

## Village of Laura

### Minutes of BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

September 5, 2017

**Roll Call:** Attendees: President Jonathan Thompson Steve Vore, Bradley Ingle, Greta Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Council -Alice Beck, Eldon Hinkle and Tony Hunt -Water Consultant, Wes Beeson- Utilities Superintendent.

**Previous Minutes.** Minutes of the August 1, 2017 minutes were read. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes read from the handwritten minutes, the printer wasn't working. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Ingle – Abstain. The motion passed.

**Citizens Comments.** 1. None

**Water Report.** 1. Dialer. Tony reported Tipp City has an agreement with a company that has a lifetime service agreement for \$2000.00, there is no monthly fee. Mr. Thompson stated that was a lot of money. He looked at our dialer and thinks it's shot. We need to see if the dialer at the sewer plant works. Mr. Ingle asked about a warranty on a dialer that has a lifetime service agreement and how that worked? Tony stated that maybe as long as the electronics work, the agreement would be in place. The Board discussed.  
2. EPA Visit. Tony reported a visit by the EPA. Things went well. The EPA would like us to have an emergency fund for the water plant. We do have this fund for both the water and sewer plant, The Water Enterprise Fund and the Sewer Enterprise Fund.  
3. Railroad Ties/Door. Mr. Hinkle replaced the ties at the entrance to the water plant.  
4. Phosphate System. This is done, we're up and running.  
5. Water Tower Painting. Mr. Hinkle thinks this is the year to paint the water tower. We'll check when it was painted  
6. Filter Tank Crack. Mr. Hinkle noted there wasn't a crack in one of the filter tanks, Artesian came to look at it and it was a leak at a connection at the top of the tank.

**Sewer Report:** Things are running good.

1. Upflow filters were cleaned
2. Sump Hose. Wes would like to purchase 2 sections of sump pump hose. The Board discussed. Mr. Thompson made a motion to allow up to \$350.00 to purchase sump pump hose. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Ingle –Yes. The motion passed.
3. Electrical Outlet. The mower ran into the electrical outlet outside. Mr. Thompson and Wes will make repairs after we purchase the parts.
4. Dialer. Mr. Thompson thinks we can try to reprogram this dialer.
5. Aerator Steps. Mr. Thompson looked at these and thinks we can do this for less than \$1000.00

**Old Business:** 1. Elections. Our Solicitor is working on an explanation about the elections. See Council minutes.

**New Business:** 1. Check List. Mr. Thompson would like to establish a list of items that would be of importance to Board Members that would help maintain the smooth transition as we move forward. This list would include things like fees charges, dates the water tower was painted, filter media replaced, important ordinances that we use frequently, and other things that would help make the job of Board members more informed. We'll try to have this done by the end of the year.

2. Assessments. We will have two utility assessments if not paid by August 31, Morris of N. Main Street and Bates of Second Street. Mr. Thompson made a motion to recommend to Council that we assess these property owners for delinquent utility payments. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Ingle –Yes. The motion passed.

3. Alfred/N. Main St. Late Fees. Mildred Alfred purchased this property in the spring, but didn't realize there were sewer fees and assessments attached to this property. She wanted to know if the Board would waive the late fees attached to amount owed. Mr. Thompson noted that we wouldn't remove the late fees attached to another property recently, it wouldn't be right to do it now. The Board was sympathetic, but we have to run the plants for all residents and couldn't remove fees for everyone.

**Shut offs.** 1. Shut offs are to be sent to Morris and Bates.

**Executive Session.** At 8:14 pm Mr. Thompson stated he would like an executive session to discuss extra time wages. At 8:35pm the regular meeting resumed.

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

DP&L	\$1205.03	PERS	\$614.99
Jeremy Bowser	613.16	Frontier	104.40
Gretchen Slagle	249.75	Wes Beeson	809.05
Eldon Hinkle	275.98	Tony Hunt	258.73
Jonathan Thompson	108.65	Steve Vore	110.15
Brian Ingle	144.87	Napa	72.59
Miami Products	156.00	Mike’s Sanitation	700.00
USA Bluebook	122.66	Wes Beeson	5.17
Cress Excavating	550.00	Treas. Of State-OEPA	121.06
USA Bluebook	1038.75		

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