

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Erickson, Harju (5:37), Junot, Lanctot and Miller.

Absent: Bonenfant.

Guests: Paul Baroni, 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 Lanctot to approve the **agenda** with the addition of Houghton County Airport meeting and letter from Trustee Erickson to Communications to the Council. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve the **minutes** from the August 18, 2009 regular council meeting. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$46,421.74 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$53,253.28. Carried 5-0.

Communications to the Council

Paul Lehto, NHCW&SA, was not present to discuss the **sewer ordinance penalty**. Barbara Piper and Robert Swykert will be presented a **Preservation Award** for their new garage and painting of their house at 400 Pewabic Street. The ceremony will be on September 24, 2009 at 6:00PM at the Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's. A **letter of resignation** was submitted by Trustee Robert Erickson effective September 30, 2009. He moved out of the village and is no longer qualified to serve on the council. A meeting regarding **flight service** at the Houghton County Airport will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 6:00PM at MTU. Kevin Harju will represent the village at this meeting. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Junot to support the option to have 2 flights daily by Mesaba on prop planes to Minneapolis and 1 jet flight to Detroit daily. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: Financial statements for the funds were distributed to the council compare actual expenses to the budgets at this time.

Parks/Recreation/Community Relations: The new signs have been put up.

Public Safety – Fire: The possibility of having direct deposit of checks was discussed. The majority of employees do not want to have this done at this time.

Public Safety – Police: The committee is working with the department on shift changes and new time sheets.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

New Business

At 5:45PM, a motion was made by Harju and seconded by Lanctot to go into executive session to discuss **DPW Union negotiations**. Carried 6-0.

The meeting returned to regular session at 5:49PM.

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

Absent: Bonenfant.

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Junot to ratify the August 24, 2009 tentative agreement with the DPW Union and AFSCME. Carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
Village of Laurium