

# Village of Laura

Minutes of BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

February 1, 2022

**Roll Call:** Attendees: President-Jonathan Thompson, Bradley Ingle, Greta Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Absent- Wes Beeson -Utilities Superintendent. Others Present-Eldon Hinkle

**Previous Minutes.**

Minutes of the January 6, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes, the motion passed.

**Citizens Comments.** 1. Lift Station/403 Ludlow Street. Eldon Hinkle noted with the heavy rain we've had, there has been water infiltrating into the septic tank at his son's house. Mr. Hinkle thinks there might be a problem with the lift station. Stewart Hinkle keeps the water from backing up in the septic tank by using a generator and pumping the water out of the lift station. The control panel on a telephone pole by the lift station is falling off. Mr. Ingle stated there might be a leak in a joint at the lift station. Mr. Thompson asked if there was any damage at Mr. Hinkle's house, there was not. The Board discussed. Mr. Thompson will talk to Donnie Smith of Bob's Excavating and have him take a look at, and fix the problem at the lift station. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve up to \$3300 to have Mr. Smith look for and repair the leak around the lift station. Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes, the motion passed. Mr. Hinkle noted the electric meter for the lift station runs off of the electric line at his house. Mr. Thompson stated Mr. Hinkle shouldn't have to pay for the electric to the lift station, he was sorry for this error, the Village should pay for this. Ms. Slagle questioned who paid for the lift station at 403 S. Main Street. Ms. Slagle will contact AES and see about correcting the billing problem for both lift stations. Mr. Hinkle asked, if there was a leak at one of the houses beside Dollar General. He knew Wes had tested the water for chlorine and didn't find any. Mr. Thompson wasn't aware of a leak and will check with Wes.

**Water Report:** 1. No Report

**Sewer Report:** 1. No Report

**Expenditures.** No Report.

**Old Business:** 1. 1. Back Up Generator. Mote and Associates have submitted an estimate of around \$105,000 for a new generator for the water plant. Mr. Suerdick from Miami County has noted that cost was much higher than the original quote to run a line from the generator at the sewer plant to the water plant. He suggested the County would be more agreeable with the original amount for a grant. Mr. Ingle thought the estimate from Mote and Associates was for a generator that was bigger than we needed. The Board discussed running the electric line to the water plant, do we have an easement, if so, where is the easement. Would it be best to bury the line or try and run a more direct line above the ground? Would it be possible to buy the property between the water and sewer plant? We will ask Mr. Johnston about this at the Council meeting. Mr. Ingle will get some estimates for running a line for electric to the water plant.

**New Business:** 1. None

**Shut offs.** 1. None

**Bills:** Mr. Thompson motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes, the motion passed.

AES	\$1260.88	PERS	\$859.31
Gretchen Slagle	294.49	Wes Beeson	890.87
Jeremy Bowser	666.83	Tony Hunt	662.73
Frontier	117.47	Miami Products	146.05
Wertz Hardware	5.97	O'Reilley's	5.99

Mr. Thompson motioned to close the meeting. Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. All Yeas, the motion passed.

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Jonathan Thompson, President

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Gretchen Slagle, Clerk