

Village of Laura

Minutes of BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

August 6, 2019

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

Previous Minutes. Minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting were read. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes, Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore –Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes, Mr. Ingle – Abstain. The motion passed.

Water Report: 1. Lead/Copper/Phosphates. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Vore and Mr. Hunt met with members of the EPA at the Dayton offices. Mr. Thompson stated the reason for the meeting was the EPA wanted us to know we were doing a good job with Laura's water, but the past handling of the water plant was not acceptable. Mr. Hunt has worked hard to correct the problems and has the plant working well and getting good readings. In the past, we had trouble with our water. Laura was given eleven penalty points for water violations. Since hiring Mr. Hunt, the situation has been corrected. The EPA removed all our penalty points. The EPA did stress the importance of not having points against us; the fine could be \$25,000 per hour we are out of compliance at our water plant. Tony will be working with Mr. Schmitmeyer and Mr. Edwards taking six -months' worth of readings throughout town that will help us determine new target values for phosphates for the EPA. These readings will help determine the phosphate we use, changing the flow rate of the phosphate, and working with the EPA to come up with an acceptable combination based on the readings we have in Laura. The Board appreciates the efforts of Mr. Hunt, and also Mr. Schmitmeyer and Mr. Edwards for helping us.

2. Aerator Leak. Terry Zellers (mowing) noted a leak around the aerator. Wes cleaned the holes in the boards and the problem was corrected.

3. Water Main Leak/401 Ludlow Street. Fixed by Ritter Plumbing.

4. Shut-off Valve/2484 St. Rt. 721. Wes and Tony will try to find the shut off valve.

5. Steel Plate/Heeter Plumbing/St. Rt. 571. No Report.

6. Water Tower/Suez North America. After an initial inspection, the water tower foundation was found to be in good shape. The tower is old, but is in good shape for its age. The ladder was built to rotate around the tower; the ladder would have to be permanently attached before Suez could use the ladder. There is minimal rusting on the outside. There are many layers of paint, some contain lead, some are oil base layers, and some are latex. The paint is flaking because of these combinations. To correct the problem, we would need to strip off all the paint and repaint with a paint that would last 15-20 years. This would cost a couple of hundred thousand dollars. The EPA now suggests using an epoxy to line the inside of the tower. Our tower is coated with wax, we would have to remove the wax and apply an epoxy. When we get the final report from Suez, we will discuss our next steps. Mr. Vore noted New Carlisle has the same kind of tank we do, we could talk to them. Mr. Thompson asked if we could get some kind of potable water tank if our tower would be empty for a while if we strip the wax and put epoxy on, Mr. Hunt said there were such tanks.

Mr. Thompson stated we might have to look at the cost of repairs verses the cost of a new tower.

7. Dialer. No Report.

Sewer Report: 1. Septic Tank/Hinkle Rental. Bob's Excavating was called to check the septic tank.

2. Step Ladder. We need an 8-foot stepladder to be able to get to lights, in pits, etc. Mr. Thompson made a motion to buy a ladder, Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore –Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes, Mr. Ingle – Yes. The motion passed.

Old Business: 1. Grease Trap/Restaurant. Mr. Johnston has informed Council we can sell a septic tank to the restaurant. Mr. Thompson made a motion to sell a septic tank to the restaurant for \$20.00. The Board discussed. Mr. Vore noted he is happy with the way things are being done now; the restaurant would pay to have the septic tank pumped on a regular basis. The BOPA can check to make sure the first tank is being pumped; we would pump the second tank and be able to have control of both tanks. It's been done like this for a long time, and seemed to work, he wants to keep it this way. Mr. Thompson agreed and withdrew his motion. The Board decided if Council would like a different solution, they would have to make that determination. Mr. May noted our current ordinance needs to be amended; there may be issues with the wording in a couple of sections. Mr. Thompson stated the cost of the new ordinance shouldn't be the responsibility of the BOPA. We'll table this until next meeting to see what Council wants to do.

New Business: 1. No Report.

Shut offs. 1. No Shut offs were noted.

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	\$1082.55	PERS	\$833.39
Jeremy Bowser	673.97	Frontier	110.80
Gretchen Slagle	270.70	Wes Beeson	890.38
Tony Hunt	662.31	Pace Analytical	447.45
Miami Products	258.95	Wertz Hardware	34.99
USA Bluebook	176.58	Ritter Plumbing	3800.00
Pace Analytical	419.20		

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

Jonathan Thompson, President

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk