

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Erickson, Harju, Junot, Koskiniemi, and Lanctot.

Absent: Zei.

Guests: Jackie Aalto, Paul Baroni, Brian Bonen, Kurt Hauglie, Edward Sever, 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 Koskiniemi to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **minutes** of the August 19, 2008 regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Harju, Koskiniemi and Lanctot. Abstain – Junot. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Koskiniemi to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$66,668.80 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$47,815.36. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to reappoint Karlis Kazeks to the **Laurium Housing Commission**. The term of office is from May 2008 to May 2013. Carried 6-0.

Auditor Jackie Aalto gave a brief summary of the statements from this year's **audit**. She recommended that check signers be authorized annually and backups on the computer need to take place more regularly.

The **MSHDA Blueprints for Michigan Downtowns** grant was not awarded to the village. A list of the communities selected was distributed to the council.

Committee Reports

Finance: Village Administrator Vertin answered questions from council on the year end financial reports.

Recreation: No report.

Public Safety – Police: The department is looking into getting a taser. The cost is about \$900-\$1000 but there is the possibility of getting one cheaper if not free.

Public Safety – Fire: 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 award the bid to B&B Contracting for the **salt shed** in the amount of \$108,240.00. An additional \$4800 will be an upgrade for cement fiberglass siding. Carried 6-0. The paving will be done by October 12, 2008. The cost of running an underground wire for electricity will be checked.

There will be adequate funds in the water fund next year to undertake a **water project**. The study done by the MTU students last year will be consulted for planning the improvements on the north end of town.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
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