

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

May 8,

2023

Attendees: Mayor-Ken James, Angi Deere, Monte Evans, Mark May, Glen McSparran, Chris Foster, Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Solicitor-Andrew Johnston. Others Present: Mote & Associates- Corey Bremigan and Phillip Hewitt, Wagner Paving-Brent Kress.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes with the following corrections: Add Evon and Gavin Rex to attendees, there was no BOPA report, and Mrs. Deere asked about doing town walk arounds for clean-ups. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere – Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Abstain, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster -Yes. The motion passed.

Emergency Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the Emergency April 24 meeting were previously reviewed. Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the minutes with the following correction-Closing of the meeting, Mr. May made the motion, not Mrs. May. Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere - Abstain, Mr. Evans - Abstain, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster - Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: Mr. James asked the deputy to check on an open door at the vacant house at 8 School Street. The deputy checked and reported the house is in bad shape and falling into disrepair. Ms. Slagle will send a letter to the property owner, Betty Davis, asking her to secure the property and address unsafe issues.

Citizens Comments: 1. Brent Kress/Wagner Paving. Mr. Kress presented a aerial photo of Wagner Paving property and where they are interested in putting a crusher to produce millings for chip and seal from used asphalt. They would use water during crushing to reduce dust. Mr. Foster asked how much water the process would use, Mr. Kress said it wouldn't use a lot, they would park a truck out there and pump from the truck. Mr. May asked about the noise, Mr. Kress noted it would be similar to farm equipment. Mr. Kress stated they would make sure the water did not infiltrate into the neighboring properties. Wagner's hope to start this process sometime next year.
2. Mote & Associates/Grants. Mr. Bremigan and Mr. Hewitt were present to discuss the work being done to secure a water tower grant. They also noted they have some ideas for a back up generator. We are concerned about being able to use our ARPA money for the water tower or generator before the deadline occurs. Mr. Hewitt discussed possible resources from CDBG, EPA, RCAP, possible extension for ARPA money and timing of things that would need to be done.

Solicitors Report: 1. The trial date for Mr. Rex is June 5th. The County has brought in a third judge to help with some of the back log of cases of Judge Nasal. The new judge will hear the upcoming trial. Judge Nasal will write the opinion for the first trial.
2. 111 Pike Street/ House Fire. Mr. James noted he has been in contact with someone. The property is in preforeclosure. It should be released soon as a crime scene. Mr. Foster asked Mr. Johnston what we should do if the house falls down in the street. Mr. Johnston noted cones, tape, etc., for safety.

BOPA: Mr. May reported the following:

1. The Board is concerned about the timeline and constraints of using the ARPA money for the back up generator or water tower.

Old Business. 1. Port-a John. Mrs. Deere has a quote from Rumpke for \$159.55 a month for a handicap port-a-john. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve Rumpke for rental of a port-a-john. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes. The motion passed. We'll have the port-a-john from Memorial Day weekend through October 31.
2. Dead Trees/ St. Rt. 571. Gunkle Tree Service has cut down the two dead trees.
3. Dumpster. Mrs. Deere asked about June 5-9 for the dumpster for residents use. We will post the Rumpke's restrictions on our website, and have a link also. Mr. May suggested not allowing tree limbs in the dumpster, council agreed.
4. Park Shelter Reservations. Mrs. Deere asked about reservations for the park shelter. We discussed this some last year. Residents should contact us and we'll keep track of this. Mr. McSparran will post a notice on the website.
5. Ditch/ South end of Town/South Main Street. The weeds are high along the east side of the road from the last house on South Main Street to the bridge. We need to contact the owner and ask him to maintain the weeds along the road.

6. Opioid Grant. Ms. Slagle noted that we can't give any of the money we would receive to the Fire Department or the Life Squad. It would be hard for use to use the funds according to the requirements of the grant.

New Business. 1. None

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

PERS	\$866.51	AES	\$444.45
Gretchen Slagle	431.12	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	75.00	Shipman Dixon	262.50
Kurt Troutwine	420.00	Ohio Public Entities Pool	8226.00
Wagner Paving	3319.00		

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk