

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 2019

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

Absent: Carlson and Erickson.

Guests: Robert Kyllonen, Connie Mikkola, John Parisi, Donna Trudell and Edward Vertin.

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

A **public hearing** was held for comments on the USDA Rural Development Grant for a police vehicle. \$19,800 will be from federal funding and \$16,200 is the village's share. The First Street project will be a loan. The Old Colony Road project will be a Category B grant for 50% of the project cost.

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Sullivan to approve the **agenda** with the addition of MDOT resolutions under Communications to the Council. Carried 5-0.

Minutes

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Sullivan to approve the minutes of the **August 20, 2019** regular council meeting. Carried 5-0. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Sullivan to approve the minutes of the **August 30, 2019** special council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Miller, Schneiderhan and Sullivan. Abstain – Lanctot. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lanctot to approve the **prepaid bills** for August/September 2019 in the amount of \$186,959.20 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$50,537.21. Carried 5-0.

Communications to the Council

Sam Stonelake from **KEDA** was not present at the meeting. Sullivan, Mr. Stonelake and Village Administrator Vertin will set up a meeting to get the checklist completed.

It has been 30 years since the gas franchise ordinance was adopted and it needs to be updated. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Sullivan to adopt **Ordinance #155 – Semco Energy Gas Franchise** to provide gas service in the village jurisdiction. Carried 5-0.

Two **resolutions** are being mandated by MDOT in all cities and villages in the state. A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the resolution to Adopt a Local Pavement Warranty Program. Carried 5-0. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Lanctot to approve the resolution to Implement a Local Pavement Warranty Program for projects \$2 million or more in paving related items. Carried 5-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: President Bausano was approached by the Calumet High School wood shop teacher about purchasing additional picnic tables. The cost of each table is \$185. A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Miller to have DPW Group Leader Kalcich, Lanctot and Bausano take an inventory of the tables we already have and approve the purchase of up to two tables. Carried 5-0. Vertin informed the council that in case of inclement weather on Monday, September 23, 2019, the Stanley Cup will be displayed at the George Gipp Arena.

Public Safety – Police: The village attorney reviewed the ordinance regarding chickens and found that it does uphold. The resident questioning the ordinance has been notified and his chickens and rooster are gone. A discussion was held as to how best inform village residents of ordinances in effect. Social media and having the police distribute the ordinance while on a call were two methods that could be used.

Public Safety – Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The band saw and drill press were delivered last Friday.

Property/Building/Ordinance: Discussion was held on properties where tenants were evicted and a deed was rescinded since the property owner did not meet the criteria of the deed. A possibility of getting a grant writer for blight cleanup was also discussed.

Beautification: The flower planters will be taken in for the winter soon. There still has not been any response from UPPCo on whether or not baskets can go on the street light poles.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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