

Village of Laurium

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Jeff Erickson, Robert Erickson, Junot, Lanctot, Miller & Schneiderhan.

Guests: Kerry Beaghan, Kevin Beaghan, Antonia Burich, Daniel Kalcich, Jeff Kalcich, Jonathan Kalcich, Robert Kyllonen, Jonathan Soper 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 Lanctot and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **agenda** with the addition of acting to permanent, full time Police Lieutenant under New Business. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve the **minutes** of the August 21, 2018 regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Robert Erickson, Junot, Lanctot, Miller and Schneiderhan. Abstain – Jeff Erickson. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for August/September in the amount of \$207,114.83 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$34,944.89. Carried 7-0.

Communications to the Council

Dan DeBeaubien was present to discuss the **Croix ice boards** project for the George Gipp Arena. Since the boards are portable and come with a cart, they can be used at both the George Gipp Arena and also the Colosseum. The cost is about \$6800. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve \$5000 for purchase of the boards and approach the Calumet Hockey Association for the balance of the cost. Carried 7-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: The audit reports were distributed.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: As discussed the committee meeting, writing a grant to obtain some equipment is being pursued.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: There was an incident at Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital regarding loose needles while picking up the garbage. The village would prefer to not have to touch the hospital garbage and is looking into purchasing either a compactor that will enable the garbage to be loaded into the truck or have it stored in a roll off container. An option that is being considered is purchasing a roll off truck for \$24,500 and possibly trading in the Galion grader for \$12,500 and the International dump truck for \$8500. This truck could possibly be used for extra garbage pickups rather than the dump trucks and also for recycling. More information is being gathered and will be presented as soon as it is available.

Property/Building/Ordinance: There is a question on the “inactivity charge” being billed by Waste Management for the recycling. Now that the container is inside, a better evaluation can be made on how the recycling program is working. The garage at 119 Hecla Street that has been cited under the Unsafe Building Ordinance has been through the process. The owners have torn down the garage and are now in compliance.

Unfinished Business

The additional application (Joint Energy Plan form) for the **LED lighting project** was needed since there are two different meters in the project. An estimate has been obtained from Keweenaw Power & Light for the cost of the labor to install the lighting. Each light is a plug in drop off. The cost would be 1-1.5 hours/light @ \$80.00/hour. A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to obtain bids for light fixtures. Carried 7-0.

Since the council could see no advantage of the **NMU Smart Zone kiosk**, a motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to not fund this project. Carried 7-0.

New Business

A couple of the village departments are not interested in **direct deposit** of their paychecks. Village Administrator is researching whether or not the village can make it mandatory.

Old Colony Road from Amygdaloid Street to the village limit on North Florida Street is in poor condition. A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Schneiderhan to seek Request Funding Proposals for Old Colony Road. Carried 7-0.

Due to the retirement of Paul Baroni, a motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Jeff Erickson to appoint Robert Kyllonen as **permanent, full time Lieutenant** of the police department. Carried 7-0.

Schneiderhan indicated that Accounts Clerk Cheryl Remali has requested that the village pay \$5.95/month for a **water cooler** in the front office. Since water is available in the police department and from the sinks, the request was denied.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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