

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

October 14,

2019

Attendees: Mayor-Harry McKenna, Council Members-Angi Deere, Chris Foster, Ken James, Mark May, Paula Jones, Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle, Andrew Johnston-Solicitor. Others Present- Bradley Ingle, Deputy Sheriff Adams. Absent-Thad Kauffman.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. 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-Abstain, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Abstain, The motion passed.

Citizens Comments: 1. None

Solicitors Report: 1.GBT Realty. Mr. Johnston noted Dollar General will be putting a 2000-gallon septic tank at the back of their parking lot on their property. They will pull the existing tanks and do whatever we want them to do with the tanks. They want to own and service the new tank, the village would have no control over the tank. Council didn't think it was a good idea to give up total control of the septic tank on the property; it would be connected to our system. They have a resolution that would be a "Modification of Easement" that would allow the tank to be owned and maintained by Dollar General. We would still have an easement to be allowed to look at the tank if there would be a concern with our septic system.

Resolution 10-19/Modification of Easement. Mrs. Deere made a motion to waive the three reading of this Resolution for the health and safety of the Village of Laura. Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes. The motion passed.

Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve Resolution 10/19/Modification of Easement. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes. The motion passed.

2. 208 S. Main Street/Pool Fence. Mr. Johnston noted not hearing from the Kecklers about installing a fence around the pool. Mrs. Deere made a motion to have Mr. Johnston move forward with legal proceedings for not having a fence around the pool. Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Abstain, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes. The motion passed.

3. 301 S. Main Street/Junk. Mr. Johnston stated he noted the wrong ordinance code in the letter that was sent to this address. He resent the letter.

4. Sewer Ordinance. Mr. Johnston is working on this. Our sewer system is different from most villages or municipalities; it is a little harder to get the information he needs.

5. Crosswalks/Dollar General Area. Mr. James spoke with Josh Smith of ODOT. We are a home rule state so we can do mostly what we want about providing safety across St. Rt. 571 around the new Dollar General area. If we were to add a flashing yellow light, ODOT would have to be involved, if we put a crosswalk that is not at a cross street, they would like to be notified. Mr. Johnston stated that if what we do impedes traffic in any way, we should have ODOT involved. Council discussed using flashing yellow lights beside the crosswalk area, using a speed sign like the one Potsdam has up, moving speed limit signs. Mr. Johnston suggested a traffic study for the area around Dollar General.

Sheriff's Report. No Report.

BOPA: Mr. May reported the following:

1. The Board agreed with the variance approach to the septic tank at the restaurant. The restaurant will need to be notified they need to come to council meeting to discuss a variance, or put in a grease trap.
2. EPA. No Report.
3. There will be two open seats at the end of December; both of these people would be willing to continue on the Board if no one else is interested in filling the seat.

Old Business: 1.Snow Removal. Mr. McKenna asked if Council would like to request bids for snow plowing this year, or were they happy with last year's contractor. Council was happy with Jason Hoop and the job he did, and would like to see if he would be interested in plowing the village streets again for a cost similar to what he charged last year. Mr. May made a motion to have Jason Hoop plow the village streets for the 2019-2020 winter season. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes. The motion passed. If Mr. Hoop isn't interested in plowing, Ms. Slagle will place an ad for bids, to be opened at the November meeting.

2. Dumpster. Mrs. Deere has scheduled the dumpster for November 4-11, for town cleanup purposes. The cost will be very similar to last year's cost.

New Business. 1. Trick or Treat. October 31, 6-8PM.

2. Leaf Pick-Up. Mr. James has spoken to the Boy Scout troop leaders about picking up leaves again this year. The cost will be \$600 total, to have the Boy Scouts come three times, at their discretion. The rental cost of the leaf machine will be \$400.00; we'll get that bill from Pitsburg. Mr. James made a motion to approve hiring the Boy Scout troop from Arcanum/Pitsburg to collect the leaves, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes. The motion passed.

3. School Bell/Robert & Marjorie Netzley. Carol Netzley Coate has offered the town a school bell from the old Laura school. The bell has sat in her parent's yard for a long time and the property is now being sold. Council will gladly take the bell.

4. Miami County Budget Commission Tax Rates. The County asks us to certify our tax rates every year, the rate is 3.4 mills. Mrs. Deere made a motion to certify these rates for 2019, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes. The motion passed.

5. Resolution 10-19A/Amend Permanent Appropriation. Ms. Slagle noted in April we approved new wages for the water and sewer personnel, the amendments are to salaries, Medicare and PERS in water and sewer funds. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve Resolution 10-19A. Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes. The motion passed.

6. Fall Newsletter. Mrs. Deere will try to get the fall newsletter ready for distribution.

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. Mrs. Jones –Yes, The motion passed.

PERS	\$833.39	DP&L	\$1149.20
Frontier	167.26	Linda McKenna	50.00
Gretchen Slagle	391.75	Harry McKenna	110.02
Shipman, Dixon	100.00	Terry Zellers	740.00
Treasurer of State training	100.00	Mobile Sanitation	120.00
Menards	39.37	Treasure of State UAN	534.00
Megacity Fire & Security	52.75	Miami Valley Lighting	3078.28
BWC	56.23		

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

Harry McKenna, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk