

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 19, 2019

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

Guests: Debbie Dlubala, Jeff Kalcich, Robert Kyllonen 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 Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Sullivan to approve the **minutes** of the January 15, 2019 regular council meeting as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for January/February 2019 in the amount of \$104,519.38 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$38,309.74. Carried 7-0.

Communications to the Council

A US flag retirement box was donated by Patrick J. Sullivan for his Eagle Scout project, Boy Scout Troop 207. Materials came from Darnell Construction.

Village Administrator Vertin had more information regarding **USDA-Rural Development grants** and allowing marihuana in your community for the council to review.

The State of Michigan has some **road grants** available that were passed during the lame duck session of Congress. Greg Kingstrom at UP Engineers & Architects will get more details. Village Administrator Vertin thinks that after reading the preliminary details of these grants, Old Colony Road could qualify.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: No report.

Public Safety – Police/Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: Sullivan had questions regarding the plowing of village streets and the frequency of the SnoGo on the streets. President Bausano indicated that Erickson is now part of the Streets/Equipment/Sanitation committee.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

Beautification: No report.

Unfinished Business

After talking to Waste Management, Miller reported that the village is not eligible for the same deals on recycling as Houghton and Hancock are because we don't have a contract for pickup. Currently, the village has taken in approximately \$1100 in recycling fees and spent \$2900 for disposal. Since this is not a profitable service, options to keep the program going are grants, fundraising or inquiring with Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital for cardboard recycling only. We do not have a contract with Waste Management so once we dispose the contents of the container, we can be done. Rather than leave people with no notice of stopping this service, discussion of purchasing a trailer and hauling it ourselves on Thursdays to Waste Management was revisited. Erickson will get pricing on trailers and contact Waste Management for the March meeting. In order to be on the agenda for a meeting, notice needs to be given to Village Administrator Vertin by the Friday prior to the Tuesday meeting date.

New Business

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to hold the **Budget Hearing** on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 5:00PM. Immediately following at 5:15PM, a special meeting of the Laurium Village Council will be held to amend the budget for 2018-19 and approve the budget for 2019-20. Carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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