

**Laurium Village Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Meeting called to Order by President Pro Tem Jeff Erickson 5:03 pm/Recite Pledge**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

**John Galbraith**

**Andrew Erickson**

**Jen Jenich-Laplander**

**Jeff Erickson**

**Also Present:**

**Ian Lewis, Village Manager**

**Mary Pat Crampton, Village Clerk**

**Kurt Erkkila , LVPD chief**

**Dan Zubiena, LVFD chief**

**Approval of Regular Agenda**

Motion A Erickson Second: Galbraith

Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0

Motion carried.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting December 16, 2025**

Motion: Jenich-Laplander Second: Galbraith

Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0

Motion carried

**Submission of Bills**

Jenich-Laplander reported merchant account bills of \$133,421.85 and Prepaid bills of \$105,314.38

Motion by Jenich-Laplander, Second: A Erickson

Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0

Motion carried

**Communications to the Council - None**

**Public Comments - None**

**Reports from Council Committees**

**Finance - No Report**

**Recreation/Parks/Beautification**

J Erickson reported that the Gipp Tournament is this weekend. As a trial run for the Copper Dog, Jen's Kitchen will have available chili and chicken noodle soup.

There have been several issues with the Zamboni over the past few weeks. The pump went out and was fixed, then there was an issue with dead zones. There are 4 and when the temp is around 32 it brings the compressor down. They are tweaking the new system.

Jenich-Laplander asked about more skate aids. J Erickson reported that he has a pattern to make them with PVC pipe and will get that to Bryce so he can make a variety of sizes.

**Public Safety/Fire Department**

Kurt Erkkila reported that everyone should've received the year end report in their mailboxes. They have responded to many snow issues.

No report for the Fire Department

**Streets/Equipment/Sanitation Committee**

Ian Lewis reported that we have had several breakdowns. The sander is down, the garbage trucks were unable to run because of fuel gelling – additive was not added. The dump truck is up. The Oshkosh sno go is down – it only steers to the right. John Gherna has delivered the fuel additive, garbage will be back up on 01/21/26.

**Property/Building/Ordinance Committee**

The committee had nothing to report. J Erickson asked if there was a list being developed for the upcoming year. I Lewis reported that they are considering sending out a postcard to homeowners highlighting some of the ordinances around blight. Of 67 violations from this past year, 100% of them came into compliance.

Jenich-Laplander asked about Trevathan's garage where there are many old cars. K Erikkila stated that they are working on getting him registered as a junk hauler. He is a business so they can't ticket him for having junk vehicles. He says he has fencing material and will put up a fence. He is a towing business..

### **Community Relations Committee**

A post will be made to let folks know there is no public skating this weekend due to the Gipp Tournament. They will ad upcoming open skate sponsored by Northpointe Church. The church will be allowed to serve hot chocolate.

### **Manager's Report**

Grants: Ian reported that we received a \$400,000 grant for low-income blight filled properties. It covers siding, furnaces, and windows. Admin fees will be paid at 18%. There will be a public hearing prior to any notice going out. They are working through the details of the grant. Ian would like to create a 5 person board that would include two members of the Planning Commission, 2 members of Council, and Ian.

J Erickson copied Ian on an email to Nate Christianson to partner on grant. Residents can apply for incentives.

Copper Dog Update: There will be a walkthrough Monday or Tuesday to look at fencing, policing needs, they'd like the FD to volunteer Friday night trailside.

I Lewis also submitted a list of budget amendments. Four adjustments were made for snow removal. The DPW has been working many weekends. The PIF was \$350 over for heating so the amendment is for 1,000 added. There was an adjustment for another 100 garbage cans ordered, and the Ice Arena budget is in the red, as expected due to breakdowns and OT. There is a line item adjustment for Capital Outlay Expense which Sue Sanford wanted done differently. Also, there was never a line item for Personal Property Tax so one was created.

Motion to accept the budget amendments as proposed: Jenich-Laplander;  
Second: Galbraith

Call Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0

Motion Carried

J Erickson asked about the general fund balance. Lewis reported that there is a revenue surplus for the first time since 2015. The general fund is about 80k on the plus side and projected to be \$120k by the end of January.

### **Unfinished Business**

I Lewis reported that he received no feedback or edits on the Fire Department Consolidation draft contract. The next step is to send it to an attorney for review. He would like a motion to move forward.

Motion: Galbraith

Second: A Erickson

Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0  
Motion carried

### **New Business – None**

### **Old Business**

Capital Improvement plan submissions will be discussed at the next meeting. Ian Raymond from the Planning Commission was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

### **Announcements:**

None

**Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mary Pat Crampton, Clerk  
Village of Laurium  
December 17, 2025**