

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 16, 2018

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Jeff Erickson (via phone), Robert Erickson, Junot, Lanctot, Miller and Schneiderhan.

**Guests:** Kerry Beaghan, Kevin Beaghan, Jeff Kalcich, Jonathan Kalcich, Robert Kyllonen, Edward Vertin, Betty Zei and Dan Zubierna.

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

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

A motion was made by Robert Erickson and seconded by Junot to approve the **minutes** of the September 18, 2018 regular council meeting. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for September/October 2018 in the amount of \$375,740.79 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$19,627.00. Carried 7-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

**Kevin Beaghan** was present to discuss his Eagle Scout project of replacing the asphalt sidewalk with pavers at Daniell Park. He has not reached his fundraising goal of \$5000 and asked if the council would contribute \$2000. The consensus was to continue fundraising (donation cans in businesses, etc.) for the next few months and in the early spring come back to the village if funds are still needed.

**Jonathan Soper** was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

The property at 116 Osceola St did not sell at the County auctions in August and September. The **Houghton County Treasurer** can now deed this property to the village. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to reject this parcel so it is not deeded to the village. Carried 7-0.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** The George Gipp Arena will be opening for the season on November 24, 2018.

**Public Safety – Police:** Betsy Ninko was hired as the new, full time police officer.

**Public Safety – Fire:** The department responded to two calls in September.

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

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

### **Unfinished Business**

Jeff Erickson figures the savings by installing the new fixtures will be about \$2000/year based by cutting the wattage in half. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Miller to move forward with the **LED lighting at the Arena** above the ice surface area only. The cost of the fixtures would be \$9666.00 from All-Phase. Carried 7-0. In order to decide if the tubes or magnetic strips are better, a motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Jeff Erickson to do a sample of each at the **DPW garage** before making a final decision of what kind to use for the entire space. Carried 7-0. A motion was made by Jeff Erickson and seconded by Schneiderhan to accept the **incentives** offered by Efficiency United of \$423.90 for the DPW garage and \$1718.50 for the Arena. Carried 7-0.

More legal research needs to be done on the Michigan American Water Company **fire hydrant charges** so this topic is tabled until the November meeting.

Since there has been additional flooding in the area since the last meeting, UP Engineers & Architects will not have a proposal for **Old Colony Road** until the November meeting.

The billing from Waste Management is more than we were lead to believe it would be. Village Administrator Vertin indicated that it takes 40-50 users to fill the container and about half are village residents. Currently, **recycling** is not profitable. Discussion of purchasing a truck and container for recycling and snow removal was held. Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital has indicated that they are considering buying a compactor that could eliminate some of their current **garbage** problems. Miller would like another month to explore what other options are available with the Copper Country Recycling Initiative. The need for purchasing more **equipment** was not met favorably by all councilmembers. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Junot to table this topic until the November meeting. Yes – Bausano, Robert Erickson, Junot, Lanctot, Miller and Schneiderhan. No – Jeff Erickson. Carried 6-1.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to keep **sidewalk plowing rates** the same as last year at \$2.10 per lineal foot. Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Lanctot to keep **snow contract rates** the same at \$.32 per square foot and no small plowing contracts will be offered. Yes – Bausano, Jeff Erickson, Robert Erickson, Junot, Lanctot and Miller. No – Schneiderhan. Carried 6-1.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to keep the **ice time rates** at the George Gipp Arena the same as last year at \$120/hr., \$170/1.5 hrs., \$80/hr. for Junior hockey and \$95/hr. for figure skating. Carried 7-0.

Fire Chief Dan Zubiena met with the fire committee to discuss the current equipment needs of the department. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Robert Erickson to use Vickers Consulting Services to write an AFG **grant** for an upgrade to 4500 PSI SCBAs. The cost is \$750.00 to write the grant but the village would stand a better chance of getting the 95/5 grant by using their service. Carried 7-0. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Robert Erickson to purchase a saw for cutting metal roofs for \$2300 and two chain saws at

\$1019 each less the trade in of the old **saws**. Yes – Bausano, Robert Erickson, Junot, Lanctot, Miller and Schneiderhan. No – Jeff Erickson. Carried 6-1.

A motion was made to promote **Kurt Erkkila** to police Sergeant. Yes – Bausano, Robert Erickson, Junot, Lanctot, Miller and Schneiderhan. Abstain – Jeff Erickson. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to authorize Village Administrator Vertin to contact the Daily Mining Gazette regarding the **snow removal millage** on the November 6, 2018 ballot. Carried 7-0.

The annual Halloween party will be held at the George Gipp Arena during trick or treat hours (5:00PM-8:00PM). Volunteers will be needed.

Lanctot thanked Junot for his many years of service on the council since Junot will not be running again next month for his seat on the council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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