

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

March 8,

2021

Attendees: Council Members- Angi Deere, Chris Foster, Mark May, Paula Jones, Thad Kauffman. Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle, Andrew Johnston. Absent- Mayor-Ken James.

In Mr. James' absence, Mr. Kauffman presided at the meeting.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve the minutes with the following notation- Mr. James was going to get a price for switching the remainder of street lights that haven't been replaced with LED lights. 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.

Sheriff Report: Mr. Kauffman asked the Sheriff's Department to spend some time on North Main Street around the intersection of Pike Street. There has been a car seen that frequently speeds, and also passed a school bus that had its flashing lights on. The car is seen mostly in the afternoon. Mrs. Jones has seen a similar car speeding around town also.

Citizens Comments: None.

Solicitors Report: 1. Mr. Johnston noted his assistance was not needed at the BOPA meeting, they worked out the situation with the cracked pipe in the septic tank at the restaurant.

BOPA: 1. Grease Trap/Restaurant. The Board noted Bob's Excavating was looking into the problem with the septic tank at the restaurant. The restaurant is pumping the grease every 3 months, Mr. Smith thinks the problem may be a crack in the baffle. The Board approved up to the cost of a new septic tank for repairs or replacement.

2. EPA/Lead/Copper. Our water has passed the lead/copper testing and other requirements of the EPA. They would like to meet with members of the BOPA and discuss policy and procedure for the water plant that would release us from the current monitoring agreement and allow us to go back to normal water testing guidelines. This meeting will be scheduled.

3. Water Leak. There was a water leak on North Main Street that had some citizens worried it was a water main break and a boil alert was needed. This information was not correct, but ended up on social media. Mr. Hunt looked at the leak, determined it was not a major problem. Mrs. Deere spoke with Wes Beeson and asked if a "One Call" notice was needed. The Board didn't see a need for a "One Call" message. Mrs. Deere suggested a chain of command for "One Call" for the Board. Mr. May will ask the BOPA how they would want to address "One Call". Council agreed the BOPA should handle utility problems if possible.

Old Business. 1. 129 North Main/Junk. Ms. Slagle noted she didn't send a letter asking the property owner to clean up the property. With all the snow and bad weather we've had since the last meeting, she didn't think the owner could get into the field to clean it up. She will send the letter.

2. Website. Mr. May has email addresses to set up for rerouting emails from the website to personal email addresses. He needs sewer, water and zoning information. Council needs to be aware of conversations that involve using email, and take care not to break the sunshine laws. Mrs. Deere will see about adding a calendar to the website.

3. Sunshine Law Webinar. Ms. Slagle has this webinar on Wednesday, March 10.

New Business. 1. Park/Playground Equipment. Mrs. Jones stated she emailed our representative for the playground equipment, he has our volleyball and basketball nets. Mrs. Jones noted we need to set some dates to work on installing the new equipment. We will be replacing some of the old equipment, need to rent equipment to install footers, buy cement, paint, painting supplies, etc. Council will set April 24, May 1, and May 8 as dates to work on installing the new equipment. It will take about 5 people at a time to do the work. Mrs. Jones asked if she should order port-a-pots for this year or are we going to skip them again this year because of COVID. Mr. Foster made a motion to rent port-a-pots for this year. 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. Ms. Slagle will find out what we can do with the old equipment. We have had some interest in people wanting it.

2. 2021 Permanent Appropriations/Resolution 3-21. The 2021 Permanent appropriations were reviewed. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve the appropriations, 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.

3. Miami County Board of Elections/Emailing Submissions for electronic ballots and questions. Mr. Foster read a letter from the Board of Elections noting only one email address per entity will be allowed to submit inquiries/questions about ballots. Ms. Slagle will send the Board the village address.

4. Trees in Street/8 School Street. Mrs. Deere noted the fire department has asked that the bushes/trees hanging in the street at 8 School Street be trimmed. The fire department is willing to hold a chain saw training session and trim the trees, if they have permission to do so. Ms. Slagle will contact the property owner and try to get permission.

5. Water Spigot. Mrs. Deere noted we need to fix the outside spigot on the village building, it does not work.

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

PERS	\$852.11	DP&L	\$1096.39
Frontier	169.83	Ken James	108.76
Gretchen Slagle	427.70	Shipman Dixon	150.00
Amy Elmore	75.00	Jason Hoop	1895.00
Visa Community Staples	274.97	Angi Deere	109.32
Chris Foster	108.70	Mark May	109.32
Paula Jones	72.47	Thad Kauffman	108.70

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk