

## Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

April 10,

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- Mark May, Deputy Sheriff Tim Larger, Jill Brewer and Lisa McGraw-Unity Bank, Dustin Foster-Foster Tree Service.

**Previous Minutes:**

Minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting were read. Mrs. Beck made a motion to accept the minutes, 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.

**Special Meeting:** Minutes of the Special Meeting held March 23, 2017 were read. Mr. McKenna made a motion to accept the minutes, 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.

**Citizens Comments:** 1. Sheriff Deputy Tim Larger was present. He noted Tom Wheeler or Captain Lord would be the contact for the Sheriff's report.

**Tree Quotes:** We have a couple of quotes to take down 7 trees around the sewer and water plants. The trees to be cut are to be marked at both plants. Mr. Hinkle had a quote from Colvin McFadden for \$2200.00. Foster Tree and Landscaping has a quote of \$3105.00. Gunkle Tree Service's quote is for \$1600, plus \$400, plus \$800 for listed work. Mrs. Beck made a motion to approve Foster Tree and Landscaping to remove the trees for \$3105.00. Mr. McKenna 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.

**Unity Bank/ Pooled Collateral Changes:** Jill Brewer and Lisa McGraw were contacted by Ms. Slagle to present the coming changes by the Ohio Treasurers Office to pooled collateral. These changes will take place July 1, 2017. Currently, most banks collateralize client's money for 105 percent. With the new legislature, banks will probably offer 50 percent or 102 percent. Unity Bank is currently one of six test banks to go through this change. Ms. Brewer noted that the test banks should know the rates that they will be offering sometime in May. She suggested speaking with Huntington Bank (also a test bank) to see the direction they choose.

**BOPA Resignation:** Mr. May presented his resignation from the Board of Public Affairs. Mrs. Beck made a motion to accept Mr. May's resignation, 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. Council thanked Mr. May for his service; we appreciate his contributions to both Council and the BOPA. We wish him well! We will post the BOPA open seat.

**Solicitor's Report:** 1. Railroad Property. Mr. Johnston has found information on this property, it is currently under a land contract, and has some liens against it. The person buying the property is Tony Parker from Eaton. Council agreed to have Mr. Johnston send Mr. Parker a letter, asking him to do something with the building on the property that is falling down.

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

1. No problems at either plant.
2. Analytical Associates. The Board has three items they would like to have some clarification on from Analytical Assoc. The Board will do some more checking.
3. EPA Letter. We've resolved issues from an EPA letter and have a clean slate.

4. One Call. Mr. James made a motion to share the cost of \$93.15 for 1000 calls with the BOPA for One Call service. 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.

**Old Business:** 1. Bluegrass Band /Park. Mr. James has contacted various concessions/groups to be on hand for the evening of June 17<sup>th</sup>. Sugarland will again be the band to perform from around 6-9pm for a cost of \$425.00. Mr. James asked Council if they would consider giving him a total amount of money to spend instead of approving individual amounts like the band, advertising, flyers, etc. Council discussed. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve up to \$1500.00 total expenses for the event, Mr. McKenna 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. Newsletter. Mrs. Deere will have the newsletter ready next week. Would we want to do a seasonal newsletter?

3. 401 S. Main St. Fence/Dog. Mrs. Deere noted the fence had not been repaired to prevent the dog from jumping into the alley.

**New Business:** None

**Bills:**

Mr. McKenna motioned to pay the following Bills; 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.

PERS	\$614.99	DP&L	\$1279.88
Frontier	153.67	Linda McKenna	50.00
Gretchen Slagle	378.63	Ed Guess	108.43
Miami Valley Lighting	3275.10	CompManagement	175.00

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

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Ed Guess, Mayor

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Gretchen Slagle, Clerk