

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Carlson, Erickson, Lanctot, Miller, Schneiderhan and Sullivan.

**Guests:** Jeff Kalcich, Greg Kingstrom, Robert Kyllonen 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 Erickson and seconded by Sullivan to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **minutes** of the February 19, 2019 regular council meeting and February 28, 2019 Budget Hearing/Special meeting. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for February/March 2019 in the amount of \$540,443.71 and approve the **merchandise accounts** for March 2019 in the amount of \$32,564.06. Carried 7-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

The **Houghton County Board of Commissioners** is setting up a taskforce to get a better idea of what Houghton County residents are thinking about as options for a new jail. The village is being asked to appoint one resident and one alternate to serve on this taskforce. Carlson expressed an interest to serve as the alternate and Bausano would possibly be the village resident on the taskforce. Village Administrator Vertin will get more information on the meeting dates and times. After the schedule is known, final appointments will be made at the April meeting.

Greg Kingstrom from UP Engineers & Architects was present to answer questions regarding the MDOT Transportation Economic Development Category B Program **grant**. Funding is needed for road improvements on Old Colony Road from Amygdaloid Street to North Florida Street. This is a 50/50 grant/match. The project would take place in 2020. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to adopt Resolution 2019-01 to apply for this grant by the April 5, 2019 deadline. Carried 7-0.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** The George Gipp Arena is closed for the season. Little League baseball registrations will be taking place the next two weeks and the season can start when the snow is melted. CLK Schools inquired if the village would like to purchase picnic tables that the CHS wood shop classes are making. The cost would be \$150/table. These could be used where they are most needed in either the playground, baseball fields or Daniell Park. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carlson to purchase two picnic tables. Yes – Bausano, Carlson, Lanctot, Miller, Schneiderhan and Sullivan. Abstain – Erickson. Carried 6-0.

**Public Safety – Police/Fire:** No report.

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to place an ad for bids on the Galion Grader. The grader will be sold as is and any or all bids can be rejected. Carried 7-0. A question was raised as to why there is no stop sign on Fourth and Isle Royale Streets since there is speeding problem. Lanctot suggested the police department monitor that corner for the next month to determine if that is a problem and report back to the council at the April meeting.

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** The committee will report on any buildings in violation of the Unsafe Building Ordinance at the April meeting.

**Beautification:** Schneiderhan would like to see the Laurium Business District sign located at the corner of Hecla and Lake Linden Avenue replaced. Shared air time will be used on the radio discussing the plans and projects the committee has and looking for donations and volunteers. All monies donated and expended would be through the village accounts.

### **Unfinished Business**

Since Shopko is closing, they are selling their cardboard bailer. The village will inquire what the cost will be for it. Next month, the DEQ will be having a meeting addressing **recycling** in the area. Miller will be attending as well as other community representatives to try and find a common solution to this area wide issue. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to suspend the recycling program in Laurium once the current bin is full until the village can find a profitable way to continue. Carried 7-0.

### **New Business**

Village Administrator Vertin would like to change the monthly **payrolls** for the council and fire department to quarterly. The matter was tabled until the April meeting.

The **beautification** projects and protocols were discussed in the committee report.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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