

Village of Laurium

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

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

Guests: Jon Jaehnig, Jon Koskiniemi, Robert Kyllonen 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 Miller and seconded by Carlson to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Erickson to approve the **minutes** from the October 15, 2019 regular council meeting. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$94,493.92 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$34,951.61. Carried 7-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: Miller and Carlson will meet with Village Administrator Vertin later this week to review the quarterly statements. More transparency is needed regarding the financials.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: The George Gipp Arena will be opening for the season on Saturday, November 23, 2019. The village Christmas tree will be going up on the corner of Hecla & Lake Linden Avenue. Since it was too late this year, a permanent tree will be planted there next year.

Public Safety – Police: The winter parking ban is in effect. Next month, Lanctot would like to discuss part time police officer hourly wages.

Public Safety – Fire: Retired long time village firefighter Bill Zei passed away last week and was honored by the department at his funeral.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: No report.

Property/Building/Ordinance: The committee is reviewing all of the current ordinances. At the December meeting, amendments needed to update ordinances will be addressed.

Beautification: 13 planters will be made in house for the poles along Hecla Street. Plans are being made now so they will be ready for next spring. The committee has been working on the RRC program. Models from other communities and council involvement will be needed in the preparation of a five year master plan for the village.

Unfinished Business

Calumet Village estimates it will have 100-150 customers for **garbage pickup**. It would take 4-6 hours one day/week for pickup. The cost would be \$15/customer/month. This information will be discussed with Calumet Village to see if they agree with this plan for garbage collection. The **DPW roller** that was previously discussed is not a necessity at this time.

New Business

The village **Christmas party**, Skate with Santa, will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 3:00-4:30PM. There are some treats left from last year and Halloween that will be used. Ornaments to create and cards to color will be ordered as well as cookies from Toni's Country Kitchen. The concession stand will be open for other snacks. Although no date has been set, Sullivan stated that planning should be started for Village Administrator Vertin's **retirement**. Vertin will contact the MML for information on the process of transitioning.

Announcements

President Bausano thanked those that helped at the Halloween party. Approximately 200 attended. He also cautioned that emails sent to council members should be for informational purposes only, not for discussion as this could lead to a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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