

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Present for Roll Call: Carlson, Hrebec, Schneiderhan and Sullivan.

Absent: Erickson and Jenich-Laplander.

Guests: Kalen Carlson, Kurt Erkkila and Thomas Fournier.

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

A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Carlson to approve the **agenda** with the rental ordinance and part time police hourly rate increase added to Unfinished Business and Planning commission update and forming a hiring committee for the office clerk position. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Hrebec and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **minutes** of the May 17, 2022 regular council meeting and the May 31, 2022 minutes of the special meeting. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Carlson to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$235,707.81 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$37,688.55. Carried 4-0.

Communications to the Council

Jameson Risser was not present to receive **recognition**. Prior to the meeting, an email was received from Glenn Johnson that he will be resigning from the council effective immediately. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Hrebec to accept the **resignation** of Glenn Johnson. Carried 4-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks: The first roller skating went well. The next one is scheduled for June 26th.

Public Safety – Police: The police were awarded the state grant for training and recruitment for the entire amount submitted. We are still waiting for more details. Due to recent break-ins, the police are advising residents to keep their vehicles locked at night.

Public Safety – Fire: Erickson will be working with Fire Chief Zubiena to change the lighting at the fire hall to LED. The Copper Country Firefighters tournament will be held this weekend in Houghton and the UP Firefighters tournament will be hosted next month by Calumet Township.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The DPW has gotten the ball fields in good shape.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The time frames will be cleared up in the rental ordinance this week. President Sullivan and Chief Erkkila will try to schedule a meeting with the county

magistrate regarding enforcement of the junk car, yard maintenance and unsafe building ordinances.

Beautification: Schneiderhan raised \$520.00 from residents and businesses for the flower planters. The mural for 41 Lumber's fence will be done mid-July. Another clean-up will be scheduled for August. G&A Garden Center in Houghton donated some plants for Daniell Park.

Unfinished Business

The **skate park** will be discussed at the July meeting.

Increasing the **part time police** hourly rate to \$20.00/hour will be tabled until the July meeting.

New Business

The **proposed millage resolution** was discussed. A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Schneiderhan to hold the millage hearing on Thursday, June 30th at 6:00PM to be followed at 6:10PM by a special meeting to approve the 2022 millage rate. Carried 4-0.

There is no water source in Daniell Park at this time so discussion was held on putting a **spigot** on the bandshell. Schneiderhan spoke with the water company and the street department about what needs to be done. The matter was tabled until the July meeting when more information is available.

Six resumes have been received for the **Office Clerk position**. After advertising is published in the Daily Mining Gazette later this week, the deadline to apply will be Monday, June 27th. Interviews will be conducted by Sullivan, Hrebec and Golus the week after July 4th.

Kalen Carlson from the **Laurium Planning Commission** was present to update the council on the progress the LPC has made. Beckett & Rader has been contracted to consult on the master plan development. The MEDC grant that was received will cover these costs. Additional funding from the State Treasury can reimburse for expenses also. A notice about a community survey will be sent out with the tax bills next month. A motion was made by Hrebec and seconded by Carlson to expend up to \$200 for the color notices of the survey. Carried 4-0. MSU Extension will help with community engagement and involvement. A member of the planning commission is getting another website quote.

Carlson announced that the hallway floor had been cleaned and refinished. A donation was received for this work.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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