

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 18, 2016

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Erickson, Fish, Harju, Junot, Lanctot and Miller.

**Absent:** None.

**Guests:** Paul Baroni, Frank Goodman, Jeff Kalcich, Erik Lee, Sally Osentoski, Sharon Turovaara, 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 Lanctot and seconded by Erickson to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **minutes** of the September 20, 2016 regular council meeting. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Miller to approve the prepaid bills for September/October 2016 in the amount of \$289,539.49 and approve payment of the merchandise accounts in the amount of \$30,685.90. Carried 7-0.

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

A purchase agreement was presented to the council for the sale of the **Laurium Senior Citizens Building**. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Erickson to accept the offer of \$30,000 from the Calvary Chapel Keweenaw Peninsula for the purchase of the Laurium Senior Citizens Center. Carried 7-0.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** A letter was in the Daily Mining Gazette regarding the millage proposal and is also available in the clerk's office.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** New workers will be needed at the arena this winter and a posting has been put on the Michigan Works website for applicants. If necessary, an ad will be placed in the Daily Mining Gazette. The company doing the laser tag will be done at the arena before Halloween and will be permanently moving to a new location. With the addition of their rental income, there should be enough funds for a full replacement on the arena roof next year. The CHS Drama Club would again like to do a Haunted House in the arena on October 30th and 31<sup>st</sup> along with a magic show in the lobby on the 30<sup>th</sup>. The admission cost will be donated to the United Way and a can drive will be held for the Angel Mission. The Halloween party will be held on Halloween night at the arena during Trick or Treat hours from 5:00-8:00PM. There is an interest in starting cardboard recycling in Laurium. Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital has a cardboard compactor. Details will be worked out with them for a drop off spot.

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

**Public Safety – Fire:** The ISO fire insurance rating is a class 6 for Laurium, which is an improvement from the previous survey.

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation:** If we are going to be using brokers & auctions for purchasing equipment, it may be a time sensitive situation and a special meeting might not be possible to have. Harju recommended a committee is established with the authorization to make decisions to purchase within a certain dollar amount.

**Property/Building/Ordinance:** Fish clarified the section in the garbage ordinance regarding garbage spilled from containers which was discussed last month. A beam at the back of the village hall has shifted. An estimate to repair it is being prepared.

### **Unfinished Business**

The shoulder of **Old Colony Road** has been built up and additional gravel and hot mix have been used to fill in some of the holes. If the millage passes, the **grader** from Houghton County will be available for sale in January for \$55,000. A preliminary application (with no obligation to the village) has been submitted for this as well. Some of the **surplus equipment**, two old garbage trucks and dump truck #31, will be brokered to sell now. The 21 day notice for the demolition of the **Irish Times banquet room** has expired per the Dangerous Building ordinance. According to the village attorney, the village would not be able to recover any village funds used to demolish and remove the rest of the banquet room. It is safe at this point but unsightly.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to close the **General Fund savings account** at River Valley Bank. Carried 7-0. The funds in the savings account will go to the General Fund checking account. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Lanctot to keep the **snow contract, sidewalk plowing ordinance and ice rental rates** the same for the 2016-17 season. Carried 7-0. It has become necessary to use computerized diagnostic equipment and software for repairs for the newer equipment. If not, repairs will have to be done outside of our shop. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Harju to approve the purchase of **diagnostic software** from CAS in the amount of \$5313.95, with monies to be split amongst the funds where it will be used. Carried 7-0. Another **DPW employee** was injured on the job and is now on light duty until further assessment of his condition has been made. Since we now have only two full time employees that can work on the garbage, it is possible not to have anyone able to perform this job should both of those employees not be at work due to sickness or vacation. A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Junot to authorize Village Administrator Vertin to hire a part time, seasonal employee sooner than usual pending the condition of the two employees on light duty at this time. Carried 7-0.

Since Harju will not be running for reelection, Lanctot presented Harju with a plaque thanking him for his service and valuable input to the council the last several years.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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