

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Present for Roll Call: Carlson, Erickson, Hrebec, Jenich-Laplander, Johnson, Schneiderhan, and Sullivan.

Guests: Kurt Erkkila, Tom Fournier, and Jon Koskiniemi.

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers by President Sullivan at 6:00PM.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Hrebec to approve the **agenda** adding Village Manager resignation to Communications to the Council, under Unfinished Business Planning Commission appointment, and under new Business Police part time pay increase. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Laplander to approve the **minutes** of the March 15, 2022, regular meeting and the April 11, 2022, Statutory meeting minutes. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Johnson to hold a special meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 6:00PM to approve the **merchandise accounts and prepaid bills**. Carried 7-0.

Communications to the Council

The review of the village **insurance** policy was tabled until the May regular council meeting.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Schneiderhan to accept the **resignation** of Village Manager Diana Lewitzke and Manager Assistant Joe Watson effective April 18, 2022, at 5:00pm.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks: The Easter egg hunt had a huge turnout. Inquiries were made regarding the rental of the ballroom.

Police: No information has been received on the state grant but hopefully later this week. The department is still in need for a full-time officer.

Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The rental ordinance was sent to the council for review. Once that is completed, it will be sent to the village attorney. We may have better enforcement for the yard maintenance ordinances through civil action. More information will be available at the May meeting.

Beautification: No report.

Community Relations: The style guide for social media and the contact calendar should be ready by the end of the week.

Unfinished Business

The **grant** from the Portage Health Foundation for a handicap swing and table at the Gipp Recreation area will be submitted.

New Business

A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Erickson to appoint Sam Stonelake to the **Laurium Planning Commission** as the outside resident per the ordinance. Carried 7-0.

At 6:21PM, a motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Jenich-Laplander to go into **executive session** to discuss personnel matters. Carried 7-0.

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:10PM.

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A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Hrebec to appoint Village Clerk Patricia Golus as interim manager at the rate of \$20.00/hr. Carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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