

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2015

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

Absent: Harju and Lanctot.

Guests: Paul Baroni, David Booth, Gary Dupuis, Chrissy Gerhart, Chris Holmes, Eric Lee, Edward Vertin and Bill Zei.

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers by President Bausano at 5:30PM.

Public Hearing on Unsafe Building Ordinance Work Orders

David Booth – 120 N Pewabic St

An old garage/shed in the back yard was torn down. The footing and wooden floor with rot in the supports and decking was left. This was left since removing it would leave a drop in the ground level. However, as was pointed out to Mr. Booth, it could be filled in if removed. Mr. Booth asked if it could remain if the deck and supports were replaced. A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Miller to have the Houghton County Building Inspector determine if the footing would be safe to build off of and if replacing the piers and decking now with the expectation that a new owner could build off it would be acceptable or should the stone footing be removed and the ground leveled within the next 60 days. Carried 5-0.

Kimby Corp. – 217 Ahmeek St

The owner of the house was not present. The unsafe building in the back yard has been torn down but not removed from the site. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Fish to maintain the work order as it stands. Carried 5-0.

Rita Kannianen and Christy Turley – 113 Kearsarge St

The owners were not present. Most of the work order has been completed but not all items have been finished. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to maintain the work order as it stands. Carried 5-0.

Laura Ogar – 166 Woodland Ave

The owner was not present and has not made contact with the village or complied with the ordinance since the July letter was issued. A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Miller to maintain the work order as is. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Erickson to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Junot to approve the **minutes** of the August 18, 2015 regular council meeting. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$24,394.68 and approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$197,262.38. Carried 5-0.

Communications to the Council

Chris Holmes from UP Engineers & Architects reported that the work for the Urgent Needs Grant is 100% complete. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Fish to submit the second **pay request** this week. The local match is \$51,500 and the reimbursement from CDBG is \$154,000. Carried 5-0.

Eric Lee showed a short video of the ongoing problem of **garbage cans** being strewn after being emptied into the garbage truck. Memos have gone to the Street Department about this issue which the employees have signed.

Chrissy Gerhart from Northern Consultants was present to inform the council of some **MSHDA grants** that are available to low-moderate income residents to help with down payments on homes and improvements for energy efficiency, lead paint or asbestos removal, etc. Northern Consultants can work with the village to implement this program.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The condenser replacement has been completed at the Arena.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: A letter was received from former chief and longtime village firefighter Dan Mukavetz that his resignation from the department was effective on August 31, 2015.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: Parts are no longer available for some things on the SnoGo and it is too expensive to make parts at Calumet Machine. It is running on borrowed time and a decision needs to be made as to how it will be replaced.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The house on 218 Hecla Street damaged in the fire has been secured. Demo bids have been obtained but the asbestos and lead reports are still not complete. More discussion regarding garbage cans and sizes and/or bags was held. Fish will draft changes to the ordinance and it will be submitted to the village attorney for his opinion. The siren at the town hall has not been working for several months. It is no longer cost effective to fix and there is no real purpose to use it. Fish will contact the Houghton County Emergency Measures Department for the emergency notification policy.

New Business

Two bids were received for the **town hall tower roof replacement**. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Erickson to approve the low bid of \$8,800.00 from Lake State Roofing to do the project with tan Duro-Last. Carried 5-0.

In order to comply with state requirements to have legal compliance of a written policy with a board vote, a motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Junot to adopt the resolution for **ACH and Electronic Transactions**. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Miller to have the annual **Halloween** party at the George Gipp Arena on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 3-5PM. Trick or Treat hours will be from 5-8PM. Carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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