

Village of Laurium  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 17, 2013

**Present for Roll Call:** Bausano, Bonenfant, Fish, Harju, Junot, Lanctot (5:33pm) and Miller.

**Guests:** Jon Koskiniemi, Robert Kyllonen, Erik Lee, Brian Lutz, Edward Sever, Edward Vertin and Eric Waara.

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 Bonenfant to approve the **agenda** as presented. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fish to approve the **minutes** of the August 20, 2013 regular council meeting. Yes – Bausano, Bonenfant, Fish, Junot and Miller. Abstain – Harju. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Junot and seconded by Bonenfant to approve the **prepaid bills** for August-September 2013 in the amount of \$79,927.00 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** for September in the amount of \$47,121.19. Carried 6-0.

### **Communications to the Council**

Eric Waara updated the council that the **water project** is about 90% complete at this time. The **street project** is progressing well and work will be done on Osceola Street this week. Some of the additional paving has been done and came in under the projected cost.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** The audit report and yearly spreadsheets were distributed.

**Recreation/Parks/Community Relations:** The new compressor for the arena will be shipped soon. The cost has increased from \$14,000 to \$18,000 since the original quote was made. The committee will have a meeting with Village Administrator Vertin to go over policies & procedures for the upcoming season at the arena.

**Public Safety – Police:** The police department traded in their old defibrillator. Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital donated a new one that can also be used on children. A motion was made by Fish and seconded by Lanctot to have a one hour committee meeting with the police chief or a designated representative on the second Monday of each month or as requested. Carried 7-0.

**Public Safety – Fire:** A motion was made by Bonenfant and seconded by Lanctot to increase the number of paid members on the fire department to 16. Carried 7-0.

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

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

### **Unfinished Business**

A motion was made by Harju and seconded by Bonenfant to advertise to sell **surplus equipment** at the DPW garage. Minimum bid prices will be the scrap value. The bids will be opened at the October regular council meeting. Carried 7-0. A search is being conducted for a used sander. The current sander needs costly transmission repairs.

### **New Business**

At 5:50PM, a motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Junot to enter into **executive session** to discuss personnel issues. Carried 7-0.

At 5:55PM, the meeting returned to regular session.

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

A motion was made by Lanctot and seconded by Harju to **terminate** Brian Lutz's employment at the Village of Laurium. Carried 7-0.

Due to safety concerns for children, Erik Lee requested that a radar gun be purchased for the police department due to the number of vehicles speeding in the village. Mr. Lee would also like to see the alleys kept cleared and brushed so the public has access to them for walking. Lanctot suggested putting these requests in a letter and submitting it to the police chief.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.