

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

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

Guests: Paul Baroni, 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 Lanctot to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **minutes** of the February 21, 2017 regular council meeting and the February 28, 2017 Budget Hearing/Special Meeting. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for February/March 2017 in the amount of \$451,124.32 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$39,877.24. Carried 7-0.

Communications to the Council

Councilmembers need to be aware that emails amongst each other that pertain to topics that should be discussed at an open meeting are in violation of the **open meetings act**.

The **Michigan Municipal League** will be holding presentations throughout the state on the municipal finance system. There is the possibility of having one locally next month. Village Administrator Vertin will inform everyone when and where this will take place once it is scheduled.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: Jeff Erickson reported that Efficiency United is offering programs to municipalities to upgrade to LED lighting. With the price of LED lighting low, we would receive rebates from UPPCo for new lighting at the arena, DPW garage and fire department. Jeff will have more information at the April meeting.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: The department had a call this month but no other information was available.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: A bid for a Sno-go attachment for the Case Loader was made. It has a separate engine from the loader. The village was the high bidder at \$40,000 and the paperwork has been completed. Trades in options on the old Caterpillar grader are being pursued. At a committee meeting, a discussion was held regarding private snow contracts and whether or not these funds should be separated & set aside for equipment purchases.

Property/Building/Ordinance: There were a few collapsed roofs over the winter throughout the village. Village Administrator Vertin has been following up with the property owners per the Unsafe Building Ordinance to ensure compliance.

New Business

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to approve the **Charter Spectrum franchise** with no changes for a 10 year term, 5% franchise fee. Carried 7-0.

The **George Gipp Arena roof** needs to be replaced. It no longer has a finish and there are several leaks. Village Administrator Vertin will get some estimates and also have an engineer look to make sure there is no structural damage from this winter's snow. There is also the possibility of filing an insurance claim for damaged siding. More information will be available at the April meeting.

A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Junot to hire Trevor Silvola for the **DPW position** pending he passes the drug/alcohol test. If he fails, the job will be offered to another of the people interviewed. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Jeff Erickson to proceed with the paperwork for a **Rural Development grant** for a new police vehicle. The grant amount will be about \$13,000 and the village share would be about \$19,000. The sale of the 2012 police vehicle will bring in about \$16,000. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Junot that **seasonal DPW CDL operators** are subject to CDL drug/alcohol random testing. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Jeff Erickson to begin the paperwork with the village's bond attorney Miller Canfield to obtain **bonding** for future equipment acquisitions. Carried 7-0.

President Bausano indicated that in the future, when major equipment purchases are being contemplated, a special meeting is held rather than moving forward without the council's approval.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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