

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2015

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

Absent: Lanctot.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Mary Ellen Hyttinen, Jeff Kalcich, Amy Schneiderhan, Ed Schneiderhan, Kim Stoker, 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 Erickson to approve the **agenda** but indicate that there was no public hearing on building ordinance work orders. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Junot to approve the **minutes** of the September 15, 2015 regular council meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** for September/October in the amount of \$332,536.58 and approve to pay the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$34,066.81. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

Mary Ellen Hyttinen and Kim Stoker from WUPPDR were present to explain the **MSHDA grant** program. Andrew Lahti is interested in using MSHDA money for rehab of a building into apartments and has done the preliminary planning. The village would sponsor the grant only and a third party would file the application. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Fish to advertise for an administrator of this grant and the village approves of the project moving forward. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Parks/Recreation/Community Relations: Preparation for the Halloween party at the George Gipp Arena will be next Wednesday or Thursday. Trick or Treat hours will be from 5:00PM-8:00PM on Saturday, October 31, 2015. The CHS Drama Club will be holding a Haunted House at the Arena on Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31 from 5:00PM-7 or 8PM for younger children and from 7 or 8PM to 10:00PM for teens.

Public Safety – Police: 911 has paid for 6 new radios for the department at a cost of about \$19,000.00. The money the department has collect from doing court ordered PBTs is about \$2000.00. This money will be used to buy an assault rifle and for training. There will be two cars on patrol on Halloween during Trick or Treat hours.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: Many favorable comments have been heard about the new garbage truck. Decisions need to be made about the other two garbage trucks that the village

has but are not using. A discussion was held about the possibility of not picking up all of the snow in dump trucks from the Sno Go this winter but rather blowing some of it in the right of way when possible.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

Unfinished Business

Fish contacted Jack Dueweke of the **Houghton County Office of Emergency Measures** regarding emergency response systems. Within 6 months or so, countywide texts will be available for those who would like these notifications. In the past, there have been grants for weather radios.

Fish and Village Administrator Vertin clarified the garbage ordinance and the **garbage** resolution. Changes made to the ordinance had to do with the weight-no more than 50 pounds for 50 gallon bags or containers or village carts could be used. After further discussion, a motion was made by Fish and seconded by Harju to hold a public hearing at the December regular council meeting to get the opinion of village residents on whether or not residents should have to buy village issued carts. Carried 6-0.

New Business

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Erickson to increase **ice time rates** at the George Gipp Arena from \$110/hr., \$150/1.5 hrs. \$65 for Jr. Hockey and \$75/hr. for Figure Skating to \$120/hr., \$160/1.5 hrs., \$75 for Jr Hockey and \$85 for Figure Skating. **Ice arena worker wages** would increase from \$9.10/hr. to \$9.35/hr. The **part time dump truck driver** rate would go from \$10.00/hr. to \$10.75/hr. Carried 6-0.

A recall has been made on the 2010 Dodge **pickup truck**. Either the truck can be fixed or Chrysler will buy the truck back for \$20,000.00. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Erickson to use the buy back and purchase a GMC truck from the state store. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Harju to hold the annual **fall clean up** October 26, 28, 30 for Third St and South and November 2, 4, and 6 for Third St and North. The leaf and branch piles will be open during regular DPW work hours but not on the weekends. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to raise the rent for **Keweenaw Fire Sales & Service** at the fire department building from \$300.00/month to \$325.00/month. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Harju to increase the **Ordinance #135 Sidewalk Plowing rates** from \$2.00/lineal ft. to \$2.10/lineal ft. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Junot to increase the **snow contract rates** from \$.30/sq. ft. to \$.32/sq. ft. for plowing and from \$.30/sq. ft. to \$.32/sq. ft. for hauling. Carried 6-0. Due to the new addition and parking spaces, more time will be needed at **Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital** so a 25% increase was negotiated for this portion of their contract. Carried 6-0.

Contrary to recent rumors, the George Gipp Arena will not be closing.

At 6:42PM, a motion was made by Harju and seconded by Erickson to enter into **executive session** to discuss police and DPW union negotiations. Carried 6-0.

At 6:45PM, the meeting resumed.

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Absent: Lanctot.

The CHS Carpentry Class made a new concession stand for Daniell Park with all of the material donated by 41 Lumber. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Fish for the Clerk to send **thank you letters** to these two groups for their contributions. Carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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