

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

October 9,

2017

Attendees: Mayor- Ed Guess, Council Members- Angela Deere, Chris Foster, Gale Honeyman, Ken James, Alice Beck, Harry McKenna, Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle. Andrew Johnston-Solicitor, Others Present- Matt Wolfe

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting were read. Mr. McKenna made a motion to accept the minutes with the following corrections: Old Business #2- Mrs. Deere, not Mr. James spoke with Randy Nichols about painting the curbs. Solicitor's Report #3- Mrs. Deere and Mr. James seats are good through the end of their terms in 2019. We'll have 2 Council seats and the Mayor's seat open. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Abstain Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed.

Special Meeting. Minutes of the September 26 meeting were read. Mr. Foster made a motion to accept the minutes with the following correction: The curbs in front of the hydrants were to be painted, not the hydrants. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mr. James- Abstain, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff Report: No Report

Citizens Comments:

1. Matt Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe was present, he volunteered to paint and painted the Village sign at the park. Council thanked Mr. Wolfe, we appreciate his efforts.

Solicitor's Report: 1. Railroad Property/Barn. Citation action in progress.
2. 102 Second St. There has been a partial tear down at this property, we're still in the 60-day window. We should know something by Thanksgiving.
3. Senate Bill 199/Conceal and Carry Law. Mr. James asked about this law and how it would affect our government meetings. Mr. Johnston noted most government buildings do not allow firearms to be carried inside. Mr. James asked if we needed a sign posted on the window that tells people that firearms aren't allowed? Mr. Johnston noted not necessarily, gun owners are responsible for knowing the rules. He noted it doesn't hurt to have a sign, but it's not necessary. Council would have to decide how they would address firearms in the building.

BOPA: Mrs. Beck reported the following:

1. The aerator tank at the well house was cleaned.
2. The Board has a quote to paint the water tower for \$61,000.00.
3. The dialer at the water plant doesn't work because the #1 button doesn't work. They are going to look at the sewer plant dialer.
4. EPA Letter. Mr. Guess had a letter about the recent EPA Visit to the water plant. Council discussed the age of the water tower and possible funding options.

Old Business: 1. Dead Tree/Second St. Ms. Slagle spoke with Betty Hall; she is working on having the tree cut down.
2. Curb Painting. Mr. Nichols has painted all the curbs and has presented an invoice for \$1950.00
3. Paving/Second St. The street was paved. Wagner Paving filled a few holes on Chestnut St. also.
4. B Street/Repair. Mr. McKenna has a quote from Wagner Paving for chip and seal on B Street for \$4500.00 and a quote for chip and seal for the alley behind the village building from Second Street to 4th Street for \$2850.00. Council discussed and thought the rest of the alley behind the village building needed repaved also. Mrs. Beck made a motion to have Wagner Paving resurface B Street for \$45000.00 and the alley behind the Village Building from Second St. to Fourth Street for \$2850.00 and also the same alley from Fourth Street to Pike Street for \$3000.00. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mr. James- Yes, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed. Mr. McKenna will contact Wagner Paving.
5. Snow Removal. We didn't receive any bids. Mr. James motioned to advertise in the Stillwater Valley Advertiser again and also run an ad in the Early Bird. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mr. James- Yes, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed.
6. Halloween. The County has set Halloween for October 31, that's when we'll do it also. Mr. Deere will put it in the newsletter, Ms. Slagle will put up signs.
7. Flag/Park. The new flag is up.
8. Flag/Half Mast. Mrs. Beck would like to thank whoever put the flag at haft mast.

New Business. 1. Miami Count Emergency Management Survey. We’ve received a survey. Mr. Guess will reply to the survey.
2. Voting Precinct. Our voting precinct has been moved to the Senior Citizen’s Building in West Milton for the upcoming elections. Mr. Honeyman would like to have Council send a letter to the Miami County Board of Elections letting them know we don’t think it’s right to move our voting location out of town. Our polling location has been moved several times, our citizens need to be able to vote in town, Council discussed and agreed. Mr. Honeyman made a motion to send a letter with our concerns to the Miami County Board of Elections and a copy to Secretary of State John Husted. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Honeyman-Yes, Mr. James- Yes, Mrs. Beck-Yes, Mr. McKenna-Yes. The motion passed.
3. Fiscal Officer Review. Mr. Guess stated Council would go into executive session at pm. To discuss the fiscal officer review. Return form executive session at 9:17pm.
4. 2016/2017 Audit. Ms. Slagle has been contacted about the upcoming audit. The State will be hiring private firms to do the audits for the next five years. They sent a survey to be filled out.

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	\$706.19	DP&L	\$1190.66
Frontier	158.24	Linda McKenna	50.00
Gretchen Slagle	378.63	Ed Guess	108.43
Terry Zellers	680.00	Shipman, Dixon	250.00
Mobile Sanitation	120.00	Treasurer of State	534.00
Aren Corp.	34.29	Wagner Paving	16775.00
Randy Nichols	1950.00		

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

Ed Guess, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk