

Village of Laura Council

Emergency Council Meeting

6:00 PM

March 6 ,

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Attendees: Mayor-Ken James, Council Members-Monte Evans, Glen McSparran, Chris Foster, Eric Stein, Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer. Absent-Mark May.

Mr. James stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a clogged storm sewer line that was causing flooding of the Laura Christian Church's basement at Main and Pike Streets. With all the rain we've had in the last 24 hours, and more rain expected on Friday, and we need to clear the line as soon as possible.

Mr. James, the pastor of the church, Jonathan Cress of Cress Plumbing, and others worked to identify the problem. There was very little water coming out of the outlet of the storm sewer on Erin Guess's property, 107 Ludlow Street. It was determined the line needed to be jet rodded to try to clear the clog.

We have used Dexgen Excavating previously, Mr. James had contacted them, they could be here in around 2 ½ hours. Mr. James explained the storm sewer ran around 600 feet to the outlet, and asked if Dexgen could give us a ballpark cost for jet rodding. With the information Mr. James gave them, Dexgen gave us a starting cost of \$2100. They didn't have a camera, but did have a locator, and could locate the blockage. Mr. Cress stated if the line could be jet rodded and cleared, that would take care of the problem. As old as the storm sewer line is, it's probably going to be clay tile. Mr. Cress noted the line could be around eight feet deep, if the clog can't be cleared, we would need a backhoe and an eight-foot box to dig up and repair the line. Mr. James asked Mr. Cress if he could repair the problem if Dexgen could locate the blockage, and asked for an estimate to make the repairs. Mr. Cress gave an initial cost of \$7500, if the repair is within 20 feet of where Dexgen thinks the clog is. He could be available if needed.

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve up to \$4000 to have the storm sewer line jet rodded. Mr. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Stein-Yes. The motion passed.

Mr. Foster made a motion to approve up to \$8000 to have Cress Plumbing dig up and repair the line if jet-rodding doesn't work. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. Stein-Yes. The motion passed.

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk