

Village of Laurium

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

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

**Guests:** Paul Baroni, Jeff Kaldich, Edward Vertin, and William Zei.

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 7-0.

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Junot to approve the **minutes** of the August 19, 2014 regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Bonerfant, Fish, Junot, Lanctot and Miller. Abstain – Harju. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for August and September in the amount of \$78,953.81 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$24,844.43. Carried 7-0.

**Communications to the Council**

Letters were sent to Barb Flanagan and Amy Pierce to thank them for their donation of time and materials for the gardens at Dariel Park.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to hold a **public hearing/special meeting** on Monday, September 29, 2014 at 5:15/5:30. The purpose of the hearing/special meeting is to take public comment and input regarding a Michigan Strategic Fund Urgent Need Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$258,300 for repairs/replacement of damaged water system infrastructure caused by the extreme winter weather of 2014. Carried 7-0.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/ Parks/ Community Relations:** The new sign at the arena is now lit.

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

**Public Safety – Fire:** No report.

**Streets/ Equipment/ Sanitation:** The committee would like to have the Ordinance committee review the garbage ordinance for some necessary changes. The garbage truck needs to be replaced. More information and prices will be available at the October meeting.

**Property Building Ordinance:** Some progress has been made on the properties addressed under the unsafe building ordinance.

### **New Business**

Since the projects from last summer have been completed and the parking meters removed, a motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Landt to close the Water Construction, Street Construction 2013 and Parking Meters **checking accounts** at River Valley Bank. Carried 7-0.

Fish had several concerns regarding the **audit report**. Discussion was held on the necessity of an employee manual, procedure manual and job descriptions. Some clarification was needed on the accounts receivable reconciliations and authorizing check signers, which Village Administrator Vertin will obtain from the auditor. For the October meeting, the village attorney will have the correction to the contract with the Water Company for the rate change. The attorney is also reviewing if monies from Ordinance #114 Fund can be used in the street funds for snow removal should there not be enough money in them for the upcoming winter.

Four bids were received for **boiler replacements** at the village hall. A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Junot to award the bid to William Hyrkas Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$24,678.00. Carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gdus, Clerk

Village of Laurium