

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Bonenfant, Harju, Junot, Lanctot, and Miller.

Guests: Paul Baroni, Brooke Bedore, Pat Boberg, Tyler Harju, Kurt Hauglie, Dan Mukavetz, Ed Sever, Ed Vertin, Eric Waara, Bill Zei, David Zei and Susan 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 Miller to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

Minutes

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Junot to approve the minutes of the **March 16, 2010** regular council meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the minutes of the **April 12, 2010 statutory** meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the **April 12, 2010 special** council meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve the **prepaid bills** for March – April 2010 for \$70,688.18 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$35,787.22.

The council accepted with regret a letter of **resignation** from Pauline Easterling as village accounts clerk.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Public Safety – Police: The department has started notifying property owners who are in violation of the yard maintenance ordinance.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: There was a partial break in the sidewalk in front of The Yard Sale caused by the coal bin underneath the sidewalk. The area has been roped off and the building owner will be fixing the damage.

New Business

Eric Waara from UP Engineers & Architects reported to the council that the bids were opened for the work to be done on the **North End Water Project**. Siler Contracting was the low bidder. North Houghton County Water & Sewer Authority will be doing some work in conjunction with the village project. Funding for their portion of work will come from the authority, not USDA-Rural Development. Money left in the contingency budget may allow for work that had to be removed from the original scope of the project to be completed as well. This will be discussed more at the June or July meeting. A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Harju to award the **bid** for the work on the North End Water Project to Bill Siler Contracting for \$647,892.35. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Junot authorizing the **Bond Issuance Resolution** for \$726,000.00. Carried 6-0.

Bids for the **DPW pickup trucks** were opened last week. Two pickup trucks will be purchased. Snethkamp Dodge was the low bidder. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Lanctot to award the truck bid to Snethkamp Dodge for \$21,310.95/truck, including delivery. Carried 6-0.

Interviews were conducted for the **accounts clerk** position. For now, Pauline Easterling will be able to come in on a limited basis until her replacement is hired, which should be at the May regular council meeting.

Keweenaw Fire Extinguisher Sales & Services would like to use the portion of the **fire department building** currently being rented by UPPCo. UPPCo management was notified that KFES&S has already moved into the building even though UPPCo's lease does not expire until June 30, 2010. UPPCo did not have an issue with KFES&S being there. The village's insurance carrier recommended that the village should be added to KFES&S's insurance policy as an additional insured. A lease agreement will be modeled after the UPPCo lease for KFES&S beginning on July 1, 2010 with monthly rent being \$300.00. The matter was tabled until the next meeting so that KFES&S can add the village as an additional insured to their policy and the lease agreement is prepared.

A request has been made to UPPCo to paint the **street light poles** along M-26. This has not been done in several years and is overdue.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Golus, Clerk
Village of Laurium