

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Bob Erickson, Hodges (5:32PM), Junot, Lanctot and Miller.

**Absent:** Jeff Erickson.

**Guests:** Paul Baroni, David Heinz, Graham Jaehnig, Jeff Kalcich, Jonathan Kalcich, Chuck Miller, Sharon Turovaara and Edward Vertin.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **agenda** with the addition of Houghton County Treasurer delinquent tax properties under new business. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **minutes** of the September 19, 2017 regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Bob Erickson, Junot, Lanctot and Miller. Abstain – Hodges. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$447,762.33 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$45,355.89. Carried 6-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

**Chuck Miller, attorney** was present to meet the council. He has had a private practice in Calumet since 2011 and is interested in becoming the village attorney when Paul Tomasi retires at the end of the year. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to appoint Chuck Miller as village attorney. Yes – Bausano, Bob Erickson, Hodges, Junot and Lanctot. No – Miller. Carried 5-1. The same fee schedule as the previous village attorney will apply.

David Heinz, advisor for the CHS Drama Club, indicated that they would like to do the **Halloween haunted house** at the arena again this year. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Miller to authorize the CHS Drama Club to have the Halloween haunted house at the George Gipp Arena on both Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. For the younger children the hours will be from 5:00-8:00PM, older kids 8:30-10:00PM. Carried 6-0.

Miller reported that Waste Management, Calumet Village President Dave Geisler and herself will meet to discuss the feasibility of starting an area wide **recycling** program. More information will be available at the November meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** The roof replacement at the arena is complete. The trick or treat hours will be from 5:00PM – 8:00PM on Halloween. Volunteers are needed to bag the treats and help serve/hand out bags for the party at the arena.

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

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

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** The DPW would like to replace one of the single axle dump trucks for a tandem axle dump truck at an upcoming auction in Wausau WI. The cost of the new dump truck would be about \$25,000 and we could possibly get \$15,000 to sell the old dump truck. A discussion was held regarding the recent equipment purchases and source of the funds used to buy them. A motion was made by Hodges to bid on the tandem dump truck up to \$25,000 but died due to lack of support.

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

### **Unfinished Business**

No more **sidewalk replacement** work will be done this year. Next year the program will start earlier in the spring or summer. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Bob Erickson to approve the rate for sidewalk replacement at \$5.00/square foot. Carried 6-0.

Since Jeff Erickson wasn't present, there was no update on the **LED replacements**.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Miller to approve new **ice rental rates** for the upcoming season at the George Gipp Arena. Jr hockey will be \$80/hour, Figure skating \$95/hour, and rentals for 1.5 hours will be \$170.00. One hour rentals will stay the same at \$120.00/hour. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Bob Erickson to increase the **rink worker wages** to \$10.00/hour for the 2017-18 season. Carried 6-0.

The Houghton County Treasurer indicated that six of the **delinquent tax properties** in the village did not sell at either of the two rounds of auctions held in August and September. These properties need to be rejected by the village in writing prior to November 30, 2017 or they will be transferred to the village. The Irish Times parking lot would be the only property useful to the village, if it is a separate parcel from the restaurant and former banquet room. Village Administrator Vertin will contact the Houghton County Treasurer to determine if it would be possible just to get the parking lot. Action will be taken at the November regular meeting on these properties.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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