

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

June 13,

2022

Attendees: Mayor-Ken James, Angi Deere, Mark May, Glen McSparran, Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Solicitor-Andrew Johnston. Absent- Monte Evans, Chris Foster.

Previous Minutes: ~~Previous Minutes:~~ Minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. Deere made a motion to approve the minutes with the following correction: Old Business # 4. There wasn't any follow-up on weed control at 410, 412 and 414 S. Main Street. Mr. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff Report: None

Citizens Comments: None

Solicitors Report: 1. 25 Laura Circle/Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Johnston noted he was able to attend the trial for Mr. Rex. Judge Nasal has not reached a decision yet. If Mr. Rex is found guilty, sentencing would be at a later date.

2. Security Camera/Records Retention Ordinance. Mrs. Deere asked if Mr. Johnston had anything for us to review as an ordinance for public records for the security cameras used by the village. Mr. Johnston will email us some things to review. We'll discuss this next meeting.

3. Mr. James asked Mr. Johnston if he might have any insight about prohibiting fire works within the Village limits, there are towns and cities that are banning fireworks within the town limits. Mr. Johnston stated the state of Ohio currently allows the use of fireworks in cities, towns, villages, etc., we would have to create an ordinance banning them in town if Council would choose to. There are some fireworks that are allowed, sparklers, poppers, and others, that would be allowed to be used in town, under state law. Mr. Johnston suggested letting everyone know by website, One Call, posting, inviting residents to come to the next meeting or voice their opinions. Council can decide if they want to act after getting input on the subject.

BOPA: 1. Mr. May reported the following:

1. No June meeting yet, due to illness and work.

Mrs. Deere asked if the Board had anyone complain about mold growing in their toilet. The mold appeared a couple of months ago. Mr. May said he didn't think it would be a sewer problem, because the toilets have a trap that should prevent gases from going back up the line. Mr. James stated he had the same problem happened at his house. He thought it might be related to the time of year, and we've had a lot of moisture in the air this year. Mr. May will ask the Board for some input.

Old Business. 1. Limbs/Brush in Street/8 School Street. Tackett Tree Service has cleared the limbs from 8 School Street and also around the intersection of School and St. Rt. 571.

2. Outside Faucet. No report. Mrs. Deere asked if anyone has been contacted to fix the faucet. Mr. James has not gotten anyone to do it yet. Mrs. Deere noted we've had this on our list for three months, she asked if Mr. James would like her to call someone, she has a phone number for Rex Rolf. Mr. James said it would be good if Mrs. Deere wanted to contact someone.

3. Stop Signs. No Report

4. Weed Control/South Main Street. Mr. Troutwine won't spray the areas that need sprayed at the end of South Main Street. We need to get a licensed person to do the spraying. Mr. James will work on this. Ms. Slagle will send letters to 410, 412, 414 South Main Street asking them to remove weeds, mow, clean the hillsides, etc. along South Main Street.

5. Port-A-John. The port-a-john is at the park.

6. Girl Scouts/Plant Trees. No Report. Mrs. Deere suggested not worrying about this unless the Girls Scouts contact us.

7. Street Sweeping. West Milton swept the town streets.

8. Dumpster. Mrs. Deere stated the dumpster filled up quickly and was picked up today.

She noted she may open the back door next year, to see if that might be a better way to load the dumpster to get the best use of space. Mr. Deere put a lot of time into re-organizing stuff in the dumpster. THANK YOU, Mr. Deere for your extra effort, and help!!

9. Phone Service. Mr. May stated he was ready to switch our phone service from Frontier. He hopes by next week, we will be switched over to an internet phone service and be able to cancel Frontier phone and internet service. He will work on getting phone service to the water and sewer plants, Mr. May will need to buy a VOIP adapter for one of the plants, for around \$40.00. He will let Ms. Slagle know when this is ready to cancel Frontier.

New Business. 1. Resolution 6-22/2023 Budget. The 2023 Budget was reviewed. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve the budget, Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes. The motion passed.

2. Pothole/Adams Alley. Mr. James noted a pothole needing to be filled on Adams Alley. He will contact Wagner Paving to see if they could fill it. We could also get a couple of bags of cold patch if we need to.

3 Flooding/ 2725 Pemberton Road. Danny Self contacted the village about his drive and yard flooding with all the rain we had recently. Mr. James stated he has heard Darryl Cress, at one time, put in some drainage tile along Pemberton Road. Mr. James heard the drain itself may have been cemented over at some point, but can't confirm anything. He will try to talk to Mr. Cress.

4. Tall Grass/113 N. Main St. A letter is to be sent to David Ganger, the son of the property owner, to mow this property.

2770 Pemberton Road. Ms. Slagle does not have an address for Jan Whitacre, to send a letter to mow the grass. Mr. James will contact Kurt Troutwine about mowing this property.

5. Website. Mr. McSparran will be responsible for loading the majority of things onto our website.

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

PERS	\$852.11	AES	\$1099.51
Frontier	297.51	Ken James	108.76
Gretchen Slagle	431.12	Shipman Dixon	285.00
Amy Elmore	75.00	OPWC	2321.92
Treasure of State UAN	618.00	Menards	20.95
West Milton	350.00	Kurt Troutwine	840.00
Aren Corporation	71.50	Post Office	174.00
Wertz	18.20	Staples	281.28
Angi Deere	109.32	Monte Evans	72.88
Chris Foster	72.42	Mark May	108.72
Glen McSparran	108.72		

Mrs. Deere made a motion to close the meeting, Mr. May seconded the motion. All yeas, the motion passed.

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk