

Village of Laura

Minutes of BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

November 5, 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.

Previous Minutes. Minutes of the November 5, 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 – Yes. The motion passed.

Citizens Comments. None.

Water Report: 1. Shut-off Valve/2484 St. Rt. 721. No Report.
2. EPA/Phosphates. We're waiting to hear from the EPA. Tony expects them to let us use the new phosphate called smartphos-20. When we hear from the EPA, Tony will contact Monte Edwards and make sure things look good. Mr. Thompson asked if we could go ahead and by to new phosphate so we have it ready to go when everything is approved. Tony will order the phosphate. We should get a bill from Bryce Schmitmeyer for around \$1000.
3. EPA Sampling. All the sampling is done for 2019, except for one more lead/copper test.
4. Dialer. No Report.
5. Leak at Curbstop/ 12 Second St. Mr. Vore reported using his backhoe to uncover the shut off valve at Boggs'. The Shut off was buried when the in-ground pool was installed.
6. Water Tower. Mrs. Laux was present to give us the results of the water tower inspection. She reported the steel is in great shape, the ladder is broken, so it wouldn't be used. The paint is in poor condition. The tower is a galvanized steel, it had coats of lead paint, latex paint and at some point, an epoxy paint was applied. The epoxy paint caused a reaction with the steel that causes the paint to flake. We will have trouble getting any paint to stick to the tower. The only way to correct the problem would be to sandblast the entire tower. An approximate cost to sandblast, do lead abatement, prime and then use a 3-part epoxy on the tower is \$550,000. The epoxy would last around 15-20 years. The EPA does not allow wax to be used on the inside of the tower, we would have to remove the wax and prime and use a 3-part epoxy on the inside of the tower. We would have to rent some sort of storage units to hold the water while repairs are being made. An estimate to do all this would be around \$620,000.
Mr. Thompson asked if Mrs. Laux had an idea of a new tower cost, Mrs. Laux said New Madison's tower cost around \$680,000, there was around \$60,000 in extras. With engineering costs, the total was around \$825,000. Mr. Vore asked about removing the old tower for scrap steel. Mrs. Laux said yes we could sell the steel, but we would need to keep the old tower for a while to make sure the new tower was working and had no leaks. The steel has lead paint on it, so that would also be an issue.
Mr. Thompson stated that looking at the cost of repainting as opposed to a new tower; he was leaning toward building a new water tower. Mr. Ingle and Mr. Vore agreed. The Board would like to give this information to Council and also let the residents know. Mrs. Laux will come to the next meeting with some definite numbers for a new tower and go to the December Council meeting.

Sewer Report: 1. Plantz Lift Station/ 403 S. Main St. No Report.
2. Leak in Heater Room. Mr. Vore will look at the pinhole leak. He needs a key to get in the gate.

Old Business: 1. No Report.

New Business: 1. Eldon Hinkle Help. Mr. Hinkle was on hand when Mr. Vore looked for the shut off valve at 12 Second Street and at 8 School Street. Mr. Vore asked if he could be paid for his assistance. He was very helpful and his knowledge of both the sewer and water systems is very important for us. The Board discussed. They don't think Mr. Hinkle would send us a bill. Mr. Thompson made a motion to pay Mr. Hinkle \$200 for his help at Second Street, and \$200 for his help at School Street. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore – Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes, Mr. Ingle – Yes. The motion passed.

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.

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| DP&L | \$1127.83 | PERS | \$413.85 |
| Jeremy Bowser | 673.97 | Frontier | 114.98 |
| Gretchen Slagle | 270.70 | Wes Beeson | 890.38 |
| Tony Hunt | 662.31 | Pace Analytical | 619.44 |
| Miami Products | 145.90 | NAPA | 94.95 |
| Pace Analytical | 413.85 | | |

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

Jonathan Thompson, President

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk