

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 20, 2014

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Bonerfant, Fish, Harju, Junot, Lanctot and Miller.

**Guests:** Paul Baroni, Jeff Cole, Edward Jerich, Daniel Mukavetz, Edward Sever, Paul Tomasi, 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 Harju to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Junot to approve the minutes of the **April 15, 2014** regular meeting. Carried 7-0. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Bonerfant to approve the minutes of the **April 24, 2014** special meeting. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for April-May in the amount of \$123,124.91 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$33,539.27. Carried 7-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

A letter was received from the **Laurium Housing Commission** regarding the reappointment of Randy Gdus. A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to reappoint Randy Gdus to serve as commissioner for a five year term on the Laurium Housing Commission. Carried 7-0.

Ed Jerich, Chair of the Keweenaw Health Foundation at Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital, was present to address the council on the placement of **banners** on the village owned light poles along Third and Osceda streets. These 11 banners would be subject to MDOT guidelines from approximately May to October each year. A motion was made by Bonerfant and seconded by Harju to adopt a resolution to allow the Keweenaw Health Foundation at Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital to hang banners on village owned light poles. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Junot to **relist** the old Laurium Senior building located at 318 Hedra Street with Jan Barfield at a price of \$39,900.00. Yes – Bausano, Bonerfant, Fish, Harju, Junot and Lanctot. No – Miller. Carried 6-1.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/ Parks/ Community Relations:** No report.

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

**Public Safety – Fire:** The fire department has only one fire truck to use at this time. During the next month, options will be investigated as to what kind of apparatus the village can afford to purchase.

**Street/ Equipment/ Sanitation:** No report.

**Property/ Building Ordinance:** Village Administrator will check to see if there are any warranties on the sidewalks, curbs and Gratiot pavement work that was done last year.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Landt and seconded by Bonerfant to purchase a Thomson T-18 **edger** for the ice arena for \$2640.00. Carried 7-0.

Options for a new **sign** at the arena were presented. Lighted, aluminum and Vinyl signs were discussed. The matter was tabled until the next meeting until more information on lighted signs can be obtained.

A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Landt to authorize President Bausano to sign the final paperwork for the USDA Rural Development grant for a new **police vehicle**. The grant will be for \$15,000.00 and the village share will be \$15,844.00. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Jundt and seconded by Harju to support a **resolution** urging the state legislature to use state budget surplus to restore funds to local governments. Carried 7-0.

**A letter to village employees and elected officials** from the village president was discussed. Any suspected wrongdoing by any village employee or officer shall be submitted to the village president in writing. The president will address the accusation. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Fish to authorize Police Chief Baroni to contact the Michigan State Police to conduct an investigation of allegations of misuse of village assets by a village employee. The results of the investigation will be submitted to the village attorney and the prosecutor if necessary. The village attorney will contact the village president with the findings. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Landt to extend the appointment of Edward Sever as the **DPW Group Leader** pending the outcome of the investigation and performance review by Harju. Carried 7-0.

Village cleanups and pickups need to be posted on the website so those that don't receive the newspaper have access to the information.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gdus, Clerk

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