

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

April 14,

2025

Attendees: Mayor :Ken James, Monte Evans, Mark May, Glen McSparran Jackie Knight, Chris Foster, Absent-Eric Stein. Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Solicitor-Andrew Johnston. Others Present- Evan James-Skymesh, Robert Presley - Zoning.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the March 10, 2025 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. May made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Ms. Knight -Yes, Mr. McSparran - Yes, Mr. Foster -Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: 1. No Report.

Citizens Comments: 1. Mr. Presley noted white flags being placed around parts of Laura Circle. He didn't know what they were for.
2. Skymesh. Evan James noted that the cameras were in place and working at the four locations around the Village. He asked Council if there were any questions regarding Skymesh fulfilling the remaining items from the contract with Davis Voice and Data. It was noted that the electric used to run the equipment on the tower comes from the Fire Dept, they are responsible for that bill. Evan James had a contract for review. Mr. Johnston will look at it and send recommended changes to us. Council will also need to look into recommendations for a camera ordinance.

Solicitors Report: 1. 111 Pike Street/Burned House. No Report.
2. 8 School Street. Rob England/Building Inspector for Miami County sent a judication letter to the owner to make repairs to the house. Nothing was done to the house or property by the deadline, the County will condemn the property. Things to consider are: there are around \$8000 owed in back taxes, demolition costs could be in the \$20,000 range and the property isn't very big. Council discussed talking to the County about applying for grant money or other guidance or aid they could provide.

BOPA: Mr. May reported:

1. Back Up Generator. We are going to Mote and Associates to discuss the "beyond quote" charges on invoices.
2. The water and sewer plants were cleaned up. The chlorine used at the water plant makes it difficult to paint on the inside of the water plant. Mr. James noted it was the outside of the plant that might be addressed. He would help paint, if the Board did paint, other Council members also volunteered to help paint. Mr. Evans will check on oil -based paint prices at Wertz's.

Old Business. 1. 205 S. Main St./Tires/Trash along fence. This property needs to be cleaned up. Ms. Slagle will send a letter requesting the property owner do so.

New Business. 1. Garage Sales. We will post the Community Garage Sales as June 5,6,7. Mr. James will contact Rumpke requesting a dumpster for a week, on June 9, or when it is full.
3. Porta John. Mr. James will contact Rumpke for the porta John for the park from May 1 t through October 31. Mr. Evans made a motion for the porta-john for up to \$175 per month. 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.
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5. 2025 Appropriations. The 2025 Permanent Appropriations were reviewed. Mr. May made a motion to approve the appropriations, Ms. Knight seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans -Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Ms. Knight - Yes, Mr. McSparran - Yes, Mr. Foster -Yes, the motion passed.

- 6. St. Rt. 721 Speed Signs. Mr. James noted we have plenty money in the State Highway fund that we don't use very much. He asked if Council would be interested in the digital speed signs. Council liked the idea. Mr. James will look into costs.
- 7. Electronic phone at Water and Sewer Plant. Mr. May noted that we don't get any phone calls into the water or sewer plants. He asked if he could remove the incoming call function at both plants, we would still be able to get information from the dialers. Council did not object, Mr. May will take care of this.

Bills. Mr. Evan made a motion to pay the following bills, 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.

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| PERS | \$852.11 | AES | \$1434.10 |
| Gretchen Slagle | 444.87 | Ken James | 108.78 |
| Amy Elmore | 90.00 | Shipman Dixon | 246.00 |
| Twillio | 6.57 | West Milton | 400.00 |
| Wertz | 59.98 | Miami Valley Lighting | 3172.50 |

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk