

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Present for Roll Call: Carlson, Erickson (online), Hrebec (online), Jenich-Laplander (online 6:07PM), Schneiderhan and Sullivan.

Guests: Kalen Carlson, Kurt Erkkila, Grant Dosetti, Diana Lewitzke and five online guests.

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

At the March meeting, there will be a **public hearing** on Ordinance #112-Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Carlson to approve the **agenda** with the addition of Budget Hearing/Special Meeting under New Business. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Carlson to approve the **minutes** of the January 18, 2022, regular meeting and the January 20, 2022, special meeting with the correction of the prepaid bills from \$73,446.11 to \$77,132.46 and the merchandise accounts from \$40,357.70 to \$40,312.70. Yes-Carlson, Erickson, Hrebec and Sullivan. Abstain-Schneiderhan. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **prepaid bills** for January/February 2022 in the amount of \$101,252.45 and the **merchandise accounts** for February in the amount of \$31,389.12. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Jenich-Laplander to accept with regret the **resignation** of Jaikob Djerf as village trustee and planning commission member. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Hrebec to post for the vacant council seat. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: Village Manager Lewitzke is implementing many changes including the accounting program to QuickBooks. It is recommended that all committee meetings include the manager.

Parks/Recreation/Community Relations: During the All-School Reunion in July there will not be a movie night, just a concert from 6:00-7:30PM in Daniell Park. Jr Hockey will be done with ice time at the George Gipp Arena on March 3rd, but the rink will not close for the season until March 13th, weather permitting. The annual mite tournament went well.

Police/Fire: The grant for police recruitment and training was submitted today. The FEMA audit is in the process of being completed. Other grants are being investigated.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The Caterpillar grader has had some issues. The committee recommends looking for another grader in the spring or summer. A tandem dump truck was purchased. The funding was approved at the December 21, 2021, council meeting. It will be delivered from Indiana next week.

Property/Building/Ordinance: Hrebec has obtained permission from the City of Bessemer to use their rental ordinance as a draft for ours. The village attorney was consulted on a few questions so the draft will be available for council review at the March meeting.

Beautification: The planters will be going to Sleeman Greenhouse this week. Planning is underway for painting a mural on the fence at 41 Lumber this spring. Before grants can be written, the committee will need budget information and a clear plan of items to purchase.

Unfinished Business

A discussion on the marijuana issues will be discussed at the March meeting.

New Business

Sam Stonelake has agreed to serve on the **Laurium Planning Commission**. Since he is not a village resident, the new Planning Commission ordinance will need to be approved before he can take this position. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Carlson to approve the promotion of Darron Olson to **Sergeant**. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Schneiderhan to hold a **budget hearing and special meeting** on Friday, February 25, 2022 at 6:00PM. Carried 6-0.

Schneiderhan commented that she is glad to see positive things published about Laurium.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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