

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020

**Present for Roll Call:** Carlson, Erickson, Jenich-Laplander, Lanctot, Salani, Schneiderhan and Sullivan.

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

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers and the GoToMeeting website by President Sullivan at 5:30PM.

President Sullivan encouraged everyone to shop locally this holiday season.

A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Carlson to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Salani and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **minutes** of the October 20, 2020 regular council meeting. Yes – Erickson, Jenich-Laplander, Lanctot, Salani, Schneiderhan and Sullivan. Abstain – Carlson. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Salani to approve the **prepaid bills** for October/November 2020 in the amount of \$71,847.72 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** for November 2020 in the amount of \$46,256.54. Carried 7-0.

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

A work session will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 5:00PM. Scott MacInnes from the **Michigan Municipal League** will be present to discuss a 3-5-year plan for the village.

#### **Committee Reports**

President Sullivan will be putting together new committees so if there is a specific request, please get that to him prior to the December meeting. He would encourage committees to meet at least every other month.

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** The George Gipp Arena will not be able to open prior to December 8<sup>th</sup> due to State of Michigan COVID-19 restrictions. Part time help is still needed and there is a leaking problem that needs to be addressed.

**Public Safety – Police:** The new police car was picked up in Marquette last Saturday.

**Public Safety – Fire:** No report.

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** The DPW would like to bid on a 2001 Oshkosh truck with a sander and under blade in an auction. There are 3 days left to bid. This vehicle would be converted to a Sno Go from our two existing Sno Gos since parts are not readily available for them anymore. After a discussion on finances, a motion was made by Salani and seconded by Schneiderhan to authorize a maximum bid of \$13,500.00 for this vehicle. Yes – Carlson, Erickson, Jenich-Laplander, Salani, Schneiderhan and Sullivan. No – Lanctot. Carried 6-1.

Lanctot left the meeting at 6:20PM.

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** Regarding the property at 142 Seneca St, once the 21-day letter has expired, a determination can be made on the property as to how to proceed.

**Beautification:** A holiday decorating contest for homes and businesses will be held this year. Jenich-Laplander will provide a press release with the local media for the event. Contestants should register by December 9<sup>th</sup>, judging by the council will be done on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the winner will be announced at the December 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting. The prize will be free ice time at the arena.

### **Unfinished Business**

Erickson reviewed the terms of the bid for the 2020-21 **snow contract** at Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital. Some details were added, changed, or clarified. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Salani to submit the bid to AKH. Carried 6-0.

The deadline to submit for the State **COVID 19 grant** is in two weeks. Some other projects being discussed for submission are networking in the buildings-wireless pickup up at the town hall, street department and fire hall, Chromebooks for the DPW to submit time sheets and equipment rentals and expanding the seating at the George Gipp Arena.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Erickson to increase the hourly rate for the **Zamboni driver/rink attendant** from \$10.75 to \$11.00. Carried 6-0.

### **Announcements**

Planning for the annual Christmas party will be discussed at the December 8<sup>th</sup> work session when we should know more about the direction of the COVID 19 restrictions.

A break was taken at 6:35PM. At 6:45PM, a motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Schneiderhan to go into **executive session** to discuss police union negotiations.

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:00PM. All but Lanctot were present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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