

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, November 20, 2018

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

**Guests:** Jeff Kalcich, Robert Kyllonen, Edward Vertin and Dan Zubiena.

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers by President Bausano at 5:30PM.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Miller to approve the **agenda** as presented.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **minutes** of the October 16, 2018 meeting with a clarification: Under new business, Schneiderhan thought that there were two separate motions and she was for the snow contract rate remaining at \$.32/square foot but opposed to eliminating the small snow contracts. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for October/November 2018 in the amount of \$81,513.13 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$65,455.12. Carried 6-0.

#### **Communications to the Council**

**Jonathon Soper** was not in attendance for the Daniell Park signage.

A letter was received from **Robert Erickson** that effective November 1, 2018, he will be moving out of the village and has resigned from the council. A notice will be posted for this open seat so that interested persons can apply & letters will be reviewed at the December meeting.

At this time, Calumet Township is providing funding to the CLK Schools for a **crossing guard** at US 41 and the school. Calumet Township would like to see other municipalities share this expense or they will not continue to provide any funding at all. Superintendent Chris Davidson will be invited to the December meeting to get more information. It is not possible for the Laurium Police to have an officer on site before or after school since they are patrolling bus stops.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** The George Gipp Arena is set to open on Saturday. The new lights are being installed in the rink area and should be all ready by the weekend. Miller attended a meeting regarding a trail and recreation grant that was awarded for increasing usage of the area's trail system. More information will be coming.

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

**Public Safety – Fire:** No report.

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

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** No report.

### **Unfinished Business**

After speaking to a couple of attorneys and the Michigan Municipal League, Village Administrator recommended not pursuing changing the village ordinance to try to collect **fire hydrant charges** on the water company bills. There are lawsuits pending downstate that need to be decided before the village moves forward.

UP Engineers & Architects provided three options for the reconstruction of **Old Colony Road** from Amygdaloid to North Florida Streets. Longevity/durability need to be considered but so does the cost. The options will be looked at again in the spring when the effects of the winter on the road and the available funding are known.

At this time, the **recycling program** has between 40-50 users each month. Approximately 1.5 tons are being picked up each collection from Waste Management. The cost from Waste Management will be about \$380.00/month going forward. Since this does not make the recycling program profitable, a motion was made by Miller and seconded by Erickson to increase the fee to \$5.00 per load effective December 1, 2018. Yes – Bausano, Carlson, Erickson, Miller and Schneiderhan. No – Lanctot. Carried 5-1. Donations above the \$5.00 fee will be accepted to help defer costs. Jeff Twardzik from **Aspirus Hospital** will be contacted to attend the December meeting so that a discussion of the hospital's garbage compacting can be held.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Carlson to increase the **Zamboni driver/rink attendant** rate from \$10.00/hour to \$10.50/hour. Carried 6-0.

With the changes in trustees after the recent election, the council would like to see all elected officials on the **committees**. Schneiderhan would also like to see a beautification committee established, of which she would like to be a member.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Miller to have the **annual Christmas party** during open skating at the George Gipp Arena on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 3:00-4:30PM. There will be no admission charge for "Skating with Santa", the concession stand will be open and treats & goodies bags will be given out as well as a couple of games played. Carried 6-0. President Bausano thanked Erickson and Lanctot and his wife for their help in bagging the candy for the Halloween party.

Schneiderhan wanted clarification on Village Administrator Vertin's retirement plans. He indicated that he was of age to retire but has not made any definite plans to do so at this time. He will give adequate notice when the time comes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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