

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

May 9,

2022

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

Previous Minutes: **Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. May seconded the motion. 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 noted his appreciation for the efforts of the Sheriff's Department in the Village. He asked that the deputies patrol around the 4-way stop at Main and Pike Streets.

Citizens Comments: None

Solicitors Report: 1. 25 Laura Circle/Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. James stated he was summonsed to appear at the trial on Tuesday.

BOPA: 1. Mr. May reported the following:

1. There is a minor leak at the water plant.
2. There are properties in town that have one shut off valve for more than one housing unit, mostly apartments, or converted garages, etc. The Board briefly discussed and may deal with issues as they occur. The most recent property is 15 and 15 ½ Laura Circle.
3. The easement along the Randy Myers property by the water and sewer plants may have been located, based off of finding a manhole cover that runs to the lift stations. Mr. James noted there may be a lot of concrete spoils in the area, from a previous street project.

Old Business. 1. Limbs/Brush in Street/8 School Street. Mr. James has contacted A Tree Company and Gunkle Tree Service about removing the limbs/brush in the street. He has not heard from anyone. Mr. Evans suggested contacting Stillwater Tree Service.

2. Outside Faucet. No report. Cress Plumbing, Unlimited has been really busy, Mr. James doesn't know if they will get to this any time soon. Mrs. Deere asked about Rex Rolf. We'll try contacting him.

3. Stop Signs. Mr. James will try to get these up shortly.

4. Weed Control/South Main Street. Mr. James will contact Mr. Troutwine to see if he would spray the south end of Main Street from 405 S. Main down to the sewer plant for weeds. We need to look at the properties on the east side from 408 S. Main St. to the end of town also. We've been playing phone tag with West Milton about getting street sweeping done twice a year.

5. Port-A-John. Mrs. Deere noted Mobile Sanitation was bought by Porta-Kleen. They will have a port-a-john for \$116 per month. Mr. Evans made a motion to rent a port-a-john from Porta-Kleen from May until the end of October, Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes. The motion passed.

6. Park Trash Cans. Mrs. Deere noted the trash cans at the park are full. Mr. Zellers took care of the trash for us when he mowed the park. Mr. Foster stated he would take care of the trash, Ms. Slagle will get some trash bags.

7. Girl Scouts/Plant Trees. No Report. Mrs. Deere stated she asked the troop to let her know what kind of trees and when they might do this, she hasn't heard from them.

8. Emergency Contact List. Mrs. Deere had asked about having a contact list for emergencies, with contractors or contacts the Village does business with. Ms. Slagle will work on getting an organized list of these businesses or individuals.

9. Street Sweeping. We are still trying to contact West Milton about sweeping streets twice a year.

10. Ditch Repair/Engles /St. Rt. 571. No Report

New Business. 1. Laura Garage Sales. This year's dates will be June 2,3,4. We have a couple of signs we can put out to let people know when it will be. Ms. Slagle will post some notices at the Post Office and Village Building.

2. **Resolution 5-22/Fire Company Grant.** The Laura Fire Company has applied for a \$10,000 equipment grant from the Ohio Department of Commerce, State Fire Marshal. The grant will need to be receipted through the Village. A new fund will need to be established and we'll amend the permanent appropriations for this. Resolution 5-22 was presented and read. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve Resolution 5-22, 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.

3. Dumpster Rental. The Village usually rents a dumpster the week after the Garage Sale weekend, to provide a place for residents to put trash from cleaning up their properties, etc. Mrs. Deere will reserve a dumpster for June 9-13. Mrs. Deere made a motion to get a dumpster, 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.

4. Phone Service. Mr. May has been working on switching our phone service from Frontier to a Voice Over IP phone. He would like authorization to do this switch with the help of Ms. Slagle. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the switch, 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.

Bills. Mr. Deere made a motion to pay the following bills, 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.

PERS	\$852.11	AES	\$1071.38
Frontier	297.51	Ken James	108.76
Gretchen Slagle	431.12	Shipman Dixon	420.00
Amy Elmore	75.00	Ohio Dept of Taxation	74.80
Ohio School Tax	129.77	Internal Revenue	446.38
Monte Evans	36.44	OnSolve	32.00
Treasurer of State (UAN)	618.00	Public Entities Pool of OHIO	7574.00
Wertz Hardware	18.20		

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk