

Village of Laura

Minutes of BOPA Meeting

7:00 PM

June 2, 2020

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

Previous Minutes. Minutes of the May 5, 2020 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. Ladder. No Report
2. CCR Reports. The CCR reports will be ready to be mailed out by the middle of June.
3. Water Shut Off/ 2750 Pemberton Road. No Report.
4. Dollar General Retention Pond. There was some concern about bubbles being seen in the retention pond at Dollar General. Mr. Thompson stated Mr. James noticed some movement in the water, but it didn't seem to be rising. Mr. May stated there was some flooding around Dollar General when we had a heavy rain. We'll wait to see if there is a problem.
5. Water Rate Increase. Mr. May noted the second reading of the new water rate ordinance at last Council meeting. Mr. Thompson wants to move forward with the whole process of doing our part to secure our portion of the grant money. Mr. Ingle agreed we need to move forward.
6. COVID 19/Late Fees. During the pandemic, the State of Ohio has declared we are not allowed to turn water off for nonpayment of utility bills. The Board discussed waiving late fees for a period of time. Mr. May asked Mr. Johnston if we could waive late fees if we choose, Mr. Johnston noted we could. Mr. Thompson made a motion to waive utility late fees from March to August. Mr. Vore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes, Mr. Ingle – Yes. The motion passed. We will revisit this issue in August or September if needed.
7. Donathan/ Pike Street. In the spring of last year, Mr. Donathan asked to have his shut off valve located so he could work on his kitchen and bathroom. His shut off valve was very old and he wanted to be able to shut off the water if his valve didn't work. No one knew where the town shut off was; we thought it might be under the driveway. Mr. Donathan had asked about the shut off a few times and we didn't really do anything about it. Mr. Donathan noted he wasn't paying his bill until we located the valve. Once the valve was located, Mr. Donathan paid his bill in full. He has asked if we would waive the late fees. The Board discussed, Mr. Thompson made a motion to waive the late fees applied during that period, Mr. Ingle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Vore-Yes, Mr. Thompson – Yes, Mr. Ingle – Yes. The motion passed.
8. Water Tower Graffiti. Someone painted graffiti on the water tower. The Board does not see any reason to have it painted over at this time.

Sewer Report: 1. Tree Leaning/Blowers. The tree leaning towards the blowers has been chopped down.

Old Business: 1. Dialers. Mr. Ingle will try to look at the dialers at the plants.

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	\$1061.41	PERS	\$833.39
Jeremy Bowser	674.12	Frontier	113.04
Gretchen Slagle	270.77	Wes Beeson	887.22
Tony Hunt	662.55	Miami Products	122.50
Pace Analytical	374.13	Suez	689.34
Suez	689.44	RD Holder	308.76
Bradley Ingle	72.47	Jonathan Thompson	72.47
Steve Vore	73.47		

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

