

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

December 12,

2022

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

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the November 14, 2022 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff Report: None. Mr. James asked if the speed wagon wasn't being used by another entity, if we could use it around Dollar General, going west on St. Rt. 571.

Citizens Comments: None

Solicitors Report: 1. 25 Laura Circle/Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Johnston noted Mr. Miller is taking some photos per charges. The charges should be filed by the end of the month. Mr. Johnson stated Judge Nasal has not issued a decision yet. Mr. Johnston reported he had researched the possibility of un-annexing a property in the Village limits. He said it generally happened with farm ground or from a property that was not benefitting from the municipality's laws and codes.

2. Zoning Code/Robert Presley. Mr. Presley, the Village Zoning Inspector, presented a summary of zoning violations that have occurred at 25 Laura Circle, and asked Council about a Formal Complaint being issued. Mr. Johnston noted that Mr. Rex is in violation of numerous codes. Council has filed criminal charges, and we are going to file a second set of charges. The Village is filing to have the judge make Mr. Rex clean up the property, if he doesn't, he can go to jail. The Village could file a civil case, it would most likely be more expensive, take a longer amount of time to file and get on the docket. Mr. Presley asked if the court fees could be paid by Mr. Rex, if found guilty. Mr. Johnston stated, the Village would have to pay them, then ask for them back from Mr. Rex. Mr. Johnston reiterated he would pursue any path Council wanted him to pursue, criminal or civil suit. Council discussed. Mr. May suggested filing five separate set of charges, on different days, this may mix up how the charges are assigned on the court docket. Council agreed.

Mrs. Deere would like to see zoning violations followed up on other properties in town, 400 Short Street would be an example. Mr. May noted we have had voicemails, people show up and speak about the 25 Laura property, it has drawn a lot of attention from residents, and Council has taken action from those complaints. If no one brings concerns about properties to Council, he is willing to leave things be.

BOPA: Mr. May reported the following:

1. Pressure Transmitter. This may be the problem for the water tower overflow problem. The Board is getting quotes to replace it.
2. Back-Up Generator. The Board feels it's important to address this issue, Our Licensed Operator has noted if we couldn't keep the plant operating if we are out of electric for an extended period, and there are EPA violations, he probably wouldn't be interested in continuing to work for the Village.
3. Grease in Sewer Lines/Restaurant. There was grease in the sewer lines recently, we thought we had the problem solved. Bob's Excavating suggested running a camera through the lines to see where the problem is. The Board is working on this.

Old Business. 1. Tree Limbs/301 and 303 S. Main Street. Ms. Slagle noted receiving a phone call from Mike Cemino, owner of 303 South Main St. Mr. Cemino said that he wasn't sure where the property line was, didn't know for sure who owned the tree. He spoke with Mr. Grill shortly after Mr. Grill moved into 301 S. Main St. and suggested splitting the cost to have the tree trimmed. Mr. Grill said he didn't have the funds right then to do anything about the tree. Council discussed options. Mr. James said he would speak with the property owners about a solution.

2. Curb Painting. No Report

3. Leaf Pick-Up. Leaves have been pick-up.

New Business. 1. RV/106 Ludlow Street. There is an RV in the driveway of 106 Ludlow Street that may be being used as a residence, our zoning code prohibits this. There is a generator being used for the RV, it runs all night.

2. **Resolution 12-22/Amend 2022 Permanent Appropriation.** Mr. Evans made a motion to approve this resolution, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes. The motion passed.

3. **Resolution 12-22A /2023 Temporary Appropriations.** Mr. Evans made a motion to approve this resolution, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes. The motion passed.

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

PERS	\$866.51	AES	\$424.80
Gretchen Slagle	431.12	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	75.00	Shipman Dixon	390.00
BWC	318.00	Twillo	25.00
Treasurer of State	1015.70	Chris Foster	108.72
West Milton	435.00	Angi Deere	109.32
Monte Evans	109.32	Mark May	09.32
Glen McSparran	10872		

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk