

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

September 11,

2023

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

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the August 14, 2023 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. McSparran made a motion to approve the minutes with the following corrections: New Business #1 Junk Ordinance Clean Up- 17 N Main Street. The Sheriff was not contacted about the red, inoperable car sitting on the street in front of this residence. 27 N. Main St-Mr. James noted the realtor's listing noted as having a home-based business option. Our zoning does not permit this. Mr. James let the realtor know the listing was wrong. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes Mr. Foster - Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: None

Citizens Comments: 1. James Alfred/129 Laura Circle. Mr. Alfred contacted the Village noting he has been working on cleaning up his property. He noted removing the barn may take some time. Mr. May said he noticed the property was being addressed, and didn't object to allowing more time as long as progress was being made. Council agreed. Ms. Slagle will contact Mr. Alfred to let him know.

Solicitors Report: 1. Mr. Johnston was absent. Mr. James noted Mr. Rex was found guilty and is required to clean up his property within 90 days. The Judge has stated the result for not cleaning up can be jail time and a fine. Things should be cleaned up around Thanksgiving.

BOPA: No Report, Mr. May was not there.

Ms. Slagle noted a water leak at 106 Second Street was reported to be the Village's responsibility, Mr. Vore stated the leak was on the resident's side of the water line. The Board discussed how to handle a situation where we call someone in to dig up the line, and then find out it's the property owner's responsibility to fix. The Board would like to give the property owner a notice that lets them know that they could be responsible for fixing the leak, even though the Village digs up the valve.

Old Business. 1. **Repeal Pool Fee Reading/Ordinance 9-23.** The third reading to repeal pool fees was read. Mr. May made a motion to approve Ordinance 9-23, Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes Mr. Foster - Yes. The motion passed.

2. No Parking Sign/Second Street. The sign has been defaced. Mr. Foster made a motion to approve up to \$150 to get three new "no parking" signs from Miami County. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes Mr. Foster - Yes. The motion passed.

New Business. 1. Miami County Commissioners has set the millage for the 2023 Tax Rate as 3.40 mills. Mr. Foster made a motion to accept the 2023 rates, Mr. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes Mr. Foster - Yes. The motion passed.

2. Miami County Engineers/ 2023 Tipping Fees. Mr. James noted a letter indicating the tipping fees would be increasing at the county refuse place. This most likely means we'll see an increase in our Rumpke bills.

3. Leaf Collection. Mr. James stated West Milton will pick up our leaves for the same cost as last year, which is \$435 per load. Mr. May made a motion to approve West Milton picking up leaves three times if needed. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes Mr. Foster - Yes. The motion passed.

4. 111 Pike Street. Mr. James has contact information for the next of kin for this property that burned. He will speak with the County to see if they have any money left in their budget that might be able to be used to help demolish and remove the remains of the house.

5. Stop Sign/B Street. There are limbs that need to be trimmed away from the stop sign.

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

PERS	\$1040.86	AES	\$674.36
Gretchen Slagle	431.12	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	75.00	Shipman Dixon	375.00
Kurt Troutwine	680.00	Rumpke	164.42
Twillio	6.30	Twillio	6.42
NameCheap	14.76	Angi Deere	7.60
Angi Deere	36.44	Monti Evans	109.32
Chris Foster	108.72	Mark May	109.32
Glen McSparran	108.72		

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk