

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 21, 2020

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Carlson, Erickson, Schneiderhan and Sullivan (5:50PM).

**Absent:** Lanctot.

**Guests:** Jon Jaehnig, Jeff Kalcich, Robert Kyllonen and Edward Vertin.

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

A **public hearing** was held regarding John Blau's property at 142 Seneca Street. A work order was issued in February 2020. He has done some cleanup and a contractor is scheduled for this week. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Carlson to extend the work order another 30 days due to COVID 19. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Carlson to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Carlson to approve the **minutes** of the June 16, 2020 regular council meeting and the June 29, 2020 Millage hearing/special meeting. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** for June/July 2020 in the amount of \$86,262.55 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** for July 2020 in the amount of \$37,078.71. Carried 4-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

Three letters of interest were submitted for the **vacant council seat**. It was decided to put each name on a piece of paper and draw them from a hat. Renee Salani's name was chosen by President Bausano. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Schneiderhan to appoint Renee Salani to the vacant council seat. Carried 4-0. The clerk will coordinate swearing her in before the next meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** The audit has been completed and the reports are available.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** Due to COVID 19, the Keweenaw Crush baseball tournament scheduled for July was cancelled. They are trying to reschedule for August 7-8 and would need access to the baseball fields and George Gipp Arena.

**Public Safety – Police:** No report.

**Public Safety – Fire:** No report.

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** An anonymous letter was received regarding the need for weed whacking in the parks. Village Administrator Vertin and DPW Group Leader Kalcich will coordinate with the part time worker a schedule to address this. Sullivan will contact some of the businesses that may not be maintaining their property as well as they could. The repair work at the Daniell Park bandshell has turned into a much bigger project than anticipated. The roof,

rafters and wiring have all been repaired. Kalcich recommended replacing the cedar siding with vinyl. The cost would be about \$600.

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** The committee met with Police Chief Kyllonen regarding the Yard Maintenance Ordinance. Many letters have been sent to property owners and are in the process of being abated. There are a few that have not cleaned up and they may be fined. Sullivan is nearly done with the ordinances and will set up a meeting with Vertin to continue the process.

**Beautification:** An additional \$348.00 was collected for the benches, which will be delivered this week. Two of the pieces of artwork need repair as they do not stand up properly.

**New Business: Houghton County** has formed a **Recreation Authority** and invited other municipalities in the area to join. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Sullivan to table this until the August meeting so Vertin can get answers to some questions that were raised. Carried 5-0. The Michigan Department of Treasury is offering the **First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program**. The grants are for COVID 19 relief for up to \$1000/position so \$4000 total for the police department. A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Carlson to have Vertin complete the paperwork and submit for the funding. Carried 5-0.

Due to COVID 19, evaluations for the office staff were not done back in March. Carlson requested that the council return their **evaluation forms** for Vertin to her no later than August 4<sup>th</sup> so that they can be reviewed for the August 18<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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