

Village of Laura

Minutes of BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

January 12, 2016

Roll Call: Attendees: President- John Thompson, Eldon Hinkle, Greta Slagle-Clerk, Utilities Superintendent- Wes Beeson, Council –Harry McKenna, Excused- Steve Vore. Absent- Utilities Consultant-Jeremy Bowser, Others Present: Mark May

Previous Minutes. Minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting were read. Mr. Hinkle made a motion to accept the minutes with the following correction- Sewer #3- Wagner Paving removed the old sand not Bob’s Excavating. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Hinkle-Yes. The motion passed.

Mr. Hinkle nominated Mr. Thompson to be President of the Board. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Hinkle-Yes. The motion passed.

Citizens Comments. 1. None

Water Report.

- 1. Licensed Operator. Mr. Hinkle renewed his water license for two more years.
- 2. DNR Report. Mr. Hinkle filed this end of the year report.
- 3. Lead/Copper. Mr. Hinkle has been in contact with the EPA about the reporting. We’ll have to do more testing for lead and copper. The EPA has told us we’ll have to start adding some kind of phosphates to the water to help get the lead and copper under control. We’ve been trying to regulate the chlorine in the system as a means to help lower the lead and copper, it has not helped. We’ve been adding a lot of chlorine to the water right now. We may have to try to find someone to engineer this project of adding phosphates to the water.
- 4. Tower Controller. No Report
- 5. Water Valve/407 Chestnut. No Report.
- 6. Water Rate Increase. Ms. Slagle noted speaking with Council about a water rate increase of three dollars per utility per month. She also spoke with Council about the option of lowering the \$6.00 fee we collect for the Water Main Replacement Fund to \$4.00 per utility. There is about \$27,000 in the Water Main Replacement fund right now, with this much already in the fund we could rewrite the ordinance to lower the amount we charge for water main replacement. We’d rewrite the water ordinance to increase the water fund rate by \$3.00 per utility per month, the net increase in water rates would go from \$22.00 to \$23.00 dollars per month.. Mr. Thompson stated he liked the idea of this option, but wanted to think about it, it might be better to just go with a \$3.00 increase and leave the \$6.00 fee for the Water Main Replacement fund alone. He thinks we need to consider a schedule for increasing rates on a regular basis. We’ll discuss more next meeting.

- Sewer Report:**
- 1. Upflow Filters. We removed the Upflow filters; they were holding the sludge on top of the filters instead of allowing the sludge to sink.
 - 2. Generator. We have between a quarter and a half tank of diesel fuel.
 - 3. Bugs/Bacteria. We’re done adding bugs for the year. We’ll start back in the spring.

Old Business: None

New Business: 1. Clerk/Fiscal Officer Salary. The Clerk’s position will become a Fiscal Officer position beginning April 1, 2016. Council has asked the Board to consider the salary of this position. Currently the Clerk is paid \$300.00 per month, half from the water fund, and half from the sewer fund. The Board discussed. Mr. Thompson made a motion to follow the lead of Council, if they increase the salary of the Fiscal Officer for Council, the salary for the BOPA should be increased the same percentage rate as Council. Mr. Hinkle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Hinkle-Yes. The motion passed.

Shut offs. 1. Shut off notices: No Report.

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

DP&L	\$1135.39	PERS	\$607.79
Jeremy Bowser	606.29	Frontier	109.90
Gretchen Slagle	249.98	Wes Beeson	804.70
Treasure of State UAN	447.00	Pace Analytical	602.78
Pace Analytical	254.04	Pace Analytical	593.04
Miami Products	105.00	Moulton Gas	144.79

Mr. Thompson motioned to close the meeting. Mr. Hinkle seconded the motion. All yeas the motion passed.

Jonathan Thompson, President

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk

