

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 17, 2016

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Erickson, Harju, Lanctot and Miller.

**Absent:** Fish and Junot.

**Guests:** Paul Baroni, Ben Eckl, Michelle Eckl, Debbie Paavala, Edward Vertin and Daniel Zubiena.

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers by President Bausano at 5:30PM. At 5:00PM, a work session was held to discuss the counter offer on the Senior Citizens building of \$10,000.00 plus the closing costs and \$1500 commission by the Calvary Chapel Keweenaw Peninsula.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Harju to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **minutes** of the April 19, 2016 regular council meeting. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Harju to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$87,879.57 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$20,582.03. Carried 5-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

A **counter offer** was made by the Calvary Chapel Keweenaw Peninsula for the Laurium Senior Citizens building. The council will not sell for below \$30,000 at this time.

Calumet Township Fire & Rescue is hosting the Copper Country Firefighters tournament the last weekend in June and would like to use the George Gipp Arena. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to waive the \$350 **rental fee** for the arena in lieu of a \$50 ad in the tournament booklet. Carried 5-0.

Amy Schneiderhan, owner of Salon 1281, is doing a **flower box project** for Hecla Street in Laurium. She is looking for donations for containers, flowers and supplies. She will take care of the details to get the flower boxes prepared and displayed. At a later date, she will report what was collected and spent on this project.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** Calumet Township's Sesquicentennial celebration will be held August 19-21. Music in Agassiz Park and fireworks will be held on Friday night. On Saturday, a parade will be held through Laurium and Calumet, activities in Agassiz Park and a fish boil will take place. On Sunday, home and church tours will be held.

**Public Safety – Police:** Police are needed to patrol at the Gipp Recreation Thursday when a CHS conference softball game is held as a large crowd is expected.

**Public Safety – Fire:** No report.

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** There have been very few issues since the new garbage ordinance has been in place. Notices are left on cans where there are problems. The proposed millage language will be reviewed at the next meeting. Only information explaining the proposal is to be released, no opinions.

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** A rental agreement has been signed with 21 22 Games for the George Gipp Arena. They will be starting on Memorial Day and will also be open on July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day. Rental agreements are being worked out with Zumba and the fitness group. The Michigan Public Safety Communications office at the village hall has cancelled its lease effective June 17, 2016.

### **Unfinished Business**

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Erickson to approve the resolutions to adopt the **MERS pension** defined benefit plan for Division I and II as negotiated per the unions. Carried 5-0. Village Administrator Vertin will monitor if additional payments can be made due to the changes in the plan and will notify the council should a vote be necessary to do so.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to donate \$750.00 to **Calumet Township's Sesquicentennial** celebration. Carried 5-0.

### **New Business**

Last week, the gate was open during evening **baseball** games and cars parked all over the grounds. In order to prevent this from happening again, the DPW will have a key and the police for emergencies purposes only. Trustee Erickson will have a key so any school or league official that needs to get to the ball fields will have to obtain the key from him.

The roof at the **fire hall** has a leak. Estimates are being sought and will be brought to the council at next month's meeting. It does not appear that the roof will need to be replaced, just repaired.

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Lanctot to spend \$5000/year for the next 3 years to support the **UPSET law enforcement consortium**. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made Erickson and seconded by Harju to close the **Debt-Streets 2000 checking account** since the final payment has been made and there is no longer activity in the account. Carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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