

Village of Laura

Minutes of BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

March 5, 2019

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

Previous Minutes. Minutes of the February 5, 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. Mr. Vore-Abstain. The motion passed.

Citizens Comments. 1. Laura's Country Diner/Grease Pit. Mr. Thompson stated he spoke with Delena, owner of the restaurant about the septic tank backing up into the restrooms. They called Roto Rooter to clear the line to the septic tank, but it didn't help. We have two septic tanks at the restaurant; one of them is being used as a grease pit. Bob's Excavating was called to pump out the septic tank. Grease was found in the tank that Donnie Smith pumped. The restaurant has used one of the tanks as a grease trap for quite a while, but it doesn't appear they have kept it pumped. Bob's Excavating was called to pump the tank a second time, there appeared to be a clog in the line that wasn't allowing the septic tank to drain. The Board discussed. This Board didn't know one of our tanks was being used as a grease trap. Mr. Thompson noted he wanted to speak with our Solicitor about the ordinance rules and our options. Mr. Thompson asked what the Board would like to do, should we consider splitting the bills for the pumping of the tank. Mr. May asked if we have rules about what can or can't be put down our drains and into our sewer system. Mr. Vore noted Miami County would have rules. The Board discussed. They agreed to wait until we see what our Solicitor says. Mr. Thompson will go to Council meeting to speak with Mr. Johnston.

Water Report. 1. Water Leaks. Mr. Baker noted his curb stop is not straight and there is still a lot of clean up that has not been done at his house on St. Rt. 571. The Board does not agree with the amount for the bill for the water line repair on St. Rt. 571. Mr. Thompson suggested paying the \$1650.00 for repairing the Chestnut Street leak, but wait until we speak to Mr. Johnston at Council next week, before we pay the St. Rt. 571 bill. Mr. Ingle suggested waiting to pay the Chestnut St. bill, contingent on approval from our solicitor, make sure it doesn't interfere with the amount that Mr. Johnston might suggest we offer to pay. We'll wait until we speak with Mr. Johnston next week.

3. Matt Donathan/ 2484 St. Rt. 721. We've received a note from Mr. Donathan asking that we let him know where his shut off valve is, in case his water needs turned off. We're not sure where it is. Mr. Donathan pays a water bill, and is not a resident of Laura; his house is just outside of Village limits. The Board discussed not having much success at times with the metal detector to find shut off valves. We need a better method of locating the valves.

4. Water Plant Roof Repair. Mr. Thompson met with a representative of Bauer Roofing to get a quote for repairing the roof at the water plant. A quote for \$6295.00 would include new decking, 2x4 ridgetop, rubber roofing, aluminum flashing, and 10-year warranty on labor. Mr. Vore made a motion to approve the roof repair by Bauer Roofing, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Yes. Mr. Vore-Yes. The motion passed. We'll need to pay one-third of the total before work starts.

5. EPA Meeting. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ingle, Mr. Hunt and Mr. McKenna met with the EPA at their Dayton office. The EPA is concerned with the lead/copper results we've had and wanted to discuss our progress in correcting the problem. We've installed the phosphate system, its working like it is supposed to, and we are in compliance with the EPA limits. Mr. Hunt has worked hard to correct the problems and has done everything the EPA has asked us to do. The EPA wants us to switch the type of phosphate we put in our system and wants us to add more to our water. Mr. Hunt wants to keep the amount of phosphate we put in the water at a minimum as long as we're in compliance. We need to have 0.5 in our system, and 90% of the residences tested pass, we are in compliance. The EPA wants us to send them a plan of action. Mr. Hunt wants to talk to Access Analytics and Bryce Schmidtmeier before we switch phosphates. The Board decided we will sent a letter to the EPA stating we will speak to the Mr. Schmitmeyer and will let them know of our plan of action after we speak the him. We will e-mail the EPA our response tonight, with a letter of intent by the end of April.

Sewer Report: 1. Tap-In Fees. Mr. Ingle noted that now that he and his brother are both hooked up and using the water and sewer at their respective new houses on Pemberton Road. The sewer ordinance states the money not used from the Tap-In fees be returned to the property owner. Sewer Tap-In Fee is \$375.00 and Water Tap-In Fee is \$250.00. Mr. Ingle stated they had \$200 worth of material in the hook-ups. Mr. Thompson made a motion to reimburse Brad Ingle \$425.00 for the unused portion of the tap in fees and reimburse his brother Blake Ingle \$425.00 for the same. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Abstain, Yes. Mr. Vore-Yes. The motion passed.

Mr. Thompson noted we need to look at the cost of the tap-in fees, we have the sewer ordinance that identifies the fees, but we can't find the water ordinance to verify the water tap-in fees. Mr. Hinkle always stated it was \$250.00. The Board discussed the cost of material to do tap-ins.

The Board decided to establish new tap-in fees to add to the new ordinances the Board would like to do.

<u>Sewer Tap-In Fee</u>	<u>Water Tap-In Fee</u>
\$100 for Inspection fees	\$100 for Inspection fees
\$300 for material	\$100 Tap in by State Licensed Plumber
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Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Thompson - Yes, Mr. Ingle-Abstain, Yes. Mr. Vore-Yes. The motion passed. We'll have to give Mr. Johnston the information he needs to redo the water and sewer ordinances.

Mr. Thompson would like to have a special meeting to discuss labor for the utilities. The meeting will be March 14 at 7:00 pm.

Shut offs. 1. No shut offs

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

DP&L	\$1242.04	PERS	\$686.99
Jeremy Bowser	613.16	Frontier	111.22
Gretchen Slagle	270.65	Wes Beeson	830.93
Tony Hunt	258.73	Pace Analytical	333.41
Miami Products	1016.55	RD Holder	398.15
Bob's Excavating	400.00		

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

Jonathan Thompson, President

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk