

# Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

February 13,

2017

**Attendees:** Mayor- Ed Guess, Council Members- Angela Deere, Chris Foster, Gale Honeyman, Alice Beck, Ken James, Harry McKenna, Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle. Absent-Andrew Johnston-Solicitor. Others Present- Brad Ingle, Mark May, Brendan Deere.

**Previous Minutes:**

Minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting were read. Mr. McKenna made a motion to accept the minutes with the following correction: Committees- Add Mrs. Beck and Mr. McKenna on the Street Committee and remove Mr. McKenna from the BOPA Committee. Mr. James seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere - Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. James- Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed.

**Citizens Comments:**

1. Anonymous Letter/ Appearance of town. We received a letter from a resident asking Council to consider improving the curb appeal of town, fix Chestnut Street, enforce cutting grass, repairing sidewalks, etc. Council agreed in general with the comments, and noted the person writing the letter would be encouraged come to a Council meeting. Council noted it's not always as easy as it seems it should be to get things done with properties. Mrs. Beck stated we've gotten a couple of quotes to get Chestnut St. repaved; the quotes were quite high, we could consider a levy. Council discussed what a levy would involve, how long it would take. We'll look into this process. Council discussed ways to improve the chances of getting people to clean up- rent a dumpster, mulch limbs. Mr. Deere noted there would be some things to look at, like hazardous waste being put into the dumpster. Mrs. Deere asked when we put out a newsletter, she volunteered to do this year's newsletter. She'll try to have a draft for next meeting.

2. Mr. Deere wanted to present some information about the County Emergency procedures for setting off the siren. The County 911 system sets off the siren, when there is a tornado somewhere in Miami County, our siren goes off. There has been some concern about this since sometimes we are not involved in the warning. The County has been working on being able to sound the siren to more specific locations; it should be able to do that now. Our Fire Department can set off our siren. Mr. Deere also talked about CERTS. This is a community emergency training organization. Mr. James will look into this.

Mr. Deere also stated the Fire Department was looking for new members.

**Solicitor's Report.** 1. 102 Second St. Mr. Guess noted he signed the complaint; Mr. Johnston would file the documents. It would take a month or so from when Mr. Johnston filed things.

**BOPA.** Mrs. Beck reported the following:

1. The Corrosion Control System would cost \$15,900; Artesian of Pioneer would be installing the system in 5-6 weeks.
2. The EPA is requiring the Village to provide information on the Village's water lines. We'll provide a map of the water system, and we have no lead pipes that transport the water.
3. Analytical Associates have provided information as to the costs to be the licensed operators for both plants.

The BOPA will wait to discuss this until next month when Mr. Vore is back. Mrs. Beck noted Council should go to the next BOPA meeting. Ms. Slagle noted we were not sure if Mr. Vore would be back for the next meeting. She will let Council know if Mr. Vore is back for the March meeting and then we can set up a special meeting with both Council and the BOPA after the BOPA has a chance to discuss things.

**Old Business:** 1. **Ordinance 1-17. Parking Regulations for a certain part of Chestnut Street, South of Second Street.** Mr. McKenna stated the No Parking sign had been removed within 24 hours of it being put up. He called the Sheriff's Office and filed a report.

2. Street Signs/Pike and Chestnut. The street signs at this corner are also missing. We'll check and see if the property owner at this corner might have them. Mr. Foster made a motion to approve up to \$100 to replace the Pike and Chestnut Street signs and no parking sign. Mrs. Beck seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere – Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed.

**New Business:** 1. Miami County Council Membership. Mrs. Beck made a motion to approve the annual dues of \$30.00. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere – Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed.

2. Break Room Table/Chairs. Mr. McKenna noted the chairs are rubbing against the wall, causing marks on the wall. Mr. Honeyman suggested a chair rail be put up. Mr. James volunteered to take care of this; he has some extra wood available.
3. Miami County Board of Commissioners/Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Management Agency Services. Mr. Foster made a motion to agree to this Memorandum, Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere – Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed.
4. Miami Valley Lighting Agreement/LED Lighting. We have a new agreement to replace our street lights with LED lights, Council reviewed and will table until we can have Mr. Johnston review the agreement.
5. CBDG Grants. Mr. Guess stated we have until April 7 if we would be interested in grant monies.
6. Mowing. Mr. Guess spoke with Terry Zellers. He is interested in mowing again this year. He’s supposed to get us a quote.
7. Bluegrass Band. Mr. James asked of Council would be interested in doing something like this again this year. Mr. Honeyman noted he didn’t see enough interest last year to do it again. Mr. James asked about using the park if he could get private funding for an event.
8. Port-a-John. Mr. James asked if Council would want the port-john at the park again. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve renting a port-a-john from May to October. Mrs. Beck seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere – Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed.
9. Dogs/Corner of Second and alley behind Village Building. Mrs. Deere noted walking her dogs in the alley behind the Plantz residence. One of the dogs jumped the fence. The dog didn’t do anything, but could we ask that they fix the fence.
10. Oil/Tall Tales Alley. It looks like oil has been dumped on the ground at the back of the property at 5 S. Main St.

**Bills:**

Mrs. Deere motioned to pay the following Bills; Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere – Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. James- Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed.

PERS	\$614.99	DP&L	\$1359.88
Frontier	153.67	Linda McKenna	50.00
Gretchen Slagle	378.63	Ed Guess	108.43
Miami County Tres.	612.45	ABCO Printing	187.06
Shipman, Dixon, Livingston	240.00	Miami County Council	30.00

Mrs. Deere motioned to close the meeting. Mrs. Beck seconded the motion. All yeas, the motion passed.

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Ed Guess, Mayor

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Gretchen Slagle, Clerk