

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2015

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

Absent: Harju

Guests: Paul Baroni, Chris Holmes, Jeff Kaldich, Dan Mukavetz, Dave Olsson 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 Fish and seconded by Miller to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Fish to approve the **minutes** of the January 20, 2015 regular council meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** for January-February in the amount of \$93,371.62 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$53,276.83. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

Dave Olsson from Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital gave the council an overview of the plans for new **signage** once the hospital addition is completed. AKH is working with MDOT on compliance and will contact UPPCo regarding other issues. They will consult the street department to make sure there will be no problems with signs in the way for snow removal.

The **Urgent Needs Grant** water project drawings are ready to be reviewed. Village Administrator will meet with Michigan-American Water Company tomorrow.

Information was received regarding upcoming changes in July for the Freedom of Information Act, which the village must comply with or face fines. A referendum vote will be held on May 15, 2015 to increase Michigan's sales tax to raise revenue for road funding.

Committee Reports

Finance: Budgets are being prepared for the upcoming fiscal year. The Nonexpendable Trust Fund will be dissolved for next fiscal year with a portion being transferred to General and the rest to the Municipal Street Fund.

Recreation/ Parks/ Community Relations: The annual nitetournament will be held this weekend at the arena. Miller received complaints regarding the deafness of the arena. Village Administrator Vertin will address this matter.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: Landt presented a plaque to Dan Mukavetz for his service on the Laurium Fire Department – 29 years as a firefighter and the last 15 years as Chief.

Streets/ Equipment/ Sanitation: The SnoGo will make it through the winter but along term sudion is needed for its replacement.

Property/ Building Ordinance: No report.

The Recreation committee will meet regarding the requests made in order to have the senior girls' state **baseball tournament** this summer and will report to the council at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Landt and seconded by Jund to hold the budget hearing on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 5:00PM to take public comment on the proposed budgets for 2015-16. A special meeting will follow at 5:15PM to adopt the 2015-16 budget and amend the 2014-15 budget. Carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gdus, Clerk

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