

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

July 7

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, Mot & Associates-Susan Laux, Deputy Sheriff Representative.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting were read. Mr. May made a motion to approve the minutes, 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.

Special Meeting: Minutes of the June 21, 2019 meeting were read. Mr. James motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Kauffman seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Abstain, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

Citizens Comments: 1. Mote & Associates. Susan Laux presented a grant estimate for the water tower replacement (if needed) for \$685,000.00 and a grant estimate for reconstruction of Chestnut Street for \$745,000.0. Each proposal gave a detailed report. She also had two resolutions that would allow us to prepare applications to participate in OPWC grant programs or grant programs for the water tower replacement and reconstruction of Chestnut Street. By starting this process, it would get the village in line for grant approval, usually about a three-year process. She would like us to see if we can find records of power outages at the water and sewer plant for the last 5-10 years, and see about starting an income survey for the Village. We do this through Miami County/Dan Suerdick. The survey must be completed 6 months from the start of the process. Mr. Foster asked how we would handle changes that may have to be made, since the actual project won't start for 3 years. Mrs. Laux noted there are "change orders" for this and contingency items are built in some of the numbers that allow for this. Mr. Foster also asked about a grant for getting a back-up generator for the siren, since ours didn't go off during the tornado. Mrs. Laux stated there are grants out now that we can apply for that specifically apply for emergency equipment like a generator, one of the grants is due July 10. Ken Artz EMA Director at Troy may have more information on grants for this.

Resolution 7-19A and Resolution 7-19B were reviewed. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve these resolutions:

Resolution 7-19A: to prepare an application to participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs and execute contracts for the Chestnut Street Reconstruction Project.

Resolution 7-19B: to prepare an application to participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs and execute contracts for the Water Tower Replacement Project (if a new water tower is needed or decided to replace it).

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.

Solicitors Report: 1. Grease Trap/ Laura Country Diner. Mr. Johnston stated steps could be taken to sell the property owner one of the two septic tanks on this property. We need to make sure they want to buy the tank and decide on a value for the tank.

Sheriff's Report. No Report.

BOPA: 1. The BOPA meeting was moved to July 16

Old Business: 1. Property Clean Up. Council asked Mr. Johnston to send letters to 301 S. Main Street for junk around the property and 304 S. Main Street for not having a swimming pool fence. The Village has sent previous letters without any results.

Letters are to be sent to:

307 S. Main Street. Tall grass, junk around garage.

401 Ludlow Street- Pile of skids, air conditioner.

123 N. Main Street- Grass/Weeds.

402 & 404 Ludlow Street-Tall Grass.

17 N. Main St- Inoperable Vehicle

- 2. Mosquito Testing. There will be some kind of mosquito trap at the park along with a sign stating testing is being done. This is a county grant project.
- 3. Wagner Paving Invoice. We've received an invoice for paving the alley.

New Business. 1. Tornado Relief. Union Township has lots of food, water and information on assistance for tornado victims.

2. Grant for Siren Generator. Mrs. Deere has a grant application for help in getting a backup generator for the siren. Mr. James made a motion to apply for that grant, 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. **Resolution 7-19 / 2020 Budget.** The 2020 Budget was reviewed, Mr. May made a motion to approve the 2020 Budget, 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.

Bills. Mrs. Deere motioned to pay the following bills, 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.

PERS	\$833.39	DP&L	\$1057.96
Frontier	158.90	Linda McKenna	50.00
Gretchen Slagle	390.75	Harry McKenna	110.02
Shipman, Dixon	350.00	Smith & Son Sealcoating	1600.00
Treasurer of State UAN	534.00	Paula Jones	36.22
Chris Foster	36.22	Ken James	36.44
Thad Kauffman	36.22	Mark May	36.44

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

Harry McKenna, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk