

Village of Laura

Minutes of BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

February 5, 2019

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

Previous Minutes. Minutes of the January 3, 2019 meeting were read. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes, Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes. The motion passed.

Citizens Comments. 1. Doug Baker lives on St. Rt. 571 across from the leak in the water line. Mr. Baker noted he had water in his basement and crawlspace. He thought Heeter Plumbing did a good job and seemed efficient.

Water Report. 1. St. Rt. 571/101 Chestnut St./Water Leaks. Mr. Thompson's house was the site of the second water leak. He thought Heeter Plumbing didn't do as good of a job as they should have done at his house. Heeter Plumbing left the mailbox on the sidewalk. He noted that his wife had to reset the mailbox in order for them to get mail. They also left dirt everywhere that the Thompsons had to remove. It took more than a day to make the repairs.

We've received the bill from Heeter Plumbing for the repairs to the water lines. Mr. Thompson was concerned with the cost to repair the leak on St. Rt. 571. Wes noted we were verbally quoted between \$6000 and \$12,000 from Chris Heeter to repair that leak. We needed this repair done quickly because the forecast was for freezing weather, we didn't want traffic on St.Rt. 571 to be at risk, and our usual group of contractors couldn't do the work when we needed it done. Mr. Thompson noted it seemed like a lot of the job was subbed out and there was a lot of rented equipment. The bill was for over \$17,000. Mr. Ingle stated without a written quote, we might not be able to do anything. Mr. Thompson would like to speak with our solicitor to see if we have any options. We'll hold off on paying the bill until we speak with Mr. Johnston next Monday.

2. Controller Switch/Pump water to Tower. The water tower overflowed over the weekend because the controller switch malfunctioned. The switch works based on water pressure. We fixed the problem by opening a fire hydrant.

3. Dialer. We're waiting on Artesian to give us a tutorial. We have 75% of the dialer hooked up.

4. Heat Pump. An estimate for the cost of a 3 ton, 3 phase- Bryant heat pump with 5-year parts and 1-year labor warranty is \$6781.00

5. Gate Lock Box. One of the gate lock box broke and was pitched. We'll replace it.

6. Quote/Roof. Mr. Thompson is trying to get some quotes.

7. Tree Removal. Wes would like two more trees taken down from around the water plant.

He has a quote from Helping Hands for \$1250.00. The trees are marked for ID with paint.

Sewer Report: 1. Decking/Aerator. We have a quote from EG Carpentry to redo the decking for \$1800.00. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the quote, noting he couldn't get his contact person to do it for that price. Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes. The motion passed.

2. Blue Pump. We have a pump at the sewer plant that hasn't been used in a long time; it's used for cleaning out the lift stations if we lose power. Wes asked if the Board would be interested in getting the pump working, renting a pump would be an option. Mr. Thompson asked how long we could go at the plant without the lift station pumps, Wes thought around a day. The Board discussed whether we should consider renting equipment if a major event happens that would shut down our plants. Mr. Thompson stated he thought it might be better to rent something that we would use once every 20- 25 years as to worry about owning one of our own. Mr. Ingle asked if we have a maintenance program set up at the plants. We need to have a list of contractors that we have access to, to make repairs or can rent out equipment if we need it. Ms. Slagle noted we have a notebook that has that information in it and emergency contact information. We probably need to update it.

3. Lighting/Water and Sewer Plants. Wes has a quote from Chase Electric to upgrade the light fixtures at both plants for \$5525.00. He has a quote from Studebaker Electric for the same upgrades for \$5715.00. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve upgrading the lighting at both water and sewer plants per the quote of Chase Electric for \$5525.00. Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes. The motion passed.

Old Business: 1. None

New Business: 1. EPA Letter/ Phosphate Level. We’ve received a letter from the EPA stating the phosphate levels were too low. We’ll talk to Tony about this.

2. New Tap-In/Inspection Fees. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Ingle discussed who is responsible for curb stops that are installed at new houses built in town and if we have ever paid anyone for inspecting the installation of the septic tanks and curb stops. We don’t think we have, Mr. Hinkle or Mr. Beck did most of this in the past and we haven’t had any new construction in a long time. Mr. Thompson noted that now that Mr. Hinkle is retired, we need to pay him something for inspecting things for us. Mr. Thompson would like it put into the minutes and made a motion to pay Mr. Hinkle for the two inspections he did for the town at 2909 and 2913 Pemberton Road, and to pay him \$200 for each inspection for a total of \$400.00, and also refund those two homeowners the remainder of the tap-in fee they paid.

Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes. The motion passed. Mr. Thompson also suggested the town provide curb stops and risers to new builds and reimburse homeowners for the curb stops.

Shut offs. 1. No shut offs

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	\$1240.67	PERS	\$686.99
Jeremy Bowser	613.16	Frontier	109.97
Gretchen Slagle	270.65	Wes Beeson	830.93
Tony Hunt	258.73	Pace Analytical	333.41
Miami Products	891.25	Wertz Hardware	5.96
Menards	62.97	RD Holder	370.28
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Mr. Thompson motioned to close the meeting. Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. All yeas the motion passed.

Jonathan Thompson, President

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk