

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

January 13,

2020

Attendees: Council Members-Chris Foster, Mark May, Paula Jones, Thad Kauffman, Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle, Andrew Johnston-Solicitor. Others Present- Bradley Ingle, Jonathan Thompson, Angi Deere, Ken James, Pete Davis-Davis Voice & Data.

Mr. Foster noted the Mayor's seat, two BOPA seats and two seats on Council are open and asked if there was anyone interested in a seat. Mr. James and Mrs. Deere were interested in filling a seat on Council, and interested in the mayor's position. They explained their interest in continuing to serve the Village. Jonathan Thompson and Bradley Ingle were interested in the BOPA seats.

Mr. Johnston explained that since no one ran to fill terms in the last elections, we would need to appoint someone to these seats. They will serve two years, and would have to run to fill the remaining 2-year term on the November 2021 general election ballot or be appointed to finish the term that expires December 31, 2023. Mr. Johnston explained to Council the procedures for filling the two vacant seats. They can fill the vacant seats first and then vote on a Mayor, or can appoint a Mayor and then vote on the two vacant seats. Council discussed.

Mr. Kauffman made a motion to appoint Mrs. Deere to an open Council seat. Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed. Ms. Slagle swore in Mrs. Deere. The seat term expires December 31, 2023.

Mr. May made a motion to appoint Mr. James to an open Council seat. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed. Ms. Slagle swore in Mr. James. The seat term expires December 31, 2023.

In order to allow the Sheriff's Deputy to give the Sheriff's Report, and any Citizens Comments, Council will proceed with the meeting and go back to filling the mayor seat afterwards.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. Kauffman made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff Report: None, Council had no questions.

Citizens Comments: 1. Davis Voice & Data. Pete Davis was present to announce that Max Wire internet service was up and functioning. We now have an additional internet provider available to residents and the surrounding area. Mr. Davis gave us flyers and asked that we let residents know. Mr. James or Mr. May will be the contact person to let Max Wireless into the village properties to get internet hooked up per our contract.

Mrs. Deere and Mr. James were interested in the Mayor seat. Mr. Johnston noted for municipalities under 2000 population, a mayor is not appointed, we need to appoint a President of Council/President Pro Tem. He explained options Council had for this position. Council would elect a President of Council. That person could act as Mayor/ President Pro Tem for the unexpired term. This person would have the option of giving up their council seat to be Mayor, having to run in the 2021 election to fill the unexpired term, or act as President Pro Tem and their Council seat could remain vacant until the 2021 election, Council would convene with five members until the end of 2021. The person would then take their Council seat back January 1, 2022. We would have to appoint the President Pro Tem again at this time.

Council discussed. Based on his availability during the day, Mr. May made a motion to appoint Mr. James President of Council/President Pro Tem. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-No, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. James-Abstain, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

Mr. James would like to retain his council seat, making him President Pro Tem, and there will be five Council seats until after the next general election results in 2021. Interested persons can run on the ballot in that election, for any unexpired terms that end December 31, 2023. (Boy, that's complicated! Thanks Andrew).

Ms. Slagle swore in Mr. James. The seat term expires December 31, 2023.

We have two vacant Board of Public Affairs seats. The same procedures as council apply for appointment of these seats. The Mayor appoints people to vacant seats.

Jonathan Thompson and Bradley Ingle are interested in filling the vacant seats. Mr. Foster made a motion to recommend Mr. Thompson and Mr. Ingle to fill the vacant BOPA seats, Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

Mr. James appointed Mr. Thompson and Mr. Ingle to the BOPA seats. The seat term expires December 31, 2023. Ms. Slagle swore in Mr. Thompson and Mr. Ingle.

- Solicitors Report:**
1. Junk Ordinance/301 South Main St. McGuffie's have asked for a continuance.
 2. ODNR Grant. Mr. Johnston reviewed the grant agreement and approved it.
 3. Grease Trap Variance. Wayne Lavy has asked for a variance to our sewer ordinance, for the grease trap at Laura's Country Diner. Mr. Johnston noted that Council has three options for the variance, to adopt as written, deny as written or modify it. Mr. Kauffman made a motion to accept the variance as written. Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.
 4. Dollar General Signage. Mr. James noted One Stop Signs have contacted us about zoning for signs for Dollar General. Mr. Johnston stated our zoning code requires a permit for \$25.00.
 5. Updating Sewer Ordinance. No Report.
 6. Solicitor's Contract. No report

BOPA: The meeting was moved to January 16, the board could not conduct a meeting because of two open seats.

- Old Business:**
1. Resolution 1-20B/ ODNR Grant. Mr. May made a motion to approve the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources (ODNR) Grant Agreement. Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.
 2. Income Survey. Council wanted to know if we could have the fire department help with the surveys. Ms. Slagle will check with Mr. Suerdick, but didn't think anyone but Council could circulate the survey.

2020 Committees:

Street-Mr. Foster, Mr. Kauffman	Park-Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Jones
Finance- Mrs. Deere, Mr. May	Building-Mrs. Deere, Mrs. Jones
BOPA-Mr. May, Mr. James	Zoning- Mr. James, Mr. Presley, Mr. Baker
Records Retention-All	Miami County Council-Mr. James

New Business. 1. **Resolution 1-20/Amend Permanent Appropriations 2019.** Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve this resolution, Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

2. **Resolution 1-20A/Temporary Appropriations 2020.** Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve this resolution, Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

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

PERS	\$833.39	DP&L	\$1121.36
Frontier	162.77	Linda McKenna	50.00
Gretchen Slagle	391.75	Harry McKenna	110.02
Treasure State School Tax	116.27	Jason Hoop	1210.00
Internal Revenue Service	499.68	BWC	30.66
Ohio Dept. of Taxation	80.80	Hamler-Gingrich	125.00
Treasurer of State UAN	534.00	Shipman Dixon	130.00
Boy Scout Troop 185	600.00	OWPC	2321.92
Shipman Dixon	210.00		

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

