

Village of Laura

Minutes of BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

February 6, 2018

**Roll Call:** Attendees: President Jonathan Thompson, Bradley Ingle, Greta Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Wes Beeson- Utilities Superintendent, Mark May-Council. Excused- Steve Vore.

**Previous Minutes.** Minutes of the January 9, 2017 minutes were read. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Ingle –Yes. The motion passed.

**Citizens Comments.** 1. Mr. Thompson noted speaking with Kelly Hess of 22 Bee Street about a problem with her septic tank. Water was backing up into her house; she called Roto-Rooter to remove a clog in the pipes somewhere in the house or to the septic tank. Ms. Hess wanted to know if the Village was responsible for paying the cost to have the clog removed. She also stated Roto-Rooter told her the septic tank needed pumped. Mr. Thompson told her he would provide an answer for her after the next meeting and suggested she come to that meeting. Common knowledge suggested our ordinance states the homeowner is responsible for maintaining the pipes from the tank into the house, but Mr. Thompson wanted to be sure of this. The Board looked through Ordinance 392-A. Page 8, Section 3B was the only reference the Board could find indicating the homeowner was responsible for purchasing and installing the lines from the house to the tank. Mr. Thompson wanted to send the ordinance to Mr. Johnston for verification of who would be responsible for paying to removing the clog. Mr. Thompson suggested if we don't have proof of who is responsible for that line, we should reimburse Ms. Hess and rewrite the ordinance to clearly state what the homeowner is responsible for and what is the Village's responsibility. Mr. May noted that if the Village wasn't notified of a problem with the sewer first, and the homeowner took action we may not be responsible. The Board discussed the need to let residents know they need to call us first and let us determine where the problem may be. The Board discussed putting a notice in the newsletter and maybe an informational letter sent to new residents. Mr. Thompson would like to be able to tell Ms. Hess when her tank was pumped, and we will ask Mr. Johnston to review the ordinance, and then get back with Ms. Hess.

**Water Report.** 1. Heat Pump. Mr. Thompson would like to put in a heat pump at the water plant. He would like to get a couple of quotes for this. Mr. Ingle suggested buying the equipment from his employer and installing the pump ourselves. We'll get some prices for next meeting.  
2. Propane Tank. We have a second 100-gallon tank so we don't have to refill so often.  
3. Post Hole Digger. Wes purchased a post hole digger.

**Sewer Report:** 1. Blower. Yankee Electric fixed the blower.  
2. Dead Trees/Brush Removal. We have quotes from Timberwolf and Colvin McFadden to give Council.  
3. Wes has prices for a pole saw from Arcanum Hardware for \$400.00. He has a quote for a Kombe motor with a pruner head attachment for \$600 and an additional brush cutter head for \$100 for a total of \$700.00. A used pole saw from Vandalia Rental would cost between \$100-150.00 and Arcanum Hardware could go over the saw to assess its functioning for around \$30.00. Mr. Ingle noted once we get the trees and brush removed, this will make maintenance around the perimeter cheaper in the long run. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve purchase of a Kombe Motor with a pruner and brush cutter attachments for \$700.00. Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson-Yes, Mr. Ingle –Yes. The motion passed.  
4. Pole Light. No Report.  
5. Generator Maintenance. Wes wanted to know if the Board wanted the yearly maintenance done on the generator, the Board said yes.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** 1. Appropriations. Things we need to consider-water tower, roof on water plant, new door on water plant.

**Shut offs.** 1. Shut offs are to be sent to: Rex, Bates, Ganger, Scott.

**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.

DP&L	\$1397.21	PERS	\$686.25
Jeremy Bowser	613.16	Frontier	105.22
Gretchen Slagle	249.75	Wes Beeson	809.05
Tony Hunt	258.73	Pace Analytical	606.28
Miami Products	146.00	Pickrel Bros.	2.46
Suburban Gas	177.95	Tina Chaney	240.00
Orme Hardware	109.78	Wertz	39.68

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