

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Carlson, Erickson, Lanctot, Salani and Schneiderhan.

Absent: Sullivan.

Guests: Robert Kyllonen and Edward Vertin.

The meeting was called to order through the GoToMeeting site by President Bausano at 5:30PM.

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **agenda** with the addition of Veterans Banner Program under Communications to the Council. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **minutes** of the July 21, 2020 regular council meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** for July/August 2020 in the amount of \$61,806.59 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$27,905.56. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Schneiderhan to support the **Veterans Banner program** for \$87.00. These banners will be provided, and the village will have to put them up on the poles. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The Live Barn feed is progressing at the George Gipp Arena. The internet service has been installed and equipment delivered at no cost to the village.

Public Safety – Police: The police need to replace a radar gun that isn't working.

Public Safety – Fire: The fire department received a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant in a joint application with Lake Linden, Bootjack, Hubbell, and Hancock. The total amount of the grant is \$525,142.00, which is a 95/5% split. 108 masks, 75 air packs and an extra bottle will be purchased.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: Now that the concert series is over, the bandshell in Daniell Park roof and siding is being completed. The light on the town hall for the flagpole needs to be repaired.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The trailer that has been parked across the street from the town hall at Retro Rental is being used to remodel the building. Charles Miller, owner, offered to help the village with grant writing for facades, etc.

Beautification: Schneiderhan will remove some of the planters that are on the corners. Appreciation was given to Gregg Saxton who has been taking such good care of the hanging baskets.

Unfinished Business

The Houghton County Recreation Plan is being established for the purpose of fixing the trail system that was ruined during the Father's Day flood in 2018. There is no cost to the village. All this will be is one voice applying for state funding to repair the damaged trails rather than several applying. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the Articles of Incorporation for the **Houghton County Recreation Authority**. Carried 6-0.

New Business

Evaluations for Village Administrator Vertin were not done due to COVID 19 back in April. These evaluations have now been completed. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Salani to increase Vertin's salary by 2% from \$45,961.74 to \$46,880.97 retroactive to April 13, 2020. Carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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