

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Erickson, Fish, Junot and Miller.

Absent: Harju and Lanctot.

Guests: Jan Banfield, Paul Baroni, Pastor Ben Eckl, Mrs. Eckl, Jeff Kalcich, and Edward Vertin.

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 Erickson to approve the **agenda** with an addition under Communications to the Council for a presentation by a potential purchaser of the Senior Citizens building. Carried 5-0.

Minutes

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Erickson to approve the minutes from the **February 16, 2016** regular council meeting. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Fish to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2016 **budget hearing/special meeting**. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, and Fish. Abstain- Junot and Miller. Carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$378,869.73 and to approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$44,685.47. Carried 5-0.

Communications to the Council

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to authorize President Bausano to sign the **MSHDA** development agreement for the 101 North Pewabic Street project. Carried 5-0.

Pastor Ben Eckl was present to discuss his plans for the **Laurium Senior Citizen building** that the village is trying to sell. The Calvary Chapel Keweenaw Peninsula would like to purchase the building for \$1 and get an equity loan from the bank to make repairs to bring the building up to code. A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Miller to accept this offer contingent upon the bank agreeing to give the loan to the Calvary Chapel Keweenaw Peninsula. Yes – Fish and Miller. No – Bausano and Junot. Abstain – Erickson. Motion did not carry. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Junot to table the matter until the April 19, 2016 regular council meeting so the board can review the proposal and all council members are present. Carried 5-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The Calumet High School girls softball team will be using the George Gipp Arena for a warm up/changing area during their 3 home games this spring. Twentyone Twentytwo Games, LLC was interested in renting the George Gipp Arena

this summer Thursday-Sunday evenings for playing laser tag. More information will be gathered for the next meeting so a decision can be made. The group interested in using the George Gipp Arena for roller derby has found another site. The mite tournament was well attended with both participants and spectators this year.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The Irish Times has not made any effort to begin cleaning up the fallen banquet room roof. Unless a written plan is received from them, the village will be enforcing the dangerous building ordinance. Village Administrator Vertin is to inquire from the village attorney whether or not commercial businesses must carry insurance and report the findings at next month's meeting.

Unfinished Business

Since the last meeting, an addition was made in section 3 of the garbage ordinance stating that "Only garbage generated by an occupant of property within the Village of Laurium may be deposited for collection". Further discussion was made regarding the 45 gallon can limit. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fish to adopt the **garbage ordinance** as presented. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Fish, Miller. No – Junot. Carried 4-1.

New Business

Since the village does not have the cash flow necessary to purchase new equipment, a **millage** will be sought from the residents on the ballot in November. Specific wording will be available for the council at the regular April meeting. The ballot language is due to the county for approval by August 16, 2016.

A discussion was held by the council as to if and when the public should be able to **comment** at open meetings. The consensus was to have people interested in addressing the council get on the agenda prior to the Friday before the meeting, as has been the practice for the past several years.

Trustee Harju was not present so there were no further updates on the **union negotiations**.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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