

# Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

September 9,

2024

**Attendees:** Mayor :Ken James, Monte Evans, Mark May, Glen McSparran, Chris Foster, Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Solicitor-Andrew Johnston. Absent: Eric Stein.  
Others Present- Robert Presley, Jim House, Joe House.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the August 12, 2024 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. May made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Abstain, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster- Yes. The motion passed.

**Sheriff's Report:** 1. No Report.

**Citizens Comments:** Jim House stated that just as a FYI, there is a dead deer at Hog Run Creek bridge, he has contacted the game warden. This is the second dead deer he has seen at the creek, within a year. Mr. James mentioned we have had racoons with distemper around for the last few years.

**Solicitors Report:** 1. 107 Second Street/Occupancy Permit/ Zoning Code. Mr. House was present to let Council know of the progress he has made, to be compliant for an occupancy permit. His house has passed foundation and building inspection. He noted he has some plumbing and electrical issues to work on. He has contacted Rob English for inspecting the plumbing/electrical for final approval. Mr. House noted he is trying, things don't always go as quickly as hoped. We will table this until next meeting. Mr. House will attend that meeting for an update.  
2. 111 Pike Street/Burned House. Mr. Johnston had tried to contact Dave Michael, a contact person for the property. Mr. Johnston has not had a response.  
3. 8 School Street. Mr. Johnston spoke with the County Health department to try to decide if The house on this property is condemnable. The property has been viewed, and information has been sent up the chain of command to internal processes.

**BOPA:** Mr. Stein reported:

1. Water Plant Aerator. There are many cracks in the aerator/reservoir at the water plant. The Board is having Mote and Associates come to look at the aerator and help determine if it can be repaired, a liner be installed or a whole new reservoir be put in. We don't know any estimates for the cost of repair or replacement yet.
2. Mr. James asked if we were still pursuing a grant for the water tower. Ms. Slagle stated that Mote and Associates suggested that since we have been turned down twice for a grant, we work on some state, EPA and local grants, and an income survey. This would also help with our points for the point system they use to help determine who receives grants.

**Old Business.** 1. **Resolution 9-24/Speed Bump Resolution.** The third and final reading of the proposed speed bump resolution was read. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster- Yes. The motion passed. We have an estimate from Wagner Paving.

2. Community Service. Council has nothing available at this time.

**New Business.** 1. Beggars Night. Beggars night will be October 31, 6-8pm.

2. Leaf Pick-Up. Mr. James has contacted West Milton to see if they will do our leaf pick up again this year.

3. Snow Plowing Bids. Mr. James noted that we need to look for a new business to do snow plowing for the Village. Council would like to advertise on various local social media sites and we will post the information on our website and bulletin board. We will look at this next month.

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

PERS	\$858.66	AES	\$1235.46
Gretchen Slagle	444.87	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	90.00	Shipman Dixon	585.00
Twillio	6.73	Wolf Property Services	630.00
TruGreen	1310.00	Rumpke	163.78
Eric Stein	36.44	Monte Evans	72.88
Chris Foster	108.72	Mark May	109.32
Glen McSparran	108.72	Wolf Property Services	500.00

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

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Kenneth James, Mayor

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Gretchen Slagle, Clerk