

Village of Laurium
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Present for Roll Call: Djerf, Erickson, Hrebec, Jenich-Laplander, Schneiderhan and Sullivan.

Absent: Carlson.

Guests: Kalen Carlson, Debbie Dlubala, Jon Koskiniemi, Robert Kyllonen, Marla Rader, Christopher Stancher, Edward Vertin and one unidentified caller on the GoToMeeting website.

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

A **public hearing** was held on the proposed changes to the Village Manager Ordinance. Since we currently have a village administrator, a manager would have more responsibilities with hiring & directing employees. The changes were approved by the village attorney. A motion was made by Jenich-Laplander and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the new wording for the Village Manager Ordinance. Carried 6-0.

Public Comments

Marla Rader of 327 Pewabic Street would like the village to remove the tree in front of her house that is dying. She would also like to be on the list for sidewalk replacement. A suggestion was made to have a **clean up day** scheduled for the Gipp Recreation area and nearby trails. In addition to any village resident who is interested in helping, the school and Little League baseball will be contacted to assist. The cleanup will take place on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at 10:00AM.

A motion was made by Laplander and seconded by Hrebec to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Schneiderhan to approve the **minutes** of the August 17, 2021, regular council meeting and the September 10, 2021, special meeting. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Jenich-Laplander to approve the **prepaid bills** for August/September 2021 in the amount of \$103,125.64 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$162,263.76.

Communications to the Council

Michigan American Water Company will be raising their rates on October 1, 2021, by 3.71%.

Committee Reports

Finance: No report.

Recreation/Parks/Community Relations: Roller skating will be held on September 25, October 9, and October 30 from 4:00PM-7:00PM. The October 30th skating will be a Halloween

party with costumes and prizes. Plans will be made to again have the Santa parade and Christmas decorating contest in December.

Public Safety – Police/Fire: No report.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The new dump trucks will be looked at in Milwaukee this week. The new mechanic is set to start on October 4th, train for two weeks with the current mechanic and then at the October meeting, the current mechanic will be assigned to a heavy equipment operator position.

Property/Building/Ordinance: There is still no decision on mandating garbage carts. The committee will review comments being gathered from residents on village services and the list of stakeholders. Both will be discussed at the October meeting.

Beautification: The flower planters on the streets will be collected soon, the baskets will remain up for the time being. Schneiderhan is in contact with the All-School Reunion committee for activities to be held in Laurium next summer and will keep the council apprised.

Unfinished Business

Additional candidates for the **Administrator position** were held and the field has been narrowed. Hopefully by the end of the month a special meeting will be held to make a decision.

The draft of the **property rental ordinance** will be presented to the council at the October meeting.

The **rental agreement** for the George Gipp Arena is being reviewed by Risk Management and should be returned soon. Laser tag is still interested in using the arena this fall.

The “Fall Festival” **fundraiser** that was being planned for October has been cancelled due to COVID 19 concerns. Next July, a weekend regional travel softball tournament will be held, and possibly fundraising activities will take place in conjunction with that.

New Business

Kalen Carlson was chosen as President and Kimberly Robbins secretary of the **Laurium Planning Commission**. Both will serve a three-year term. Michael Carlson and Kim Robbins will serve two-year terms and Beverly Terrill a one-year term. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Hrebec to approve these appointments. Carried 6-0. A motion was made by Schneiderhan and seconded by Erickson to appoint Village Administrator Vertin, Sullivan and Djerf as the other members of the Laurium Planning Commission. Carried 6-0. All will be sworn in by the village clerk. The committee will review the master plans of other municipalities, set goals, get a mission statement, and obtain photos for the plan. The next meeting will be October 11, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Golus, Clerk

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