

Village of Laura

Minutes of Special BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

March 14, 2019

Roll Call: Attendees: President- John Thompson, Brian Ingle, Steve Vore, Mark May-Council, Greta Slagle-Clerk.

Mr. Thompson stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the salaries of the utility personnel and the problems at the restaurant with the septic tanks.

Mr. Thompson spoke with Donnie Smith of Bob's Excavating and the restaurant owner about the grease in the septic tanks at the restaurant. Mr. Smith snaked 75 feet and hit a clog in the line from the septic tank to the sewer lines. The restaurant had called Roto-Rooter to break up the big grease parts and this moved the grease on down the line. The restaurant had the grease pit pumped, there was a lot of solids on the bottom of the septic tank. Mr. Vore noted that if the business that pumped the grease didn't have the same person pump the grease every time, they may not know how deep the grease is and that it could have been building up over time without anyone knowing it. The Board discussed. Mr. Thompson wanted to know if we could have someone pump the grease out of our tank and charge the restaurant for the pumping. This is a problem because the Village is collecting charges for pumping the tanks and snaking and other charges that are not our problem. Mr. May stated we need to follow our ordinance. Mr. Vore noted that if the restaurant owner didn't realize the tank had solid grease on the bottom, we might consider splitting the bill. Mr. Ingle also would consider the possibility of splitting the bill if it is found that the restaurant didn't know about the grease building up. Mr. May stated that if the ordinance rules were broken, we don't have to provide an answer or solution, it is not an excuse to say they didn't know. Mr. Thompson stated he would like to wait until we get a chance to talk to Mr. Johnston. Mr. Thompson will go to the Council meeting.

Mr. Thompson stated the Board would like to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel at 7:27 pm.

At 8:07, the Board returned to the regular meeting.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to increase the wages of our utility personnel:

Increase the wage of the sewer employee from \$748.45 to 783.45 per month.

Increase the wage of the water employee from \$209.00 to \$244 per month.

Increase the wage of the Licensed Sewer Operator from \$700.00 to \$770 per month.

Increase the wage of the Licensed Water Operator from \$300.00 to \$770.00 per month.

The wage increase would be retroactive to the January 2019 pay and declared as an emergency action. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes. Mr. Vore-Yes. The motion passed.

We will get an ordinance ready to present to Council for their approval at the April meeting.

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

Jonathan Thompson, President

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk