **bids** which are due November 7, 2014.

A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Landt to set **Trick or Treat hours** from 5:00PM to 8:00PM on Friday, October 31, 2014. Carried 6-0. The annual Halloween party will be held at the arena during this time and help is needed.

The committee & DPW researched and priced the options for a **new garbage truck**. A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Landt to have the Sanitation Fund purchase a 2016 Loadmaster for \$195,430.00. Carried 6-0. Delivery would be in the spring.

Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital would like to use the existing **underground conduit** now being used for the village street lights for a fiber optic network for their facilities. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Landt to have the village attorney draft an agreement between the village and the hospital for this arrangement. Carried 6-0.

Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital would like the village DPW crew to remove the hospital's **banners** along Third and Osceda Streets when the Christmas decorations go up and put the banners back up when the decorations come down. A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Miller to grant this request providing the village attorney sees no issues in the agreement previously reached between the village and the hospital regarding the banners. Carried 6-0.

Village Administrator Vertini is not a signer on the village accounts at River Valley Bank. According to River Valley's auditors, the bank needs to have on file written authorization from the council for Vertini to have access to village accounts. A motion was made by Landt and seconded by Junot to authorize Village Administrator Edward Vertini access to village funds to carry out day to day transactions for the village at River Valley Bank. Carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gdus, Clerk

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