

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

November 13,

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- Mark May, Pete Davis-Davis Voice and Data.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the October 9, 2017 meeting were read. Mr. James made a motion to accept the minutes with the following corrections: New Business #3-Executive session ended at 8:24 pm., Solicitor's Report #3- Mr. Foster asked Mr. Johnston about Senate Bill 199. 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.

Sheriff Report: Sheriff Deputy McGuire was present to address any concerns. She noted the Sheriff's Office was emphasizing the 4-way stop at the church. She also noted they did issue warrants for the vehicle break-ins that had happened in town. Residents should lock their cars.

Citizens Comments: 1. None

Snow Plowing Bids. We received bids from the following:

Eli Brogan Property Maintenance	Excel Property Maintenance
Snow Plowing-\$90.00 per hour	Snow Plowing-\$320.00 per occurrence
Salt per ton-\$200.00	Salt per ton-\$150.00 (estimate-1.5 tons)
Equipment-skid steerer, dump truck	Equipment-2-1 ton trucks, skid steerer

Mr. James asked if we enforce the ordinance to move cars off the street when we get 2 inches of snow. Mr. Guess noted we don't really, some people don't have anywhere to move their cars. Council thought Excel did a good job last year. Mr. Foster made a motion to accept the bid of Excel Property Maintenance for 2017-2018 snow plowing. Mr. Honeyman 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.

Solicitor's Report: 1. Railroad Property/Barn. Mr. Johnson reported someone had been hired to tear down the barn. The barn burned down since last meeting. Mr. Johnston stated the health department should stay on the owner to clean up the site.
2. 102 Second St. Clean up work is still needed on this property. The court date is coming up.
3. Property Row/Right of Way Company. We've received a call from this company asking for fees and permit costs for running cable, phone and utility lines across our right-of-ways. Mr. Johnston stated we don't have legislation that requires fees or permits for this type of activity.
4. 127 N. Main St./Camper. Mr. James noted people appear to be living in a camper parked alongside the house at this address. We have an ordinance and zoning laws in place that prohibit a trailer being used as a residence, this is a single family residence. Mr. Johnston stated we could do a couple of things, we could talk to the residents and investigate the circumstances or we could enforce the ordinance. Mr. James will talk to the property owner.
5. Senate Rule 199. Mr. Johnston noted that he has looked into this further, we should wait until the final wording for this bill is out.

BOPA: Mrs. Beck reported the following:

1. 25 Laura Circle/St. Rt. 571 Ditch. Adam Rex of 25 Laura Circle was present to ask who was responsible for the collapsed field tiles in the ditch along St. Rt. 571 at his property. During the recent heavy rains, water was backing up in the ditch. Mr. Guess noted the catch basin is big enough to handle the water through there, there may be something from preventing the water from running out of town, or our culvert may not be big enough. We'll contact ODOT to see if they can help.
2. Lead/Copper Testing. We'll be collecting lead/copper samples.

Old Business: 1. Resurface Alley behind Village Building. We've received a revised quote from Wagner Paving for the costs to resurface Bee Street and the alley behind the Village building. Mrs. Beck made a motion to amend the October minutes motion, and approve the resurfacing of Bee Street for \$4500.00 and resurface the alley behind the Village building from Pike Street to Second St. for \$4400.00, for a total of \$8900 per the revised quote. 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.
2. Street Sweeping/ Leaf Pick-Up. West Milton has let us know they won't be able to do our street sweeping this year. Council discussed and decided to forgo having the streets swept this year.

3. Voting Precinct. There has been no response from the Board of Election about why our voting precinct has been moved so often. Mr. Guess is going to try to get a written response from the Board of Elections.
4. Newsletter/Mailboxes. It was brought to our attention that the newsletters were placed in resident's mailboxes. This is not allowed, but Council feels it was an honest mistake by the young person distributing the newsletter.
5. 25 Laura Circle Clean Up. There's been some clean up, but still needs more work. We'll talk to Mr. Johnston next meeting,

New Business. 1. Davis Voice and Data. Pete Davis was present to see if Council would consider allowing him to put equipment on the water tower that would provide wireless internet service to people in and around Laura. He supplied internet to Kevin Mote Petroleum and Saunders Towing and would like to expand his business to rural areas around West Milton, Pleasant Hill, and Covington that have a hard time getting internet. He would like to supply internet to the village building, water/sewer plant and fire department in exchange for letting him put his equipment on the tower, and could supply camera service to the utility plants, park, etc. There could be a couple of different rates and start up would be around January, 2018. He will send information for review.

2. Flag/Village Building. We need a new flag. Mr. McKenna will take care of this.

3. Rumpke Contract. Rumpke has a three-year renewal contract. The cost for residential collection for 2018 is \$19.60 per month, 2019-\$20.58 and 2020-\$21.32. Senior rates for 2018-\$18.00, 2019-\$18.93 and 2020-\$19.62. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve the 3-year renewal with Rumpke for trash collection. Mr. James 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.

4. AEP/Electric Provider. We have a renewal contract from AEP for \$0.05311 per kilowatt with a 46-month term. Council will wait and have Mr. Johnston review the contract.

5. Village Insurance. Council would like to get quotes for insurance coverage for 2018. Ms. Slagle will contact Assured Partners and a couple of other agents for quotes.

6. Surveillance. Mr. James asked what Council thought of maybe putting cameras at the park or other places like the water/sewer plants or other places we might consider. We've had some problems with car break-ins, and cameras could add a layer of security. Mr. James would get quotes. Mr. Foster thought if we did it, we should take our time-think it through and write out the whole thing first. Mr. Honeyman didn't think we needed a "police" state of mind. Mr. May thought we could check with Davis Voice and Data since he also offered cameras being placed. Mr. May thought it might be good to see where these companies thought our danger spots might be.

7. Laura Fire Company Contact. Our annual payment of \$4000.00 is due this month.

Bills. Mrs. Deere motioned to pay the following bills, Ms. 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.

PERS	\$706.19	DP&L	\$1119.27
Frontier	158.91	Linda McKenna	50.00
Gretchen Slagle	378.63	Ed Guess	108.43
Terry Zellers	680.00	Shipman, Dixon	435.00
Miami Valley Lighting	3275.10	Scott Davis	50.00
BWC	27.89	Aren Corp	34.29
Brothers Publishing	30.00	Menards	27.99
Ohio Dept. of Taxation	66.65	School Tax	84.96
Internal Revenue	788.99	Laura Fire Company	4000.00

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

Ed Guess, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk