

## Village of Laura

### Minutes of BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

December 5, 2017

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

**Previous Minutes.** Minutes of the November 7, 2017 minutes were read. Mr. Vore made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.  
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Ingle –Yes. The motion passed.  
Mr. Thompson read a letter of resignation from Mr. Hinkle effective November 30, 2017. Mr. Hinkle noted he has enjoyed this job for 42 years. Mr. Thompson noted the Board appreciated his service to Laura. Thank You Mr. Hinkle!

**Citizens Comments.** 1. None.

**Water Report.** 1. Lead/Copper Testing. We have the results of the copper testing. Four out of 10 samples collected came back above the acceptable level. Tony and the EPA believe we just need a little more time with the phosphate system working to coat the inside of the lines. The limit for copper in water is 1.3, some of our results were 1.7. Mr. McDaniels of the EPA wants us to up the amount of phosphate we put into the water. We'll have to do 2 more tests before the end of the year. We started adding phosphate to the water in August. Mr. Vore asked if we could make a recommendation to residents to use copper or plastic lines in their homes. Mr. Hunt noted we'd have to have it in the ordinance, and in installation cases, you can't use limestone gravel with copper, it erodes the pipe.  
3. Tony may switch the bacteria testing to Troy.  
4. EPA Reporting. Tony is the Operator of Record.  
5. Post Chlorine Feed Pump. We bought a new pump, but it's not been working right, Wes sent it back to USA Bluebook for a second time because the injectors keep clogging. Wes ordered a back-up pump to use while it was being fixed.  
6. Inventory. Mr. Thompson asked Wes if he would work on an inventory list for both plants.  
7. Tool Box. We need a basis set of tools at the water plant, Mr. Hinkle has used his own tools while he ran the plant. Mr. Thompson made a motion to allow up to \$150.00 for a set of tools, Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Ingle – Yes. The motion passed.  
8. Propane. We need to order propane.

**Sewer Report:** 1. Bugs were ordered.  
2. Clearing Hill. Wes asked about having the hill between the water and sewer plant cleared of brush. We don't know where the property line is, but don't think we own much of the hill. We'd have to find the property line.

**Old Business:** 1. Dead Trees. Wes asked if Council was going to do anything more to have the remaining dead trees at the water and sewer plant removed. Council had 7 trees removed, but there are still a few that didn't get cut down. There is a sycamore tree and a walnut tree at the water plant that need to be cut down, and there are five more trees at the sewer plant that need to be down. The trees at the sewer plant are marked with an X. Mrs. Beck will take this back to Council.  
2. Aerator Steps. Mr. Thompson noted he didn't get a chance to work on any of the things he wanted to try to do at the sewer plant.  
3. Clean Out/Vore. Mr. Vore noted he had repaired the clean out on his property that was washed out with one of the big rains we had last month.  
4. Tap-In Fees. We need to find the ordinances that identify the tap-in fees. Ms. Slagle stated the water tap-in fee is \$250 dollars, but she doesn't know where the ordinance is that states that. She doesn't know the tap-in fee for the sewer, but has the ordinance. The Board looked through the sewer ordinance and found the tap in fees to be \$375.00. Ms. Slagle will look for the water ordinance. Mr. Ingle is building a barn/residence and wants to know the fees and how to get an address for the lot he is building on. We'll get the fee costs; Council will have to provide the street address.

The Board discussed who would do the tap-in. Mr. Ingle would have Cress Excavating do it. We would need the tap in inspected to make sure it’s done right. Mr. Thompson made a motion to use Donnie Smith of Bob’s Excavating to inspect the sewer tap-ins. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Ingle –Abstain. The motion passed. Mr. Thompson made a motion to use Eldon Hinkle to inspect the water tap-ins. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Yes, Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Ingle – Abstain. The motion passed.

**New Business:** 1. Vacation. Mr. Vore will be gone until March.

**Shut offs.** 1. There were no shut offs.

**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	\$1167.37	PERS	\$686.99
Jeremy Bowser	613.16	Frontier	104.98
Gretchen Slagle	249.75	Wes Beeson	809.05
Eldon Hinkle	275.98	Tony Hunt	258.73
Miami Products	126.00	Pace Analytical	503.74
OWDA	4634.94	Bradley Ingle	108.65
Jonathan Thompson	108.65	Steve Vore	73.44
Orme Hardware	17.49		

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

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Jonathan Thompson, President

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Gretchen Slagle, Clerk