

Village of Laurium  
Special Council Meeting  
Thursday, February 2, 2023

**Present for Roll Call:** Galbraith, Hrebec, Pietila and Sullivan.

**Absent:** Carlson, Erickson and Jenich-Laplander.

**Guests:** Kurt Erkkila, Jon Koskiniemi, Ian Lewis and Dan Zubiena.

The meeting was called to order by President Sullivan at 6:00PM.

Discussion was held regarding the **Headlee ballot language**. The main focus was ensuring that it was understandable to the voters and it accomplishes what needs to be passed. Manager Lewis will research whether or not there needs to be a time frame in the wording or not. A motion was made by Hrebec and seconded by Pietila to approve the ballot language presented based on the information Manager Lewis finds out regarding have a limit on the number of years the tax can be collected at the rollback millage rate. Carried 4-0.

There are Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships **(FDCVT) grants** available that would help with public services. The deadline to apply is the end of March. The council should bring ideas to the February meeting ideas as to what would be best use of this grant money.

Manager Lewis indicated that all of the funds except the General Fund seem to be within the **2022-23 budgets**. There are still more entries that need to be made in the General Fund before an accurate picture can be determined. A discussion was held regarding future funding and spending and what changes can be made to improve the bottom line. More information will be available at the February meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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