

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

April 9,

2018

Attendees: Mayor- Harry McKenna, Council Members- Angela Deere, Chris Foster, Ken James, Mark May, Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle. Andrew Johnston-Solicitor, Others Present-Pete Davis/Davis Voice & Data, Adam Rex, Brian Ingle. Susan Supinger. Excused -Paula Jones.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting were read. Mr. May made a motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Abstain, Mr. May-Yes. The motion passed.

Citizens Comments:

1. Susan Supinger. Mrs. Supinger lives right outside of town and is interested in helping with the bluegrass event at the park. She has contacts for a car show, and would maybe like to set up a craft show. Mr. James will talk with Mrs. Supinger.
2. Davis Voice & Data/Pete Davis. Mr. Davis was present to answer any question Council may have. Mr. Johnston has the revised contract. Mr. Davis will change the light on the top of the tower. See Solicitors Report below.
3. Adam Rex/25 Laura Circle. Mr. Rex was present to ask if Council would do something with the drain tile in the ditch along St. Rt. 571 on his property. He has been to a BOPA meeting and was referred to Council with this problem. This is his second or third time trying to get something done with the ditch and is frustrated because his basement floods when we get a lot of rain and the ditch does not drain. He has found the broken tile and cleaned the ditch several times in an effort to keep the water moving, but it still caused his basement to flood. His neighbor's basement also floods. Mrs. Deere stated we would try to look at our maps and/or the county maps to see how the drainage is set up and we'll get back with Mr. Rex.

Solicitors Report:

1. Davis Voice & Data. Council had a question about making sure the fire department is ok with paying for the electric for the repeater. Council is willing to pay for the electric. We need to talk to the fire department. Mr. Foster noted the BOPA has discussed a new water tower, if this is something that could happen in the near future, could it be a problem? Mr. Ingle noted they had discussed a new water tower because of the high cost of painting the current tower. At some point a new tower may be needed, they are just looking into costs and best options.

BOPA: Mr. May reported the following:

1. The Board is exploring options for the water tower; the cost of painting is rising. They are trying to get an unbiased opinion of when it might need painted again.
2. Steve Vore was sworn in to fill the open seat.
3. The Board is looking into purchasing a heat pump at the water plant to lower propane costs.

Mr. McKenna noted Miami County Council has information about government infrastructure that might be helpful for the water tower concerns.

Old Business:

1. Unity Bank/Village Funds. Jill Brewer of Unity Bank spoke with Ms. Slagle about the options Unity has proposed for our banking needs and e-mailed Council four possible options. Council discussed. Mr. May noted that we have had a good relationship with Huntington and have agreed to the pooled co-lateral terms with a 102 percent floor. He would be happy staying with Huntington for the time being. Mr. James made a motion to stay with Huntington Bank for our banking needs, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes. The motion passed.
2. Town Clean-Up. Mr. McKenna noted it's time to do a "walk around" town looking for properties that need some attention. Mrs. Deere asked if we would want to provide a dumpster again this year, it might help encourage people to clean up their yards if they could get rid of the yard wastes. Council discussed sending out the spring newsletter with items about the Community Garage Sales and dumpster. Ms. Slagle noted the CCR report was ready, we could had out newsletters at the same time we distribute the CCR Report. Council agreed the dumpster was a good idea. Mr. May made a motion to rent a dumpster Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes. The motion passed. Mrs. Deere will take care of getting the dumpster for the first week in June.
3. Insurance. Our policy is up May 9, 2018. Rob Beglin of USI insurance has an insurance quote for the Village. USI is a pool insurance group and has a three-year contract for \$5753 per year. Ms. Slagle had forwarded the quote to Council members to review. Hamler & Gingrich Insurance will have their quote to us soon. We will table this until Hamler gets their quote to us. We'll have to have a special meeting to decide about insurance quotes.

New Business. 1. Bluegrass Band/Park Activities. Mr. James noted he has two bands lined up for the June 23rd event in the park, along with Kona Ice and Clarke’s Pizza. He would like to stick with the same amount-\$1500 as last year for putting on the event. Mr. James made a motion to approve up to \$1500 for the Bluegrass bands and events that go on at the park on June 23rd. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes. The motion passed.

Mr. James asked if we wanted to have porta-pots at the park again this year. Council agreed they would. Mr. James made a motion to have a porta-pot at the park from May 1-October 31. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes. The motion passed.

2. **Resolution 4-18 / Miami County Hazard Mitigation Program.** The County has asked us to adopt the 2015 5-year Hazard Mitigation Plan that allows us to participate in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. They have provided the resolution. Mr. May made a motion to approve Resolution 4-18. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-Yes. The motion passed.

Bills. Mrs. Deere motioned to pay the following bills, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes. The motion passed.

PERS	\$686.99	DP&L	\$1182.68
Frontier	160.30	Linda McKenna	50.00
Gretchen Slagle	390.75	Harry McKenna	109.99
Shipman, Dixon	275.00	CompManagement	185.00
Miami Valley Lighting	3107.57		

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

Harry McKenna, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk