

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Present for Roll Call: Carlson, Djerf, Erickson, Salani, Schneiderhan and Sullivan.

Absent: Jenich-Laplander.

Guests: Josh Harju, Robert Kyllonen and Edward Vertin.

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers and GoToMeeting website by President Sullivan at 5:30PM.

Josh Harju from UP Engineers & Architects was present to discuss the ~ 200 feet of **sidewalks** to be replaced on Calumet Street during the First Street project this summer. The village will be able to do this work rather than the contractor. Once the pre-construction meeting is held in April, a better idea of the timeline of the project will be known and the DPW can better plan the sidewalk replacement.

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Salani to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Salani to approve the **minutes** of the February 16, 2021 regular council meeting, February 22, 2021 work session and February 25, 2021 Budget Hearing/Special meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **prepaid bills** for February/March 2021 in the amount of \$150,997.85 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** for March in the amount of \$32,235.27. Carried 6-0.

Communications to the Council

A motion was made by Djerf and seconded by Schneiderhan to submit a letter of support for the **Keweenaw Outdoor Recreation Council** to purchase 15,808 acres of land in Keweenaw County for public use. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: The solicitation letter for a new auditor is almost ready.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: 21 online surveys have been completed. The committee will get together at the end of the month to compile the results of all of the surveys submitted.

Public Safety – Police: The old police car has still not been sold. In addition to Craig's List, the car will be put on the village's Facebook page and parked in front of the town hall. The department is still covering Calumet village for medical emergencies and backup but not domestic calls. Retired Police Chief Paul Baroni passed away & his funeral was today. He was involved in community service as a firefighter and EMT as well.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The dump trucks that were damaged last month have been fixed. If the millage passes in August, some newer trucks will be purchased.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The committee has been working on a renter's ordinance. It will be presented at the April meeting and then reviewed by the village attorney. A public hearing is planned for May with the ordinance taking effect in early summer.

Beautification: Jeff Harju will again run a free ad on the radio soliciting for donations for the planters. The CHS senior planters will be done as a fundraiser with some changes.

Unfinished Business: Since we have not heard on the grant for the dog park, that project is on hold for now. Events/fundraisers at the George Gipp Arena are not being scheduled until we know what the COVID situation is for the summer. The community day is still a possibility since it can be held outdoors.

New Business

Village Administrator Vertin had the wording for the **millage renewal** for council approval. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Carlson to approve the ballot wording for the millage renewal for DPW equipment. Carried 6-0. It will need to be reviewed by the county clerk to ensure it meets state guidelines.

As discussed at the budget hearing/special meeting, Vertin expects there to be **cash flow issues** in the General Fund from the end of March until the tax money starts coming in July. He suggests phone transfers from the Water Fund to the General Fund as needed to be recorded as Due to/Due from in the financial statements for each of these funds. A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Salani to approve this plan. Yes – Carlson, Djerf, Erickson, Salani and Sullivan. No – Schneiderhan. Carried 5-1.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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