

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

August 14,

2017

Attendees: Mayor- Ed Guess, Council Members- Angela Deere, Chris Foster, Gale Honeyman, Alice Beck, Harry McKenna, Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle. Andrew Johnston-Solicitor. Excused Ken James. Others Present: Karen Ellison-Altrusa, Deputy Brazel.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting were read. Mrs. Beck made a motion to accept the minutes with the following corrections: Old Business #1- Change the statement Mrs. Deere made from the word “donation” of another \$1000 to “allocation” of another \$1000 for the fire department. Old Business # 6- Mr. James had noted the contract for the cell tower had been cancelled. Citizens Comments- Mr. Baker had noted the school had voted to not support the new development in West Milton. Solicitor’s Report #3- The Randolph property being looked at is on the corner of St. Rt. 721 and B Street. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff Report:

Deputy Sheriff Brazel asked about comments or requests for the Sheriff’s Department.

Mr. Honeyman asked if we could get a more detailed monthly report, similar to the ones we received early last year. Deputy Brazel said he would pass on that information.

Citizens Comments:

1. Karen Ellison-Altrusa. Mrs. Ellison presented a literacy project- Little Lending Library, being put on by Altrusa. This is a small wooden house box library that we would put somewhere on a pole in the village. It is a free-take a book/put a book into the box type project that is international. The Village would have no obligation for this project, members of Altrusa would stock and maintain the box. Council agreed this would be something they would like to do, and would put the box in the lot beside the village building. Mr. McKenna will make the post for the box. Mrs. Beck made a motion to keep the little Lending Library, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed.

Solicitor’s Report: 1. Railroad Property/Barn. Mr. Johnston noted we’re moving forward on this project.

2. 102 Second St. There is a meeting scheduled for later this month.

3. 2017 Elections. Mr. Foster stated he contacted the Board of Elections and was told his petition was the only Council seat petition that was completed correctly. He didn’t know if there were any Mayor petitions that were filled out correctly. Mr. Foster asked Mr. Johnston what was going to happen in January 2018 if there weren’t enough people to have a meeting. Mr. Johnston stated he’d contact the Board of Elections and let us know what we’ll have to do.

4. Dead Tree/ 105 Second St. There is a dead tree on the right of way of this property. Mr. McKenna wanted to make sure it was the property owner’s responsibility to remove the tree. Mr. Johnston said it was the property owner’s responsibility.

BOPA: Mrs. Beck reported the following:

1. The Phosphate system has been installed, it’s not working yet.
2. Still need dialers
3. On July 26th the water tower overflowed in the middle of the night.

Old Business: 1. One Call Now. The system is set up. Council would like to have a training session August 22 at 7:00 pm. Ms. Slagle will contact the BOPA members.

2. Second Street Pavement/ Hill. Mr. McKenna has a quote of \$16,775 from Wagner Paving to pave Second Street from Chestnut Street south to the Village limits (around 110 Second Street.).

3. Curb Painting. Mrs. Deere asked if we knew when West Milton might be painting the curbs. Mr. McKenna stated they would not be doing it until next year. Mrs. Deere asked if we could at least look into doing Pike Street from St. Rt. 751 to Main St. Council discussed getting some quotes or painting it ourselves. Mr. McKenna will get the supplies. Mrs. Deere, Mr. Foster and Mr. Honeyman will help paint the curbs on Pike Street.

4. Junk Ordinance. Table until next meeting.

5. Bates Clean Up. This property has junk cars and weeds around the yard. Ms. Slagle will send a letter asking them to clean up the property.

6. Johnson/S. Main St. This property has been cleaned, and the pool removed. The Health Department was working on this.

New Business. 1. Steve Shaurer/Property -corner of Ludlow and Second St. Mr. Shaurer is interested in putting bee hives on this property. He would like to know if there are any regulations that would prevent him from placing the hives. Council has had this request before and has no objection to Mr. Shaurer's request.

2. Basketball Rim/ 5 Second St. There is a portable basketball rim on the sidewalk at this address. Ms. Slagle will send a letter to the property owner.

3. B Street. There are weeds growing in the pavement. We need to try to do something.

4. Fall Newsletter. Mrs. Deere noted she'll do a fall newsletter.

5. New Laptop. We have a new laptop from UAN.

6. Kevin Mote Petroleum. Our propane supplier has sold his business to Suburban Propane.

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.

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| PERS | \$614.99 | DP&L | \$1235.83 |
| Frontier | 158.24 | Linda McKenna | 50.00 |
| Gretchen Slagle | 378.63 | Ed Guess | 108.43 |
| Terry Zellers | 830.00 | Shipman, Dixon | 125.00 |
| Shipman, Dixon | 165.00 | Mobile Sanitation | 205.00 |
| Ohio Dept. of Tax. | 61.27 | School Tax | 84.09 |
| Laura Fire Company | 3000.00 | Mobile Sanitation | 320.00 |
| Mayor's Assoc. of Ohio | 40.00 | OPWC | 2321.92 |

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

Ed Guess, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk