

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 20, 2017

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Jeff Erickson, Robert Erickson, Hodges, Junot, Lanctot and Miller.

**Guests:** Paul Baroni, Diane Holmstrom, Jeff Kalcich, Beth O'Brien, Art Stancher, Edward Vertin and Dan Zubieta.

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers by President Bausano at 5:30PM.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Junot to approve the **minutes** of the **May 16, 2017 regular council meeting**. Carried 7-0. A motion was made by Robert Erickson and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the **May 22, 2017 special meeting** and the **June 14, 2017 special meeting**. Yes – Bausano, Jeff Erickson, Robert Erickson, Hodges, Junot and Miller. Abstain – Lanctot. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for May/June 2017 in the amount of \$160,793.19 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$23,180.68. Carried 7-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

**Diane Holmstrom** wished to be rescheduled to the July meeting.

Art Stancher and Beth O'Brien had concerns regarding zoning and **rental agreements** in the village. Currently, there are no village ordinances or codes for landlords of homes or apartments with tenants. For reasons of neighbor and tenant safety, a suggestion was made to have a part time code enforcement agent in the village to monitor rental units.

No action was taken to declare July 1, 2017 as **Sir John A. MacDonald Canada Day**.

Aspirus Hospital will be having its 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Light the Night** run/walk on Saturday, September 16, 2017. A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Miller to approve this date and the same run/walk route as last year for this event. Carried 7-0.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** The annual audit will begin on Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** Most of the materials have arrived for the roofing project at the George Gipp Arena. The Little League softball and baseball seasons will be ending next week. The DPW needs to put out dog waste bags.

**Public Safety – Police:** Police Chief Baroni read some statistics regarding the positive difference the UPSET team has made in the number of drug busts and arrests this past year. The village made a \$5000 donation to UPSET last year.

**Public Safety – Fire:** There were no fire calls in May. The roof at the fire station has been leaking at times. Lake State Roofing, who put the new roof on last year, has been called to inspect the problem. Sink **holes** in the parking lot will be filled by the DPW in the near future.

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** A possible loader has been located that will fit the Sno-go attachment already purchased. This 2006 JCB loader is at a dealer in Kentucky and currently priced at \$39,500.00. It was previously owned by the Pennsylvania Highway department mainly to load salt. A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Hodges to authorize Village mechanic Jerry Simpkins and DPW Group Leader Jeff Kalcich to fly to Kentucky on a day trip to inspect and test drive this loader. Plane tickets are about \$900 each. Carried 7-0.

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** Miller would like to see the window trims at the village hall painted. Research will be done by the committee on rental/code enforcement before the next meeting.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Miller to hold the Headlee **Public Hearing** on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 5:00PM and a **special meeting** at 5:10PM to adopt the 2017 millage rate. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to **scrap** the 1998 Chevrolet (#06) pickup truck at MenCo. The plow and sander will be removed first. Carried 7-0.

In order to decrease the rearranging of vehicles at the DPW garage, adding a second bay and installing a **new garage door** for the garbage truck was suggested. The employees should be able to do this work in house rather than hire an outside company. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Jeff Erickson to purchase the garage door and opener from 41 Lumber for an approximate cost of \$2000.00. Carried 7-0.

15-20 people responded to the notices for **sidewalk replacement** in the village. By the June 29th special meeting, pricing on the materials will be available. The village cost will depend on the size of the sidewalk being replaced.

A **bid** of \$300 was received for the 1981 Chevrolet dump truck (#31). The tires are still decent so we would not sell those tires. The scrap value of the truck will be determined by the June 29<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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