

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

November 11,

2019

Attendees: Mayor-Harry McKenna, Council Members-Angi Deere, Chris Foster, Ken James, Mark May, Thad Kauffman, Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle, Andrew Johnston-Solicitor. Excused- Paula Jones. Others Present- Bradley Ingle, Jonathan Thompson, Robert Presley.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the October 14, 2019 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. James 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, Mr. Kauffman-Abstain. The motion passed.

Citizens Comments: 1. None

Solicitors Report: 1.Pool Fence/208 S. Main St. Mr. Johnston noted the Kecklers missed their court date. The court date was reset for next Tuesday. Kecklers contacted Mr. Johnston; they should have the fence installed by the new court date.

2. Junk Ordinance/301 South Main St. Mr. Johnston stated a registered letter was sent on October 18, but he hasn't received notice the letter had been signed for yet. The ten days has expired for a response, does Council want to move forward with charges per the ordinance. Council does want to move forward to try to get the property cleaned up.

Mr. McKenna said Gary Tipton from Miami County has contacted us; someone had registered a complaint with the county. Mr. McKenna told Mr. Tipton we are addressing the problem.

3. Updating Sewer Ordinance. Mr. Johnston has looked at other municipalities' sewer ordinance and noted that most of the ordinances are similar to our ordinance. He thinks we can tweak our ordinance instead of writing a new one. We would amend our current ordinance with the changes we need to address and have the three readings. Mr. Thompson asked if it will have a penalty phase and who will enforce the ordinance? Mr. Johnston note we have both of these items in our current ordinance. Our ordinance is 28 years old, it was written just as well or better than most municipalities he has looked at.

Sheriff's Report. No Report.

BOPA: Mr. May reported the following:

1. Water tower. The results of the tower evaluation showed the paint on the tower is flaking. Lead paint, latex paint, and an incompatible paint have been applied to the tower that has caused the flaking. The tower would have to be sandblasted and repainted to fix the problem. An estimate to do this is around \$550,000. A new tower would cost around \$640,000, with a high-end replacement cost of around \$850,000. There is no grant money available for maintenance, but there is grant money for capital projects. Mrs. Laux from Mote & Associates will be at our next meeting. Mr. James asked about scrap metal, the lead paint might be an issue with that.
2. EPA/Lead/Copper/Phosphates. We're still waiting on the EPA response. They would like us to use a different phosphate called smartphos. Mr. Hunt is concerned with the timing to do the last copper/lead testing we are required to do by the end of the year. He was hoping to have the new phosphate in the system, and adjusted, before having to do the last test.

Old Business: 1. Snow Removal. Mr. McKenna spoke with Jason Hoop. He is interested in plowing the streets this winter. The cost will be the same as last year, as long as salt stays around the same price.

2. Income Survey. The initial letter was sent out to residents, the first response was received December 7, 2019. We have 3 months to complete the survey, and have the results to the County, that date is February 7. Dan Suerdick from Zoning and Development has sent us a random list of residents, we need to make three earnest attempts to contact each property owner and we need to have 133 surveys to be considered for the grant. Mrs. Deere will use One Call to tell residents about the survey.

3. Dollar General. Mr. McKenna contacted Clean Signs about LED speed signs, crosswalk signs, and LED signs for St. Rt. 571, that would increase awareness of pedestrians around Dollar General. Mr. James spoke with ODOT to get contact information for traffic engineering, the city manager of West Milton will come out and talk to us about how they addressed the traffic issues in West Milton.

New Business. 1. Ohio Municipal League Annual Dues. Council decided not be a member this year.

2. PEP Safety Grant. Council asked if flashlights at the sewer or water plant would being part of the safety grant money. We'll check with Wes.

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

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| PERS | \$833.39 | DP&L | \$1127.83 |
| Frontier | 162.77 | Linda McKenna | 50.00 |
| Gretchen Slagle | 391.75 | Harry McKenna | 110.02 |
| Shipman, Dixon | 195.00 | Terry Zellers | 370.00 |
| Mobile Sanitation | 240.00 | Menards | 12.71 |
| Nancy Hinkle | 50.00 | Laura Fire Company | 4000.00 |
| Internal Revenue Service | 499.68 | Treasure State School Tax | 116.27 |
| Ohio Dept. of Taxation | 81.02 | Ohio Municipal League | 235.00 |

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

Harry McKenna, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk