

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Carlson, Erickson (5:34PM), Lanctot, Schneiderhan and Sullivan.

Guests: Jon Jaehnig, Robert Kyllonen, Todd Overbeek and Edward Vertin.

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

A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **minutes** of the May 19, 2020 regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Lanctot, Schneiderhan and Sullivan. Abstain – Carlson. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for May/June 2020 in the amount of \$142,475.96 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** for June 2020 in the amount of \$29,717.96. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

A letter of **resignation** was received from Lorelee Miller as she will be moving from the village and is no longer able to serve on the council. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Erickson to accept her resignation with regret. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **MDOT contract resolution**. Carried 6-0.

A letter was received from **Linda Adamczewski**, owner of the property at 232 Hecla Street. Her sidewalk was damaged during spring cleanup. The village did patch that spot. Village Administrator Vertin will contact her regarding the 50/50 sidewalk replacement program but she will not be responsible for the area that the village damaged. The committee will review the property and the alleged damage to her steps.

Barb Flanigan has been maintaining the **gardens at Daniell Park** for several years but recently indicated she will no longer to be able to do so. The Beautification committee will handle this for the future.

Committee Reports

Finance: The audit is in progress and the fieldwork should be completed next week. Once meetings can resume in person, a detailed review of the budget will take place.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: There was a softball tournament at the fields over the weekend with several teams coming from out of the area. Between the local team and DPW, the fields were cleaned and prepared for the season. Local restaurants were patronized since concessions were not available on site. Another tournament is scheduled for the second weekend in July. Arrangements for using the George Gipp arena and having use of the fields on Tuesdays and Thursdays for practice need to be coordinated with Vertin.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: The fire trucks had pump testing and maintenance items addressed. The company coordinated with local departments to save on travel costs.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: A rollback truck for use at the hospital was being investigated through an online auction. With the budget and COVID 19 situation, nothing will be purchased at this time.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The police department has been addressing violations of the yard maintenance and unsafe building ordinances. They will provide addresses and follow up information to the committee. Sullivan would like to review the original ordinances in the book to make sure the ordinances posted on the website are complete.

Beautification: All 13 of the planters are now hanging on Hecla Street. \$1733.00 was raised and Schneiderhan has a few more checks to submit to the office. The other planters have been placed around the village. Artwork has been placed along M26 and Hecla Street. Darnell Construction donated the wood for framing. The City of Houghton had leftover plants that they donated to the corner of Hecla and Lake Linden Ave. Some can also be used in Daniell Park. The flower bed at the Gipp Memorial is planted and maintained by an outside company but the DPW will water it if necessary.

New Business

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Sullivan to hold the **public hearing** at 5:00PM and a **special meeting** at 5:15PM on June 29, 2020 for the millage rate. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **proposed resolution** for the 2020 millage rate. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Sullivan to advertise the **open seat** on the council. An appointment would be made at the July meeting. Carried 6-0. This person, along with Bausano, Sullivan, Schneiderhan and the Clerk and Treasurer are up for reelection this year. The deadline for filing with the Township Clerk is Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 4:00PM.

Schneiderhan will contact other businesses to see if they would like **benches** in front of their stores. The cost is \$75 and they were made by a village resident. Vertin will contact him to get more details by the end of the week.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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