

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

March 10,

2025

Attendees: Mayor Ken James, Monte Evans, Mark May, Jackie Knight, Glen McSparran, Chris Foster. Absent- Eric Stein. Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Solicitor-Andrew Johnston. Others Present: Trent Boone-Lanicom/SkyMesh.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the February 10, 2025, meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. May made a motion to approve the minutes with the following corrections: BOPA- Mr. May reported the information for the BOPA. Mr. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Abstain, Mr. May-Yes, Ms. Knight-Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster -Abstain. The motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: 1. No Report.

Citizens Comments: 1. Trent Boone/Lanicom/SkyMesh. Mr. Boone was present to discuss our contract with Pete Davis for our internet service. SkyMesh has bought Davis Voice and Data, Mr. Boone asked if the terms of that contract had been met. Mr. James noted there was no camera at the water plant, and we would like the views of the other cameras adjusted. Council and Mr. Boone discussed terms we would like included in the new contract.

Solicitors Report: 1. 111 Pike Street/Burned House. No Report.
2. 8 School Street. The Prosecutor's office is working on this.
3. Back-Up Generator Grant. The BOPA has questions about charges for a bill from Mote and Associates for the Back-Up Generator project. Mr. Johnston reviewed the contract and noted that if there are changes, the BOPA must approve them. If we do not approve the changes, we do not have to pay for them. He suggested contacting Mote and maybe sitting down with them to discuss the issues.

BOPA: Mr. May reported:
1. Back-up Up Generator. See Solicitors Report # 3.
2. Water Shut off/Leak. A resident reported a leak at his neighbor's house, we found out the resident didn't live at the property. There was a suggestion of placing a door hanger at the residence to let them know the water has been shut off.

Old Business.1. Porta-John. Removed.

New Business. 1. Mowing. Mr. James said Matt Wolf has offered to mow the Village properties again for the same costs as last year. Mr. May made a motion to approve Wolf Property Service to mow the Village properties this year. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Ms. Knight-Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster -Yes. The motion passed.
2. Dollar General/Water Retention. Mr. James noted speaking with Jr. Cain about the amount of water that stands in the yards of neighbors of Dollar General. Neighbors have noted more standing water in their yards since Dollar General was built. There is a spring that runs through the property at 2770 Pemberton, this could be part of the issue. The owner of 2770 has vacated the property because of the amount of water in their basement and yard. Mr. James thought this was an issue for Dollar General, not the Council.

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

PERS	\$852.11	AES	\$1649.22
Gretchen Slagle	444.87	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	90.00	Shipman Dixon	457.50
Twillio	6.58	RD Holder	706.47
Monte Evans	72.88	Chris Foster	72.48
Jackie Knight	72.48	Mark May	109.32
Glen McSparran	109.72		

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk