

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

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

Guests: Jon Jaehnig, Jeff Kalcich, Jon Koskiniemi and Robert Kyllonen.

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 Sullivan to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Carlson to approve the **minutes** of the January 21, 2020 regular council meeting. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for January/February 2020 in the amount of \$203,153.18 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$39,974.76. Carried 7-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: The committee met with the office staff. They will be working on their job descriptions. Employee evaluations will be done prior to the Statutory meeting. The committee will meet to determine when the evaluations will take place and make sure job descriptions are ready.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The George Gipp Arena will be closing for the season on March 11, 2020.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: The department needs to replace 26 SCBA air tanks that have expired. They have applied for grants to help defray the cost. The committee will meet with Chief Zubiena to discuss this.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The SnoGo attachment has been repaired and is back up & running. We were also able to obtain spare parts for future repairs.

Property/Building/Ordinance: No report.

Beautification: Schneiderhan will be contacting the owners of the vacant buildings on the main street. She has had some wood donated that will be painted with scenes/pictures for the front windows of the vacant buildings if the owners are willing to have displayed.

Unfinished Business

No further update on **Calumet Village garbage pickup**.

Miller would like to see some sort of celebration this summer for Laurium's **125th anniversary**. Possibly July 9-11th, events could kick off with the Daniell Park concert. Baseball, softball,

basketball, etc. tournaments at the Gipp Recreation Area and a dance at the George Gipp Arena on Saturday are some other potential activities. Also tie in the village rummage sales during that time. Volunteers to help plan will be recruited.

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Lanctot to accept the **Fire Department's** annual report and approve the elected officers as follows: Chief – Dan Zubierna, 1st Assistant – Sean Jacques, 2nd Assistant – Dylan Parske, Secretary – Jason Lund and Treasurer – Jesse Caron. Carried 7-0.

New Business

The **village computers** (towers, keyboards, and mouse) need to be updated. Village Administrator Vertin obtained quotes from Dell and locally, Up & Running. He will do more research to make sure the same software & memory are comparable in both quotes. A decision will be made at the March meeting from where to purchase the computers.

Copper Country Habitat for Humanity contacted the village to see if there is an interest for having **Team Rubicon**, a nonprofit organization, demolish building(s) within the village. They would provide the equipment and manpower and the village would be responsible for additional costs. An application & grant process will be required. The council expressed interest in this so more information will be presented at the March meeting.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Sullivan to hold the **budget hearing** on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 4:00PM. At 4:15PM, a **special meeting** will be held to amend the 2019-2020 budget and approve the 2020-21 proposed budget. Carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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