

Village of Laura

Minutes of BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

April 9, 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. Others Present-Susan Laux-Mote & Associates, Brice Schmitmeyer-Access Engineering, Donnie Smith-Bob's Excavating, Jonathan Cress.

Previous Minutes. Minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting were read. Mr. Ingle made a motion to accept the minutes with the following corrections: Water Report #5-Bryce Schmitmeyer's business is called Access Engineering. Bills-Add Mr. Vore- Yes to the roll call vote. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore –Yes, Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes. The motion passed.

Special Meeting Minutes. Mr. Ingle made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 14 special meeting. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore –Yes, Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes. The motion passed.

Citizens Comments. 1. EPA/Phosphates. Bryce Schmitmeyer from Access Engineering was present to help advise us as to what to do about the EPA and the phosphate system. He noted we were barely out of compliance with the phosphates, we need to up the dose or change to a different type of phosphate. Tony Hunt noted we will have Monte Edwards from Analytical Associates coming this Saturday; he will be doing a desktop evaluation and taking some samples throughout town. After we get the results of the testing, and review the information from Bryce and Monte, we can decide how we want to proceed, by switching to a different phosphate or increasing the dose of our current phosphate. We'll have to get EPA approval either way. Mr. Schmitmeyer stated that once we implement the new procedure, we should see results quickly. We'll have to have another round of lead/copper testing done by June 30.

2. Laura's Country Diner/Grease Pit. Donnie Smith of Bob's Excavating was present to discuss the problem with the septic tanks at the restaurant. Mr. Smith noted the problem might have started with the previous owner not pumping the grease out of the tank. In 1992, the Village installed two 1000-gallon tanks at the restaurant. Mr. Smith noted a discharge pipe runs from the kitchen to the first septic tank, a second discharge pipe runs from the bathrooms to the second septic tank. so two separate lines run to the tanks. The tanks are connected with a Y, the liquid from the kitchen side tank is moved through the Y and into the second tank and then through our main lines down to the sewer system. The grease settled to the bottom of the first tank, but since it was not cleaned out over time, it built up and the grease ended up moving to the second tank and then clogging the line to the main lines. The septic tank was pumped a couple of times, and the line past the tank had to be snaked to clear the line. The restaurant had the grease removed from the first tank, but there may be some residual grease come down the lines to the sewer system. Mr. Thompson stated when the septic system was installed, the tanks at the restaurant were never supposed to be used as a grease trap, somewhere along the way, the one tank was turned into a grease pit. There can't be a grease trap connected to our system. The village isn't going to keep paying for this problem. Mr. Thompson said he contacted our solicitor and had hoped to talk with him at Council meeting last night, but Mr. Johnston had been unavailable a lot during the month. Mr. Thompson asked Wes if we were seeing any grease down at the sewer plant, Wes said yes, there was some grease. The Board discussed. One problem occurring is the restaurant owner calling Mr. Smith when there is a problem; she needs to call the BOPA. By calling Mr. Smith, she's putting Mr. Smith in the middle of the problem. The Board would like Mr. Smith to tell the owner to call us if there are problems, that way we can decide how we want to proceed. Mr. Ingle stated the restaurant has to have a grease trap; they need to make sure their grease trap is used and cleaned on a regular basis. The Board discussed the need to make sure this problem doesn't happen again. Jonathan Cress (licensed plumber) helped Mr. Smith with the grease clog in the line.

He looked at the restaurant plumbing and noted the plumbing is correct. The grease that goes into the line is the grease from plates as they are rinsed off in a sink. There is a small grease trap inside the restaurant, they probably don't clean it and the water from the sink then goes to the septic tank.

Mr. Ingle asked if the restaurant regularly cleaned the grease trap or if another small trap is installed, would that solve the problem, Mr. Smith and Mr. Cress both said yes. The Board discussed who is responsible for the problem since the building is rented. The property owner should have the responsibility to make sure the problem is solved. Mr. Thompson noted we'd move on with the meeting and come back to this issue.

Water Report: 1. Water Tower. Susan Laux of Mote and Associates was present to speak with the Board about grant/loan combinations and ways to access the condition of the water tower. The Board is concerned about the cost of around \$60,000 to paint the water tower. The Board would like to find out the condition of our tower since it's rather old, before we put that much money into painting it. Mrs. Laux noted the guidelines for painting are different and she could help us by providing names of companies that can access the water tower's condition. Mrs. Laux is responsible for providing assistance in getting grants/loans for all kinds of infrastructure needs. There are small grants available or she'd work to bundle grants/loans for the funding. She noted she has worked with many communities around us with similar needs such as water towers, septic systems, etc. Depending on our needs, she works with a combination of OWDA, OPWC, ODNR, loans and other options for funding. Sometimes the process can take a while, or depending on need, if it's an emergency, it could be done quicker. Mr. May asked how communities determine tower health and how do they deal with funding. Mrs. Laux stated inspection companies look for things like if the tower has had leaks, if the tower has been maintained on a regular basis. They would drain the tower and look at the inside of the tower, and determine the integrity of the steel. Grants usually are in a 3-year pipeline. If we would start the process in 2019, the grant money would be available in 2022. Mr. Thompson asked if within those three years, if we decide we don't need or don't want to proceed with the process, could we back out of the grant process. Mrs. Laux stated there are things we need to do along the process, where we have to re-submit each year, but also allow us to back out if we choose. Mr. Thompson stated we might want to think about other things we might need at our plants that we could include as part of the grant process, upgrade controllers, generator at water plant, etc. The Board agreed on the need to get some information on inspectors of water towers. Mr. Thompson made a motion to have Mote & Associates get some quotes for water tower inspection companies and costs. Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore –Yes, Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes. The motion passed.

2. Analytical Associates. See Citizens Comments #1.

3. March Report-Done

4. CCR Report. Due June 1.

5. Water Leak/127 N. Main. The leak is on the property owner's side.

6. Shut-off Valve/ 2484 St. Rt. 721 We've received a note from Matt Donathan. He would like to know where his shut-off valve is. We are not sure where the valve is.

7. Dialer. We've asked someone from Artesian of Pioneer to help us with programming the dialer. They can't do it over the phone; we'll have to wait until they are in the area to get it hooked up.

8. Roof/Water Plant. We'll check with Bauer Roofing.

Sewer Report: 1. Bugs. We've started adding bacteria to the aerators to help break down solids in the gray water.

2. UV Bulbs. We need to order new UV lights. We need to have them working by May 1.

3. Septic Tank Pumping. We have a quote from Bob's Excavating to pump 55 tanks for \$165.00 each. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the pumping of the septic tanks for \$165 each. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore –Yes, Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes. The motion passed.

Old Business: 1. Mr. Thompson asked the Board to think about a course of action we want to take with the grease problem at the restaurant. Mr. Thompson felt it might be in our best interest if we control the cleaning of the grease pit, that way we know it is done. Mr. Ingle stated we need to make sure we're protecting our system; it's their job to have and maintain a grease trap. Mr. May thought we might consider some kind of contract for pumping, and provide a copy of the bill for each pump. Mr. Vore stated we could pay Bob's Excavating to regularly check on the tanks to make sure things are being maintained.

Mr. Thompson stated we'll discuss this more next meeting and also speak with Mr. Johnston.

New Business: 1. None.

Shut offs. 1. No shut offs

Bills: Mr. Thompson motioned to pay the bills, Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore –Yes, Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes. The motion passed.

DP&L	\$1131.95	PERS	\$686.99
Jeremy Bowser	613.16	Frontier	111.22
Gretchen Slagle	270.65	Wes Beeson	830.93
Tony Hunt	258.73	Pace Analytical	362.11
Miami Products	114.80	Orme Hardware	5.79
Wes Beeson	10.54	RD Holder	339.40
RD Holder	323.76	Pickrel Brothers	68.48
Blake Ingle	425.00	Bradley Ingle	425.00
Heeter Plumbing	15150.00	Bob's Excavating	1325.00
Bauer Roofing 1/3 pay	2098.00	OEPA Sludge Fee	100.00
Orme Hardware	9.78	Eldon Hinkle	400.00
Laura Post Office	585.00		

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

Jonathan Thompson, President

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk