

# Village of Laura Council

Special Council and BOPA

7:00 PM

June 22,

2021

**Attendees:** Mayor-Ken James, Council Members-Angi Deere, Mark May, Paula Jones, Thad Kauffman. BOPA Members-Jonathan Thompson, Bradley Ingle, Steve Vore. Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer. Others Present-Susan Laux-Mote & Associates.

Mr. James stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss grant information for a new water tower.

Susan Laux of Mote & Associates presented an updated funding proposal information sheet that presented different scenarios, using grant money, a loan, and a Village Match to fund building a new water tower. The new estimate for the tower is \$960,000.00, the previous estimated cost was \$865,000. The main difference in cost for the two estimates is the increased cost of steel. She noted the projected construction date could be Spring 2023. We would need have the majority of our share of the project, \$112,000, by the time we start construction. We have already started collecting for our share, our cost would be pro-rated, which means we would pay part of our share at different periods of the build.

Mrs. Laux included different ways to decrease the loan amount, using local CDBG money and other grant opportunities.

Mr. Thompson was concerned about the increase in the project due to steel prices, we established the rates based on the original estimate, he didn't know if we could ask residents for more money. Mrs. Laux noted OWDA could extend our loan amount if needed, the cost of steel could go down if the economy stabilized some, and there may be American Recovery Fund money that could be used to help. Every government entity would be getting this money. The American Recovery Fund could be used for water, sewer or broadband. We could expect half of the money in August and half later. The amount Laura could get would be around \$70,0000.

Mrs. Laux answered any questions the Board and Council had about the new estimate, and noted we would need to pass a resolution to approve \$112,000 as the Village's Match of the project.

**Resolution 6-21.** Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve Resolution 6-21, Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. Mr. Ingle-Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes, Mr. Vore-Yes, the motion passed.

Mrs. Laux will proceed with the process to obtain a grant for a new water tower.

Mrs. Deere made a motion to close the meeting, Mr. May seconded the motion. All Yeas, the motion passed.

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Kenneth James, Mayor

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Gretchen Slagle, Clerk