

Village of Laurium
Public Hearing/Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2024

The Truth in Taxation Millage hearing was called to order at 5:45PM in the village council chambers. Village Manager Lewis answered questions from the council. The public hearing ended at 6:00PM.

Present for Roll Call: Carlson, Galbraith, Jenich-Laplander, Ninko and Pietila.

Absent: Erickson and Sullivan.

Guests: Kurt Erkkila, Ian Lewis and Becky Pomroy.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the village council chambers by Trustee Carlson in the absence of President Sullivan and President Pro-Tem Erickson.

A motion was made by Pietila and seconded by Galbraith to approve the **agenda** with the addition of millage resolution approval. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Galbraith and seconded by Ninko to approve the **minutes** of the May 21, 2024 regular council meeting and the June 4, 2024 special meeting. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Pietila and seconded by Jenich-Laplander to approve the **prepaid bills** in the amount of \$142,384.61 and approve payment of the **merchandise accounts** in the amount of \$37,604.38. Carried 5-0.

Committee Reports

Finance: The audit will be starting in late July or early August.

Recreation/Parks/Beautification: The new dugouts have been completed. Softball will be helping with some new fencing. The fields will be aerated in the fall for better conditions in the spring. Village Fellow Riley Powers will be putting together a pamphlet for grant funding for the ice plant. The rest of the hanging baskets for Third Street will be arriving soon.

Public Safety – Fire: The aerial truck has had a computer issue repaired. The village mechanic can take care of the other repair that needs to be addressed. Research is still being done on a new equipment van.

Public Safety – Police: Notices are being handed out to property owners in violation of ordinances. A meeting will be held with the prosecutor to see if he can handle these civil cases.

Streets/Equipment/Sanitation: The roll off carts are being utilized.

Property/Building/Ordinance: There are three properties in violation of the dangerous buildings ordinance. Hearings will be forthcoming.

Community Relations: Since they did not attend the grand opening, a press release was sent to the Daily Minig Gazette about Copper Country Sweets. A ribbon cutting and/or other media event/notice on the playground equipment will be next month.

Manager Report

Our application for a USDA RD grant for a new police vehicle was denied. We will try for the next cycle, FEMA grants and investigate if there are auctions to purchase a vehicle. The DPW will start the sprinkler installation at Daniell Park the first week of July and complete it the following week. The windows & doors installation at the village hall will begin at the end of the month. The prep work for the playground equipment is being done. The set up will be in the next week or so. The plan for a parking lot will be between the utility poles off of Isle Royale Street, with about eight spots being made.

The grand opening of Copper Country Sweets was held on Saturday, June 8, 2024.

A motion was made by Galbraith and seconded by Ninko to approve the resolution for setting the **millage rate** at 18.9807 for 2024-25. Carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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