

# Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

April 11,

2022

**Attendees:** Mayor-Ken James, Angi Deere, Monte Evans, Mark May, Chris Foster, Glen McSparran, Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Solicitor-Andrew Johnston. Others Present- Megan Engle

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve the minutes with the following correction: New Business #5- Easter Egg Hunt. The motion to approve \$200 for the Easter Egg Hunt was omitted. Mr. Evans made the motion to approve \$200.00 for the Easter Egg Hunt. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, The motion passed. Mr. Evans seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes. The motion passed.

**Sheriff Report:** None. Mr. James asked if someone could patrol around Dollar General.

**Citizens Comments:** 1. Easter Egg Hunt. Megan Engle noted the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. The committee plans to do a "Trunk or Treat" for Halloween and a Christmas thing also.  
2. 10905 St. Rt. 571/Flooding/Trench in front of House. Ms. Engle stated the driveway and yard at her house were flooded with all the recent rain. She would like to correct the flooding problem and wanted to know who would be responsible for fixing the ditch. Mr. Evans asked what was done at Dollar General, it seemed like it was the same type issue. Mr. James stated Clark's Excavating did the repair work for the Village at Dollar General. Ms. Engle stated they would be willing to place a bigger pipe in the ditch for the cost of the materials and be reimbursed. She had information on the cost and size of pipe they would like to use. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve up to \$400.00 for materials for the Engle's to install a pipe across the front ditch at their house. Mr. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes. The motion passed.

**Solicitors Report:** 1. 25 Laura Circle/Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Johnston reported Mr. Rex was arraigned at the end of last month. The trial has been set for May 10. Mr. Johnston informed Council that he had a previous commitment for the trial date and asked if Council would consider allowing another lawyer from his firm, Lenee Brosh, to represent the Village at the trial. If Council didn't want Ms. Brosh to represent the town, Mr. Johnston could ask for a different trial date. Mr. Johnston answered any questions from Council. Council members agreed to allow Ms. Brosh to represent the Village for the trial. Mr. Johnston explained to Council some of the possible penalties if Mr. Rex would be found guilty.  
2. Davis Voice & Data Camera Ordinance. Council needs to decide on some of the terms they want for storage of camera data, how to request the data, who has access to the data, etc. Council asked Mr. Johnston if he would write an ordinance, Council could then modify some of the information from there.  
3. 102 Second Street/Vacant Building. Steve Vore, a BOPA member, asked about this vacant property. Council had previously requested this property be cleaned up, and it was. The door to the property blew open during a recent storm, and Mr. Vore said wild animals are living in the building. Mr. Johnston stated we should contact the health department.

**BOPA:** 1. Mr. May reported the following:  
1. Open BOPA Seat. Steve Vore was sworn in to fill the open seat.  
2. Copy of Easement Map. The Board is looking for a map that shows the utility easements. They are trying to run an electric line from the generator at the sewer plant to run the water plant if the electric is out.  
3. Property between water/sewer plant. The Board wanted to know if there might be any interest in the Village buying this property. So far, we haven't been able to locate the owner. Ms. Slagle will try to send a letter to the property owner.

**Old Business.** 1. Limbs/Brush in Street/8 School Street. Mr. James has contacted Tackett Tree Service, it has been difficult to get a return call from any of the tree removal companies. He noted the canopy at the intersection of School and St. Rt. 571 needs to be trimmed also, the fire trucks are hitting the limbs. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve up to \$2500 to have a tree service company remove the foliage at 8 School St. and remove the canopy from the intersection. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes. The motion passed.  
2. Outside Faucet. No Report.  
4. Stop Signs. Mr. James noted the new stop signs are in the concession stand, a 25 MPH sign on North Main Street had blown over.

**New Business.** 1. Council Members were given an Ohio Gas Association Survey.

2. Snow Plowing. Kurt Troutwine does not do snow plowing.

3. 102 Second Street/Vacant Building. See Solicitor's Report.

4. Port-a-Johns. Mrs. Deere will contact Mobile Sanitation.

5. Streets/Weeds. Mrs. Deere asked about getting a jump on the weeds along the streets, can we get a street sweeper, spray for weed control, etc. Mr. James will contact West Milton about street sweeping and Kurt Troutwine to see if he sprays for weeds. Mr. James will also check with the school about community service projects.

**Bills.** Mr. Deere made a motion to pay the following bills, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes. The motion passed.

PERS	\$852.11	AES	\$1333.76
Frontier	291.22	Ken James	108.76
Gretchen Slagle	427.79	Shipman Dixon	300.00
Amy Elmore	75.00	Miami Valley Lighting	3078.00
Miami County Engineers	138.00	Sedgwick	175.00
Arens Corp.	156.00	AIM Media	350.25

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

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Kenneth James, Mayor

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Gretchen Slagle, Clerk