

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

August 12,

2019

Attendees: Mayor-Harry McKenna, Council Members-Angi Deere, Chris Foster, Ken James, Mark May, Paula Jones, Thad Kauffman, Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle, Andrew Johnston-Solicitor. Others Present- Bradley Ingle, Pete Davis, Cory King -Davis Voice & Data, Deputy Sheriff Lowery.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the July 7, 2019 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. Kauffman made a motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

Citizens Comments: 1. Pete Davis/Davis Voice & Data. Mr. Davis noted they were getting closer to placing a repeater to supply internet service on the water tower. He met with Stewart Hinkle, the Fire Chief, and looked at the water tower and electrical hook-up at the firehouse. Mr. Davis stated they had a couple of options for attaching the antenna on the tower. They could use super magnets that would attach to the side of the tower and hold the antenna in place, or attach a steel rod using c-clamps, to the backside of the ladder and attach the antenna to the steel rod. It wouldn't interfere with the use of the ladder. We are in the process of determining the condition of our water tower, paint it or maybe replace it, Council wanted to know if doing work on the tower would interfere with the installation of the antenna? Mr. Davis said it wouldn't matter; they could work around whatever issues we have to deal with. A new LED light was put on the top of the tower; the timer was bad. For now, the light will be on all the time. Mr. May asked if they had a time line for the internet installation. Mr. Davis noted they were still working on revenue and estimated maybe 3-4 months. Mr. James asked if the cameras discussed earlier were still in the works. Mr. Davis said they were.

Solicitors Report: 1.208 S. Main Street/Swimming Pool Fence. Mr. Johnston stated he sent a letter to 304 S. Main Street about the swimming pool fence. Our minutes stated that was the address. The address is 208 S. Main St. A new letter was sent to the correct address.
2. 301 S. Main Street/Clean Up Property. Mr. Johnston noted a certified letter was sent to this property owner on July 16, the property owner did not accept the letter. A regular mail letter was sent August 8. We'll have a couple of choices for the property, we can mow and then access the cost of mowing, or we can take them to court, which could result in a fine. The fine doesn't escalate to a next level, like jail. We'll table this until the next meeting, September 9.

Sheriff's Report. No Report.

BOPA: Mr. May reported the following:

1. The Board met with the EPA. Laura has accumulated penalty points over past years. We signed an agreement with the EPA and Laura's back to zero points. The Board is pleased with the way our licensed operators are running the water and sewer plants.
2. Water Tower Inspection. Suez North America did a drone flyby and visual inspection of the tower. The foundation was good; there was some surface corrosion on the bottom and walkway of the tower. The tower is in good shape for its age, old towers were built well. The paint is flaking because of layers of latex paint and oil base paint. It would cost at least two- hundred thousand dollars to strip and repaint the tower. The new paint would last 15-20 years. We will get a final report from Suez and decide the next step. We will have to use an epoxy instead of wax to coat the inside of the tower. The epoxy should last around 16 years. Mote and Associates is working with the Board for grant money and evaluation of the tower.
3. Grease Trap. There was discussion at the last meeting about selling a septic tank to the restaurant to use as a grease trap. The BOPA decided they were happy with the way the septic tanks have been taken care of in the past and want to continue this process. The restaurant pays to pump the septic tank that services the kitchen; the BOPA pumps the second tank, the one that services the bathrooms. The BOPA can inspect and control both tanks. The Board thinks the grease in our system was a result of the restaurant closing for a while to change hands and remodel. There was never a problem before then. The Board would put in a provision in our ordinance that the restaurant would provide an invoice proving the grease is being removed on a regular basis; we can inspect the tank to make sure grease isn't getting in our system. The penalty for grease in our system is a fine.

Council thought selling a tank to the restaurant was a good idea, the tank would not be part of our system, and we would comply with our ordinance. Mr. May noted he thought there might be an issue with the wording in a couple of sections in our ordinance and we should check with Mr. Johnston for advice. Mr. James noted we might be able to do a conditional use clause. Mrs. Deere stated we could sell them a tank, have a conditional use item, have the tanks inspected by the BOPA, if the restaurant changes hands, then it would have to be brought up to code. Mr. Ingle stated according to Ohio and national code, the restaurant has to have at least a 30-gallon grease trap attached before anything goes to our system. Mr. James noted we all want to come up with a solution that works for the restaurant and Council. We would have to think about how the EPA would respond. Mr. May will look at our sewer ordinance for the sections he thinks we might need to revise, Mr. Ingle will find the Ohio Code that references the grease trap they will e-mail them to Ms. Slagle to forward to Mr. Johnston for his review. We'll need to discuss with Mr. Johnston how to move forward. Mr. Ingle asked if having a second opinion of how the plumbing at the restaurant is set up would be beneficial, we've heard the opinion of the plumber from the restaurant. Council thought it would be a good idea, Mr. Kauffman made a motion to find someone to look at their plumbing, Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed. Council asked Mr. Ingle to see if he could find someone to do this. Ms. Slagle will send a letter to the restaurant letting them know we will be having someone come look at the septic tanks.

Old Business: 1. Property Clean Up.

307 S. Main Street. Tall grass, junk around garage. No Report

401 Ludlow Street- Pile of skids, air conditioner. No Report

123 N. Main Street- Grass/Weeds cleared.

402 & 404 Ludlow Street-Tall Grass. We'll send another letter asking them to mow the grass lower.

17 N. Main St- Inoperable Vehicle moved

Additional letters are to be sent to:

406 S. Main St. Tall grass/weeds.

402 S. Main St. Ivy on Sidewalk/weeds

403 S. Main St. Junk along garage/tall grass

8 School St. Tall grass. See if Terry Zellers can mow. The property has gone back to the bank.

10 Pike St. Rubbish around yard/make sure evergreen tree cut away from stop sign.

7 Chestnut St. Tarped wood along alley/tall grass. Discussion about sending letter.

400 Short St. Discussion about items in street/junk in yard. We'll talk with Mr. Johnston.

2. FEMA Grant. Mrs. Deere noted she didn't get this done before the deadline; we had only a couple of days to try to get it done. She was working on one for Chestnut Street, stating she thought it might apply because of the poor drainage and the water pooling at Pike and Chestnut when we had the big rain a while back. We can check with Susan Laux from Mote and Associates, she gets updates for grants and would know if the application Mrs. Deere has would apply.

New Business. 1. Faucet/Village Building. Mr. McKenna stated he was going to power wash parts of the building but the faucet was broken. Mr. Ingle said he would check it.

2. Cross Walk/Dollar General. Mr. May suggested putting in a crosswalk at Adams Alley on St. Rt. 571 once Dollar General is operational. This would be beneficial for people walking to the store. Mr. James noted a second crosswalk somewhere might be a good idea.

He spoke with Josh Smith from ODOT about the speed limit along St. Rt. 571; making it 35 MPH would also benefit people walking to the store. Mr. James will try to speak with ODOT about these safety issues.

3. South Main Street Potholes. We have some potholes we need to have filled, at Mrs. Deere house, and between Mr. James house and Randy Jones house. We can contact someone for quotes. We used Smith & Sons Sealcoat for the basketball court.

4. Gutter weeds. We need to kill weeds growing in our gutters. Mr. James will spray around town and at the park.

5. Railroad Ties/Park. Mrs. Jones stated there are some sharp edges on the railroad ties around some of the playground equipment that need removed.

6. Mulch for Park. We need to place more mulch around the playground equipment. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for mulch, Mr. James seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed. We'll apply for the \$1000 PEP grant from our Insurance. This grant money is to be used for safety issues in town.

7. Record Books. Ms. Slagle stated we need new record books, Minutes books for Council and BOPA are needed and a new ordinance book, each for \$95.00. Mrs. Deere made a motion to purchase three record books, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

8. Income Survey. We'll need to purchase supplies to mail out the income survey. Council thought it would be a good idea to send a one-call message before we mail out the survey. Mr. McKenna stated he and his wife would stuff envelopes to mail, Council members will also help. Mr. James made a motion to approve purchases of stamps, envelopes, labels, or other items we might need to mail out the survey, Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

Bills. Mrs. Deere motioned to pay the following bills, Mr. James seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes. Mrs. Jones –Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes, The motion passed.

PERS	\$833.39	DP&L	\$1082.55
Frontier	162.26	Linda McKenna	50.00
Gretchen Slagle	390.75	Harry McKenna	110.02
Shipman, Dixon	100.00	Terry Zellers	830.00
Menards	27.63	Mobile Sanitation	120.00
Terry Zellers	686.96	Treasure of State-School	142.95
Treasure of State –Ohio	94.40	Internal Revenue	637.36
OPWC	2321.92	BWC	112.46
Wagner Paving	8900.00	Wertz Hardware	34.99

Mrs. Deere motioned to close the meeting. Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. All yeas, the motion passed.

Harry McKenna, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk