

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2016

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

Absent: Harju.

Guests: Jan Banfield, Paul Baroni, Ben Eckl, Michelle Eckl, Jeanette Krock, Todd LaRoux, Christopher Llamas, Garrett Neese, Debbie Paavola, Axel Rivera, Paul Tomasi 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 Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

Minutes

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Fish to approve the minutes of the **March 15, 2016** regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Fish, Junot and Miller. Abstain – Lanctot. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the minutes of the **March 28, 2016** special council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Junot, Lanctot and Miller. Abstain – Fish. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the **April 11, 2016** statutory meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$155,161.41 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$29,776.65. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

Chris Llamas and Axel Rivera were present to address the council regarding their business **21 22 Games**, which does tactical laser tag. They are interested in renting the George Gipp Arena 4 days per week. They will have insurance and will require a waiver to be signed by all participants. They will need a storage area for some of their equipment and will possibly run a concession stand. A demonstration of the laser guns was given. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to rent the George Gipp Arena to 21 22 Games for \$1200.00/month 4 days/per week starting Memorial Day weekend for the summer months. Carried 6-0. It is understood by both parties that if the Daniell Park Concerts on Thursday nights in July and August and on June 25th if the Copper Country Fire Tournament on June 25th need to be held indoors, 21 22 Games will not have use of the arena.

Houghton County Building Inspector Todd Laroux and village attorney Paul Tomasi were present to discuss the collapsed roof on the banquet room of the Irish Times. The owners, Lisa & Cormac Ronan have no insurance on the building. There is also a mortgage on the building and liens from the IRS and State of Michigan. At this time, no plans have been made by any of

these parties to clean up the site. The village will begin to follow the procedure as outlined in its Unsafe Building Ordinance. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Fish to appoint Houghton County Building Inspector Todd LaRoux as the enforcing agency official per the ordinance. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to appoint Greg Kingstrom from UP Engineers & Architects as the hearing officer per the village ordinance. Carried 6-0. The question had been raised regarding mandatory insurance for all commercial businesses in the village. Village Attorney Tomasi felt the cost and enforcement of such a requirement would outweigh its benefit. Various scenarios regarding the ordinance and the Irish Times property were discussed.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: Fish attended a meeting regarding the Calumet Township Sesquicentennial celebration August 19th & 20th. Events are being planned and volunteers and sponsors are needed. The Village of Laurium is encouraged to participate. The committee will be updating the council on the plans as they are scheduled.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

Unfinished Business

Last month the Calvary Chapel Keweenaw Peninsula offered the village \$1 for the **Senior Citizens building** and they would have a \$30,000 line of credit from the bank for bringing the building back up to code. The village countered with an asking price of \$30,000. The village can require as a condition of sale the property to be updated and improved. Pastor Ben Eckl will need to go back to his board for direction on a counter offer. If necessary, a special meeting could be held to act on this or it will be discussed at the May 17th regular council meeting.

Village Administrator Vertin pieced together sample **millage ballot wording** for the committee and council to review.

New Business

A **Small Urban** meeting was held in the village last week. The village is not requesting a project again this year due to the decreased Act 51 funding and Street fund balances. The last bond payment was made on the **Streets 2000 project**. Typically another project would be in the works but again, finances prevent action.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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