

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

June 12,

2017

Attendees: Mayor- Ed Guess, Council Members- Angela Deere, Chris Foster, Gale Honeyman, Alice Beck, Ken James, Harry McKenna, Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle. Andrew Johnston-Solicitor. Others Present-Jackie Rike, Andrea Brown-Foster Tree Service. Absent- Angela Deere, Chris Foster.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting were read. Mr. McKenna made a motion to accept the minutes with the following correction: Old Business #1- Mr. Honeyman abstained at the Roll Call Vote. 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. Ms. Brown had an invoice for cutting down the trees at the water and sewer plants and wanted to check to make sure things were good.

2. Jackie Rike. Ms. Rike wanted to see if there was someone living at house at the corner of Pike St. and Ludlow Street, there are bushes and trees growing up around the house. Someone does live at this address. Ms. Rike again wanted to ask if there was something that could be done about the congestion of cars on Pike St. between Chestnut and S. Main St. She is worried about how fast some people drive down the road. With cars parking along the curb, it makes it hard for opposing cars to pass; you have to pull over and let one car pass before you continue down the road. Mrs. Beck noted there has always been parking on certain parts of the street. Mr. Johnston suggested asking the sheriff to sit along the street and maybe this would help slow people down.

Ms. Rike thought the newsletter was very good. She suggested we might add a note about it being illegal to park cars on the sidewalks.

Solicitor's Report: 1. Railroad Property/Barn. Mr. Johnston sent a letter to 5 different addresses, attempting to contact Tony Parker, the land contract property owner, to have him do something about the barn that is falling down at this property. Mr. Johnston noted he thought we have made a good effort to make contact. He stated we could send a letter to Randall Myers of Tipp City, the previous owner, there is a chance that if Mr. Parker has not fulfilled the terms of the land contract, the property would revert back to Mr. Myers. Mr. Johnston noted we can file charges against one or the other of the property owners. Mr. James asked if we could contact the Health Department about this property, Mr. Johnston said we could contact them.

2. 102 Second St. No Report about this property. The wall along Second Street is bowing more and the wall at the back of the building is bad.

BOPA: Mr. James reported the following:

1. Generator. The Fire Department has a generator they would like to donate to the BOPA.
2. One Call Now. The BOPA approved signing up for One Call Now.
3. A septic tank was pumped by Bob's Excavating.
4. The Board is waiting on Artesian of Pioneer to install the phosphate system and to fix the dialer.
5. We'll have to take 10 samples of lead/copper between July and December.
6. The Board discussed possibly putting a pitched roof on the water plant.
7. The Sewer loan will be paid off in July; the Board will discuss new water and sewer rates at the next meeting.
8. Limbs were cut down around both plants.
9. Prices for a time clock to use at the plants were provided.
10. Bradley Ingle was sworn in to take Mr. May's seat. His term expires December 31, 2019.

Old Business: 1. Bluegrass Band /Park. Activities are scheduled to start at 2:00pm. Mr. James has secured antique tractors, Kona Ice, English's Wild Animals, Clarke's Pizza and the band Sugarland will start around 6:00pm.

2. Tree Removal/Water-Sewer Plants. Done.

New Business: 1. 27 N. Main St. /101 N. Main St. There is a portable basketball hoop at 101 N. Main St., which sits along the alley between 27 N. Main and 101 N. Main St. The resident at 27 N. Main St. has trouble getting his van down the alley without hitting the portable hoop. Mr. James will speak with the owner of the basketball hoop and ask them to move it back off of the alley.

2. Junk Ordinance. Mr. James has a junk ordinance he would like Council to review to see if this could be something we could use to update our ordinance.

Bills:

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

PERS	\$614.99	DP&L	\$1100.71
Frontier	158.37	Linda McKenna	50.00
Gretchen Slagle	378.63	Ed Guess	108.43
Menards	11.98	Terry Zellers	930.00

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

Ed Guess, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk