

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

July 11,

2022

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

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the June 13, 2022 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. McSparran made a motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Abstain. The motion passed.

Special Meeting: Minutes of the June 27 Special Meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. McSparran made a motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes. The motion passed.

Emergency Meeting: Minutes of the July 6 Emergency Meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. McSparran made a motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Abstain, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff Report: Mr. James noted appreciation for the cruiser sitting along St. Rt. 571 for a few days. He asked that when the speed wagon might become available, could the Sheriff Department set it around Dollar General.

Citizens Comments: 302 Chestnut Street/Lonnie Robinson. Mr. Robinson asked about the progress of repairing the storm drain at his house. The drain is higher than the street level, water is running down his driveway instead of into the storm sewer. Mr. Robinson noted he knew Council was working on improving Chestnut Street. he hoped some of the American Rescue Act money might be used to repair the drain. Mr. James noted he spoke with Wagner Paving twice and Bob's excavating about getting quotes to do the repair, neither of them have gotten back with Mr. James. Mr. James will try to contact Henry Cress to see if he can do the repair.

Solicitors Report: 1. 25 Laura Circle/Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Johnston noted there has not been a decision from the trial yet.
2. Water Tower Grant- Application. Mrs. Deere noted a text that was sent to Council members by Ms. Slagle, when Mote & Associates had the grant application ready two days before the deadline. Council would need to approve how much the town would be willing to pay as our share of the grant. Ms. Slagle had texted Council members saying we would need to have a special meeting, or take a vote via text. Mrs. Deere wanted to know about the sunshine laws for this issue. Council was able to set up a special meeting. Mr. Johnston stated we should always hold a meeting, that allows people a chance to attend, and complies with the sunshine laws. In the event of an emergency, and a meeting would not be able to be held, the mayor could speak with council members and make a decision on an action to be taken, it could be discussed at the next Council meeting.
2. Security Camera/Records Retention Ordinance. Ms. Slagle gave Mr. Johnston a copy of our Policy and Procedures Ordinance. Mr. Johnston stated he thought we could amend our current ordinance to cover the records retention for the security cameras. Mr. Johnston noted a public records commission consisting of the Mayor, Fiscal Officer, Solicitor and a representative of the town would have to meet and approve the new changes. We could post a notice to see if we could get a volunteer from town to sit on the committee, the group could meet before the next council meeting to review the amended changes. We will post notices seeking a volunteer.
3. Fireworks. Mr. James stated he wasn't aware of many fireworks being used in town this year. Mrs. Deere noted she would like to move forward for a ban of fireworks in town. Mr. May stated we could again post notice on the website and physically around town, inviting input on the subject. We will address the subject next meeting.

BOPA: 1. Mr. May reported the following:

1. Cracked septic tank at 106 S. Main. The Board will replace the tank.
2. The Board has not heard any comments of mold on toilets, etc. Phosphates are put into our water, they are a reddish orange color. The Board will ask Jeremy Bowser, our licensed operator at the sewer plant. About possible issues.
3. The Board went on a field trip to the water and sewer plants during their last meeting. A water leak was found behind the building of the sewer plant.

Old Business. 1. Outside Faucet. Mrs. Deere has a quote of \$300 to repair the faucet on the side of the Village building. The covers were put on backwards for the faucet and electricity. Mr. Rolf thinks he would need to access the line through the records room. He does not finish any drywall, he will put the drywall back in place, but will not finish it. Mr. May made a motion to approve Rex Rolf to repair the outside faucet, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes. The motion passed.

2. Weed Control/South Main Street. Mr. James asked Council members to mark areas on a town map that need sprayed for weeds. He will contact some companies for quotes for spraying.

3. Cares Act Money. Ms. Slagle noted we should have the second payment of around \$25,000.00 in our account by the end of the month.

4. Phone Service. Mr. May switched the sewer plant and Village phones to VOIP. We can cancel our phone service at the Village Building and the fax line. Mr. May purchased an adapter for \$40.22 for the sewer plant that he has installed, he would like to be reimbursed. Mr. Foster made a motion to reimburse Mr. May the cost of the adapter, Mr. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. May-Abstain, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes. The motion passed. Mr. May also stated he didn't see any internet access to the water plant, and didn't see any wires going into the building. He asked if we could check with Davis Voice and Data to see if internet was installed at the water plant.

We could run ethernet from the sewer plant or could point Wi-Fi from the sewer plant toward the water plant.

5. Flooding/Pemberton Road. The property owner at 2725 Pemberton Road spoke with Mr. James about his property flooding during the recent rain. Mr. James is looking into some information about a possible storm line that was cemented shut and where that line might end, etc.

6. 2770 Pemberton Road. There is a dead tree that is preventing anyone from getting onto the property to mow. Mr. James spoke to a bank representative who came out to look at the property. The bank is foreclosing on the property. The Rep asked Mr. James to give him a month, he is working on getting the property cleaned up.

New Business. 1. Mowing/Park. Mr. James noted speaking with Kurt Troutwine, who mows the Village properties, Mr. Troutwine came to mow today, July 11, but the park had already been mowed. Mr. James said he saw someone mowing the park on July 10, but since he hadn't met Mr. Troutwine yet, didn't think anything of it.

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

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| PERS | \$852.11 | AES | \$1091.66 |
| Frontier | 231.76 | Ken James | 108.76 |
| Gretchen Slagle | 431.12 | Shipman Dixon | 412.50 |
| Amy Elmore | 75.00 | Kurt Troutwine | 840.00 |
| Porta Klein | 190.00 | Tackett Tree Experts | 2500.00 |
| Bryan Engle | 289.98 | Rumpke | 662.50 |
| Twillo | 3.96 | Mark May | 40.22 |

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk