

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

February 11

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- Deputy Sheriff-J. Jenks, Kay Borchers, Jonathan Thompson, Brian Ingle, Wes Beeson.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the January 14, 2018 meeting were read. Mr. James made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Kauffman 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. Choice One Engineering. Kay Borchers, a civil engineer for Choice One, noted there was grant money available for area governments and offered her company's services if we had any infrastructure projects we might be considering. Mr. Foster noted Council might have a street project in mind for Chestnut Street. Mr. Thompson noted the BOPA is trying to assess the physical structure of the water tower and if needed, a new water tower. Ms. Borchers handed out some literature.

Solicitors Report: 1. Mr. Thompson, President of the BOPA, stated there was a water leak on St. Rt. 571 and the Board hired Heeter Plumbing to do the repairs. Heeter Plumbing gave us a verbal quote of \$6000-\$12,000. The final bill was for \$17,246.00. Mr. Beeson spoke with Chris Heeter the day they were working on the leak and Mr. Heeter told Mr. Beeson it looked like the cost was going to be on the low end of the quote. Mr. Thompson noted the Board disagreed with the amount of the bill and wanted to know how to go about disputing it. Mr. Thompson explained the areas of dispute- original verbal quote; most of the job was subbed out and/or rented equipment. Mr. Johnston noted someone should speak with or write a letter to Heeter Plumbing, explaining our opinion, it could be someone from the BOPA or Mr. Johnston could speak with Heeter. We could offer to pay a certain dollar amount and suggested \$12000 (high end of quote) and labor costs. Council discussed. Mrs. Deere made a motion to have Mr. Johnston contact Heeter Plumbing to discuss the disputed bill, 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.
2. Village Credit Card. Ms. Slagle had a preliminary credit card policy and procedure for Council to review. Mr. Johnston will review and have a revised policy for next meeting.

BOPA: Mr. May reported the following:

1. Heeter Plumbing-See Solicitors Report #1.
2. We've received notice of violation from the EPA. We had low phosphate levels at some of our test sites.
3. The controller board that controls the level of water in the water tower failed and we had an overflow. We got the controller working.

Old Business: 1. Wagner Paving/Alley. No Report. Mr. McKenna will get a copy of the estimate and contact Wagner Paving.
2. Miami County Council. Mr. McKenna and Mr. May went to the meeting. Discussion included available grant money for critical infrastructure. There are steps that need to be followed to apply for a grant; it could take a few years to get approval. There are factors that could help us receive the grant; we haven't received a grant for quite a while, how many people the project would affect, immediate need, and income. We could apply for a grant for street repair, water tower needs, or other infrastructure projects. Mr. McKenna stated a representative from the County could come speak with Council; Council thought this would be a good idea.
3. Miami County Council Annual Dues. Mr. McKenna noted the annual dues of \$30.00 is due. Mr. James made a motion to approve the annual dues, 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.
4. Miami County Commissioners Meeting- June 19 at 3:00pm.
5. Radar Wagon. Mr. McKenna noted receiving a flyer for a radar wagon at a cost of \$2499.00

New Business. 1. Snow Plowing. Ms. Slagle has asked about payment for snow plowing, checking to see if there were any problems before she pays the bill. Council has been pleased with the plowing for the most part. We've had a few alleys not plowed- a trainee was plowing at the time, a couple of fire hydrants were buried in the snow piles, the streets were plowed when the winds were really high, plowing the streets twice during a couple of high snow events. Council didn't have a problem with Mr. Hoop plowing twice when we had the couple of big

snows. Mr. James will speak with Mr. Hoop about missing the alleys and covering the fire hydrants.

2. High Water/Road Closed Signs. After one of the big snows we had, and then rain and warm weather that melted the snow, we had water sitting on Pike Street near St. Rt. 571. Mr. James suggested we have some signs to warn people about the water. Mr. May suggested we also have a couple of signs to use if we needed to close part or all of a street; we had a couple of occasions where we could have used the signs. Mr. James made a motion to buy two high water signs and two road closed signs from Miami County. 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.

3. PEP Safety Grant. Ms. Slagle noted our insurance is offering a \$1000 grant to help provide safety equipment for our town. Examples could be mulch for playground equipment, flashlights or emergency lighting, equipment for water or sewer plants.

4. Drone Service. Mr. James noted a deputy sheriff from Miami County has a company that provides a drone service. For \$200.00, we could get 12 pictures from the drone. We could use this service for trying to assess the condition of the water tower or other things at the park, or other various projects.

5. Appropriations. We have the amended certificate from the County. The Finance Committee and Ms. Slagle will meet next Tuesday for appropriations. The BOPA will also meet for their funds.

Bills. Mrs. Deere motioned to pay the following bills, Mrs. Jones 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	\$686.99	DP&L	\$1240.67
Frontier	166.91	Linda McKenna	50.00
Gretchen Slagle	390.75	Harry McKenna	110.02
Menards	10.99	Staples	31.98
Jason Hoop	1180.00	Jason Hoop	845.00
Jason Hoop	575.00	Jim Stubbs, Miami County	607.59

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

Harry McKenna, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk