

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

June 10

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, BOPA Members- Jonathan Thompson, Brad Ingle, Steve Vore, Others Present-Robert Pressley, Sheriff Department, Stewart Hinkle, Jackie Rike, Brenden Deere, Mote & Associates -Susan Laux

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. Kauffman made a motion to approve the minutes, 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.

Citizens Comments: 1. Mote & Associates. Susan Laux had a copy of the ODNR grant application for park improvements. Mrs. Laux noted the BOPA was getting the water tower inspected by Suez, she would let us know the date of the inspection. Mr. May, Mr. Vore and Mr. McKenna would be interested in being present for the inspection. Mrs. Laux also stated there is a grant available for help with possibly getting a generator, or a power line installed from the sewer plant generator, for the water plant. We would probably want to do an income survey of town; this may help with the grant process. Mr. May made a motion to start the process of an income survey, Mr. 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.

2. Siren. Brenden Deere and Stewart Hinkle were present to inform Council as to why the siren didn't go off for the tornados we had Memorial Day. The town lost power before the signal was set off for the tornados. The cost of a back-up generator for the siren would cost around \$25,000. The fire department suggested residents have a NOAA radio or a smart phone available for tornado warnings. Mrs. Deere asked how communication between the county, fire department and village worked, who takes the lead in emergencies. Mr. Hinkle said the Fire Department usually would contact the mayor or council member and they would coordinate that way. Council discussed the need to have an EOC contact and have emergency procedures in place.

Sheriff's Report. No Report.

Solicitors Report: 1. Zoning/Dollar General. Mr. Johnston stated he had nothing to address, except rezoning questions. He will try to make the June 21 Special Meeting.

BOPA: 1. Grease Tap/Restaurant. Mr. Thompson noted the Board was trying to solve the problem of how to handle the grease trap at the restaurant, for a best possible solution for the Village and the restaurant. Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Johnston if we could sell the restaurant one of the two septic tanks at the restaurant. One tank is set up to handle the sewage, and the other tank, the one we want to consider selling, handles the water from the kitchen. The tanks were installed in this fashion, and we have no idea how long the kitchen septic tank has been used to collect the grease. The bathroom septic tank has been pumped on a regular basis and has never had a problem handling the volume. The Board thinks that selling the kitchen tank to the restaurant would solve the problem for both the village and the restaurant. The restaurant would be responsible for pumping and maintaining that tank and the Village would not have grease in our system. We would make sure we have proof the grease is pumped out of the kitchen tank, and we wouldn't have to be responsible to pump it. The Board thinks this is a good solution to the problem and wants to know if we are allowed to sell a tank. Mr. Johnson noted he would have to look into this.

2. Mr. May noted the EPA lead/copper issues have been delayed by the EPA because of the tornados.

3. Wes Beeson and Tony Hunt worked on getting and hooking up a generator so we had water when the town lost electric after the tornado.

Old Business: 1. Property Clean Up. Some of the properties that need cleaned up:

400 Short Street-not much has been addressed. Council has concerns about emergency vehicles being able to turn around at the property if there is junk on the street. We'll look at the property again.

25 Laura Circle-Debris on trailer, inoperable cars. Mr. James will contact the Sheriff.

307 S. Main Street. Grass, junk.

408 Ludlow St.

402 and 408 Ludlow-Tall Grass

301 S. Main St. Junk, scrap metal,

401 Ludlow St. Air Conditioner, skids

School Street-

2. Swimming Pool Fence/304 S. Main Street and 109 N. Main St. No fence has been installed at 304 S. Main St. We'll send a copy of the zoning ordinance to Mr. Johnston.

109 N. Main St. does not have a pool this year.

3. Dumpster. Mrs. Deere stated dumpsters were hard to get a hold of, with most being used for tornado clean up. She suggested renting the dumpster for town clean up in the fall.

New Business. 1. Trick or Treat. October 30, 2019, 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

2. US Census- New Construction Survey. Council decided not fill out the survey.

3. Mosquito Control Grant. Miami County is offering to do mosquito testing at the village.

There is no cost to us; it is part of a county grant. Council agreed to allow Miami County to do the testing. The testing is for various viruses and other things.

4. Sick Raccoons. There have been reports of sick raccoons around.

Bills. Mr. May 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	\$1145.45
Frontier	158.90	Linda McKenna	50.00
Gretchen Slagle	390.75	Harry McKenna	110.02
Shipman, Dixon	100.00	Terry Zellers	830.00
Aim Media Midwest	20.00	Arens Corp.	32.50
Laura Post Office	7.15	Laura Post Office	1.30
Angi Deere	109.32	Chris Foster	72.45
Ken James	109.32	Thad Kauffman	108.67
Mark May	108.67	Paula Jones	109.32

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

Harry McKenna, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk