

# Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

February 13,

2023

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

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. May made a motion to approve the minutes with the following correction: New Business #3-Mr James did not speak with Ben Herron, just Jeff Hayworth. Mr. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes. The motion passed.

**Sheriff Report:** No Report

**Citizens Comments:** None.

**Solicitors Report:** 1. 25 Laura Circle/Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Johnston noted Mr. Rex had requested a public record. Mr. Rex has been found guilty of a minor misdemeanor from the Health Department case. Mr. Rex was fined \$150.00 and given a set number of days to clean up his property. If everything is cleaned up per the judgement, there is no fine. All other charges are still pending, the next trial date is March 30.

2. ARPA Money/Back Up Generator. Mr. May noted the BOPA is looking at purchasing a back up generator, there are time delays of around 15 months for distributors to get generators. Mr. May asked Mr. Johnston about ways to spend the ARPA money to meet a September deadline, but do it responsibly. Mr. Johnston said to consider a notable deposit or pay in full, and deal with a reputable business. Ms. Slagle asked about getting a quote from Ed's Heating, whom Mr. Ingle works for, would that be advisable? Mr. Johnston stated as long a Mr. Ingle is not involved in any activity about Ed's. He should abstain from any vote concerning Ed's Heating, and make sure the bids are sealed.

**BOPA:** Mr. May reported the following:

1. Grease in Sewer Line/ Restaurant. There is grease in the septic tank at the restaurant, no one can figure out how it's getting in there. The restaurant has volunteered to pump both tanks, the grease tank and the septic tank. The Board will let them pump the tanks, if there is a problem, the restaurant will have to fix the problem, and put in a grease trap. Mr. Ingle stated the grease isn't in the sewer lines or sewer plant.
2. Water Main Caps/Snow Plow. There were a few water main caps that were popped off by the snow plow during recent snows.
3. West Milton Contact. The Board would like to know if Mr. James knew a contact person for West Milton's street department. We need a contact for a vacuum truck or pressure sprayer for our shut off valves.

**Old Business.** 1. Curb Painting. Mr. James noted he hasn't heard from Coopers, he'll try some other companies.

2. Sink Hole/South Main St. Mr. James stated the catch basin for the spring could be the problem. We can see if West Milton can bring a snake camera out to locate the problem, before we do anything. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve up to \$500.00 to snake the line, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes. The motion passed.

**New Business.** 1. Wagner Paving/Crusher. Wagner's are considering putting an asphalt crusher on their property at the curve on Pemberton Road. Mr. James noted there could be some village concerns with noise and dust, he may contact Brent Kress to see if he would come to a meeting to explain the process.

2. Laura Fire Dept/ Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. Deere noted the Ladies' Auxiliary want to do an Easter Egg Hunt and asked if Council would consider helping with this.

3. East Palestine Train Derailment. Mr. James asked if any of the fallout chemicals might be a concern for us. We could seek advise from Miami County Soil & Water or ODNR for help.

**Bills.** Mrs. 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.

PERS	\$866.51	AES	\$508.00
Gretchen Slagle	431.12	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	75.00	Shipman Dixon	180.00
BWC	318.00	Twillo	25.00

Treasurer of State	1015.70	Twillo	6.45
West Milton	435.00	Angi Deere	109.32
Monte Evans	109.32	Mark May	109.32
Glen McSparran	108.72	Chris Foster	108.72
Haney Mowing & Landscape	5230.00	Miami County Council	30.00
Laura Post Office	90.00	Legal Investigative Services	1750.00
Treasurer of State School	145.47	Internal Revenue	502.97
Ohio Dept of Tax	76.30		
PERS	\$852.11	AES	\$559.55
Gretchen Slagle	431.12	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	75.00	Shipman Dixon	532.50
Haney's Mowing & Landscape	3305.00	Union Township	32.32
Jim Stubbs Miami County Treas	441.78	Twillo	6.41
Haney's Mowing & Landscape	680.00		

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

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Kenneth James, Mayor

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Gretchen Slagle, Clerk