

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
May 17, 2022

**Present for Roll Call:** Carlson, Erickson, Hrebec, Johnson, Schneiderhan & Sullivan.

**Absent:** Jenich-Laplander.

**Guests:** Kurt Erkkila, Thomas Fournier, Jon Koskiniemi, Jameson Risser, Cooper Stout, Jen Stout, and Sharon Turovaara.

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers by President Sullivan at 6:00PM.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Johnson to approve the **agenda** with the addition of Executive Session-Personnel. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Hrebec and seconded by Erickson to approve the **minutes** of the April 19, 2022, regular council meeting and the April 29, 2022, special meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Johnson to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$494,528.52 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$48,992.63. Carried 6-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Carlson to reappoint Tom Sturos to a five-year term on the **Laurium Housing Commission**. Carried 6-0.

Sharon Turovaara spoke to the council about her plans for a **community garage sale day** on August 6, 2022. As the time gets closer, more details and publicity will be made.

Mr. Kopp was not present to speak about the piece of **sidewalk** on Hecla Street that was broken by the loader and still not fixed. He will be contacted to see if the rest of the sidewalk will be replaced at the same time.

The **Keweenaw National Historical Park** would like to take loan of some of the old records in the basement. They will clean them up and preserve them. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Hrebec to allow the village to loan Keweenaw National Historical Park some of the old records in storage in the basement of the village hall. Carried 6-0.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/Parks:** Scott St. Peter will be playing at Daniell Park on July 15<sup>th</sup> as part of the SHHS-CHS All School Reunion. The George Gipp Arena can be used as a rain site. The first roller skating of the season will be on Sunday, June 12, 2022 from 1:00-4:00PM. The cost is \$2.00. A waiver will need to be signed by all attending. For the summer, the gate will be open during the week to access the leaf and branch pile from 6:00am-8:00pm. Baseball will lock the

gate when they are done for the night until their season is over. After that, the police will lock it. If it is not open, leaves & branches may be deposited on the old basketball court. Bassett Mechanical will be coming in August to do preventative maintenance at other local arenas. The George Gipp Arena will also be inspected at this time. The county work crew will be hired for \$200/day for 2 days to thoroughly clean the arena. The Copper Country Crush will be hosting a tournament on the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup> hosting 39 girls' teams from ages 8-18. The arena will need to be open for the locker rooms & bathrooms. Volunteers will be needed to help get the fields and surrounding areas prepared. A pancake breakfast may be held Saturday morning. A media release will go out in a couple of weeks regarding the tournament.

**Public Safety – Police:** No word on if we have been awarded the state grant yet.

**Public Safety – Fire:** After 29 years, Mike Rastello has retired from the department. A certificate will be sent to him. Ben Ruohonen is away at school so he will be inactive.

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** The greatest need for the department will be a new SnoGo. Once the tax money is collected, a replacement can be found. The spring clean up will be this week and next.

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** The renters' ordinance was discussed. Possibly the new manager will do code enforcement and/or be the registration officer. This ordinance will be for long term rentals only at this time. Village Attorney Miller will be consulted, and action will be taken at the June meeting.

**Beautification:** The hanging baskets on Hecla Street will be arriving by the end of the month and the planters will be going out soon. There was a good turnout for the cleanup at Daniell Park over the weekend. Volunteers have come forward to help at the village parks for flower care. Schneiderhan and Jenich-Laplander will be collecting for the flowers and soil. The mural for the fence at 41 Lumber will be ready soon. The Veterans' banners are hanging.

**Community Relations:** A press release will go out for roller skating and the new hours for the leaf and branch pile. No further information was provided on the new website.

### **Unfinished Business**

Projects cannot get stalled from month to month so it is important to keep things moving along.

### **New Business**

Jameson Risser and his friend Cameron are gathering information for establishing a **skate park** in Laurium. They feel there is a need for this venue. They will provide more definite plans at the June meeting. The possibility of **sprinklers** for Daniell Park is being discussed. With a large number of people in town for the All-School Reunion July 14-16, it was proposed that the George Gipp Recreation Area be available for self-contained **campers**. Details will be discussed, and more information will be at the June meeting. Notices will be made regarding **animal waste** cleanup and that it does not belong in the village garbage.

At 7:12PM, a motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Hrebec to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. Carried 6-0.

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:38PM.

Present for Roll Call: Carlson, Erickson, Hrebec, Johnson, Schneiderhan, and Sullivan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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