

Village of Laura

Minutes of BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

May 5, 2020

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 March 3, 2020 meeting were read. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Abstain, Mr. Thompson – Yes, Mr. Ingle – Yes. The motion passed.

Citizens Comments. None

Water Report: 1. Water Tower/Water Rates. The first reading of the new proposed ordinance to increase water rates by \$10 was read at Council meeting. The new water rate would be \$42.00 per month.

2. Ladder. No Report

3. Water Shut Off/ 2750 Pemberton Road. The new homeowners are trying to find the main shut off valve to this property. Their plumber, Jonathan Cress, has not been able to locate it and would like to install a new town shut off valve it can't be located. Tony and Wes have been trying to locate it but haven't been able to so far. The plumber has given us an estimate of around \$1000 to install a new town shut off valve. The Board discussed and agreed to have Jonathan Cress install a new shut off valve if our valve can't be located. Mr. Thompson noted we've tried all our options to find the valve. Ms. Slagle knows the previous owner, she'll see if Carol Coate might know where the shut off is. If Mrs. Coate doesn't know where the valve is, Mr. Cress can install a new valve. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve having Jonathan Cress install a new town shut off valve. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes, Mr. Ingle – Yes. The motion passed. Mr. Ingle asked who would pay for the cost of the parts for the installation of the shut off. Since this is a village shut off valve, we would pay for it.

Wes asked the board about having spare parts available for shut offs. He usually has curb stops and risers available. The Board discussed having HD (business) in Tipp City, we don't need a lot of extra parts around; we can get them as needed. They have the kind of curb stops we use. The Board noted we could have a couple of risers and a curb stop available for immediate use.

4. Town Shut Off Valves. We are having the same problem of finding shut off valves at other residents around town. Mr. Ingle noted the residents at 114 and 116 N. Main have asked about their shut off valves also. Mr. Ingle used sonar equipment to try to locate a shut off valve around these two properties and couldn't find them. He noted the shut offs may be under State Rt. 571. We'll table this until next meeting.

5. CCR Reports. Tony has the 2019 CCR Report ready; it needs to be distributed by July 1. We'll mail these out this year.

6. Lead/Copper Testing. This round of testing is coming up.

7. EPA/3-Year Site Visit. We are due for our 3-year site visit by the EPA. Tony doesn't know what will happen with COVID 19 restraints.

Sewer Report: 1. UV Lights. We have the lights installed. The EPA likes to see an intensity monitor installed with the system. We didn't order this when we ordered new lights. The monitor is \$682.

Mr. Ingle made a motion to purchase an intensity monitor. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes, Mr. Ingle – Yes. The motion passed.

2. Tree Leaning toward Blowers. Wes noted a leaning tree that could take out our blowers if it falls. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve up to \$600 to have someone take down the tree. Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes, Mr. Ingle – Yes. The motion passed. Wes will get rid of the wood. Mr. Thompson suggested calling Gunkle's to see if they can get to it.

3. COVID 19 Mandate Water Bills. The State has mandated that water cannot be turned off for lack of payment during the pandemic. The Board discussed waiving the late fees of residents. Mr. Thompson would like to ask our solicitor if we could legally waive the late fees. We will ask Mr. Johnston at Council meeting.

Old Business: 1. The Board discussed the need to locate the village shut off valves. It has been a long -acknowledged problem not being able to locate shut off valve. The Board discussed the best way for someone to be able to locate each shut off valve at the properties. We could take a picture of the location of the valve, or use measurements from a corner of the house to the shut off, the measurement from the curb, etc. We'll need to start working on finding and documenting these locations in the near future. If we start with valves we know the location of, it might make finding unknown valves easier.

New Business: 1. Septic Tank Pumping. Bob’s Excavating has a quote of \$165 per tank, to pump 50 septic tanks this year. Mr. Thompson made a motion to have Bob’s Excavating pump 50 tanks this year. 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 to report. COVID.

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	\$1047.27	PERS	\$833.39
Jeremy Bowser	674.12	Frontier	113.62
Gretchen Slagle	270.77	Wes Beeson	887.22
Tony Hunt	662.55	DP&L	1061.41
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Gretchen Slagle	270.77	Wes Beeson	888.05
Tony Hunt	662.55	Pace Analytical	390.81
Miami Products	111.75	Pace Analytical	348.86
Post Office	682.50	Pckrell Bros	105.22
Wertz Hardware	12.99	Orme	42.23
Wes Beeson	4.40	Menards	14.99
Wertz Hardware	169.99	Wes Beeson	6.44
PERS	833.39		

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

Jonathan Thompson, President

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk