

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Present for Roll Call: Bausano, Erickson, Lanctot (5:35PM), Miller, Schneiderhan, and Sullivan.

Absent: Carlson.

Guests: Jon Jaehnig, Robert Kyllonen and Edward Vertin.

The meeting was called to order through the GoToMeeting site by President Bausano at 5:30PM.

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

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **minutes** of the **April 21, 2020** regular council meeting and approve the minutes of the **May 7, 2020** special council meeting with a change from “a wrongful termination suit against the village has been filed” to “a letter was received from an attorney”. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Lanctot, Schneiderhan and Sullivan. Abstain – Miller. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **prepaid bills** for April/May 2020 in the amount of \$80,431.64 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** for May 2020 in the amount of \$55,369.27. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Miller, Schneiderhan and Sullivan. Abstain – Lanctot. Carried 5-0.

Communications to the Council

A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Schneiderhan to renew the **Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance** membership for \$300.00. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Miller, Schneiderhan and Sullivan. Abstain- Lanctot. Carried 5-0.

Cindy Bonenfant’s term on the **Laurium Housing Commission** expires this month. A letter was received from her expressing interest to renew her term. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Lanctot to reappoint Cindy Bonenfant to the Laurium Housing Commission for a five-year term. Carried 6-0.

A letter was received from the **Police Officers Labor Council**. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Sullivan to have Village Administrator Vertin contact POLC to set up future dates for negotiation. Carried 6-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: Despite some minor problems, the new computers are up and running in the police department and for the clerk, treasurer and administrator.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: Little League International has suspended the baseball season. However, the local district would like to offer a no cost, 6-week season at the

ballfields in Laurium. Since liability insurance will not be available from International, all parents will need to sign waivers for their child(ren) to participate.

Public Safety – Police: No report.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: For next spring, the DPW would like to coordinate with the police department moving cars to one side of the street and then the other so sweeping can be more efficient and effective. Just as the police department trades in a car every few years, the DPW would like to think about doing the same with the graders.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The ordinances have been retyped and are being reviewed by the council. Sullivan set a deadline of May 31, 2020 to reply to him with changes and comments. Sullivan will compile this information and present it at the June meeting.

Beautification: The DPW got the brackets for the new planters and flags installed. After June 1, 2020, the flowers will be available and Schneiderhan will coordinate with the DPW about hanging & watering them. 26 planters were “adopted” for \$40.00 for the CHS graduating seniors and are currently located on the corner of Hecla St and Lake Linden Ave. These will be placed around the village as they have been in the past. Donations for materials were made and Schneiderhan will provide a list with this information.

New Business

Due to COVID 19, the **accounts clerk** has been unable to work since she is immune compromised. All her sick time has been extinguished and she is receiving unemployment until she is released to work. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Schneiderhan to grant the accounts clerk a leave of absence which will freeze her position and time. Yes – Bausano, Erickson, Miller, Schneiderhan and Sullivan. Abstain – Lanctot. Carried 5-0. The clerk is filling in during this absence.

Live Barn is a video streaming service. A subscriber pays a monthly fee and could watch games from the George Gipp Arena. The village would get 10% of these fees. All the equipment and installation and internet service would be provided by Live Barn. The village would have to have a TV in the lobby. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Erickson to move ahead with Live Barn for the George Gipp Arena. Carried 6-0.

Several properties were discussed as falling into violation of our **yard maintenance, junk car and unsafe building ordinances**. The police department will be beginning a review and contacting property owners. A certain time frame will be given to abate the violation. If not, a letter will be sent from the village. If there is not compliance, fines and tickets would be issued. The police department will submit a report of all violators at the June council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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