

Village of Laurium

Work Session

Tuesday, January 09, 2018

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Jeff Erickson, Robert Erickson, Hodges (12:01PM) & Miller.

Absent: Junot and Lanctot.

Guests: Edward Vertin.

The work session was called to order in the village council chambers by President Bausano at 12:00PM.

Miller gathered information regarding potential options for recycling in the village. The following options were discussed:

1. Cardboard recycling partnership with Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital.
As long as a mutually agreeable drop off site could be established, we could use the hospital's bailer for cardboard recycling at no cost.
2. Remote compactor.
A compactor could be leased from Waste Management. Fees would vary depending upon the type of compactor and the length of the lease. Miller indicated that Eagle Harbor and Eagle River have these.
3. Roll off container.
The village could get a roll off container that holds 1-1.5 tons of recycled material. The cost would be \$375/pickup. The school indicated they would be willing to have a container on site but not during the winter.
4. Curbside recycling.
The village could pick up recycling in designated containers or bags using village equipment. The truck would have to be clean. The cost would be \$50/ton at Waste Management. It would need to be dumped on Thursdays only.

The council felt that Option 1 is a possibility even if nothing else is done.

Option 2 would involve a 3 year lease to which we may not want to be tied. This option would also require a power source on site.

Option 3 seemed to be the most favorable option. Laurium (businesses included), Calumet and Calumet Township residents could drop off recycling for a fee. Possible locations in the village would be the town hall or the storage garage on South Florida St. This would need to be monitored. Hours would depend on the location.

At this time, it did not seem like Option 4 would work since there is only one garbage truck and it has garbage in it every day. This option would be possible in the future if recycling is very popular in the village.

Houghton County has raised the tipping fees at the transfer station to \$80.00/ton effective January 1, 2018.

Mark Harrick from Waste Management will be invited to the January 16, 2018 council meeting to further discuss these options and answer any other questions.

The work session adjourned at 12:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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