

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Present for Roll Call: Carlson (6:10PM), Erickson, Jenich-Laplander, Schneiderhan and Sullivan.

Absent: Djerf and Salani.

Guests: Jeff Kalcich, Robert Kyllonen, Aaron Olson, Edward Vertin and Tony Worley.

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers and GoToMeeting website by President Sullivan at 5:30PM.

A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Jenich-Laplander to approve the **agenda** with the change of addressing the police department body cams under communications. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Jenich-Laplander to approve the **minutes** of the **March 16, 2021** regular council meeting and the **April 12, 2021** Statutory meeting. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Jenich-Laplander to approve the **prepaid bills** for March/April 2021 in the amount of \$134,906.58 and approve the **merchandise accounts** for April in the amount of \$36,785.66. Carried 4-0.

Communications to the Council

Tony Worley of Hamer Enterprises gave the council an overview of the third-party service they can offer the village regarding **credit card payments**. Garbage customers can pay, for a fee, their bills online. This service can also be extended to taxes payments and other bills the village issues. The village attorney will review the professional service agreement prior to making a commitment.

The police department would like to replace their obsolete **body cams**. They are looking to get 5 total – one for each full-time officer and one for part time help. Axon Enterprise quoted \$3495.00. Portage Health has a 50% grant for equipment for first responders. Jenich-Laplander will find out if our department would qualify for this grant. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Erickson to apply for the grant if we qualify and if not, order the cameras from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for \$3495. Carried 4-0.

Jeff Erickson left the meeting at 6:15PM.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The proposed dog park is near power lines and Village Administrator Vertin is working to get permission to use the area. The committee would like to set up a date for a work bee for the flower beds in the parks. The DPW will trim the hedge

in the Gipp Memorial. The council is willing to donate time to have the George Gipp Arena open for roller skating this summer.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: The air tanks will be coming either at the end of April but for sure by mid-May. A press release will be done when they arrive.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The DPW would like to sell the 2000 dump truck since it is too small for their needs and upgrade to a tandem truck. The selling price would be \$10-15,000.00. Peterbilt would be able to finance a 1% loan for a new garbage truck which would cost about \$190,000.00. We could then sell the old garbage truck to help pay off this loan.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The committee will investigate an ordinance about parking campers, trailers, boats, etc. on the village streets during the summer.

Beautification: No report.

Unfinished Business

A work session will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:00PM to go over the surveys.

There has been some feedback on the letters sent out requesting an auditor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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