

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

May 12,

2025

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

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the April 14, 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. Stein-Abstain, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran - Yes, Mr. Foster -Yes. The motion passed.

**Sheriff’s Report:** 1. No Report.

**Citizens Comments:** 1. None

**Solicitors Report:** 1. 111 Pike Street/Burned House. Demolition has been scheduled for June. Mr. Johnston asked us to provide a resolution and letter requesting the house be razed. **Resolution 5-25/Demolition of 111 Pike Street.** Mr. Evans made a motion to approve Resolution 5-25, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stein-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster -Yes. The motion passed.  
2. 8 School Street. The house has been condemned.  
3. Skymesh Contract. Mr. Johnston has reviewed the contract and gave some suggestions that he would like to see changed in the contract. Mr. May asked Mr. Johnston if Skymesh would get bought out, would our contract survive, Mr. Johnston noted it would.

**BOPA:** Mr. May reported:  
1. Back Up Generator. Mote & Associates agreed to split the “beyond contract” charges.  
2. Mr. Evens will check at Wertz for paint and costs for the water plant.  
3. The concrete pad and conduit for generator are complete.

**Old Business.** 1. Porta-John. It is at the park  
2. Speed Indicator Sign. No Report.

**New Business.** 1. Tall Grass/Weeds/Dollar General. We need to send a letter asking them to mow the grass at the property and on the outside of the fence.  
2. UAN Computer/Laptop. We have a new laptop and printer. Ms. Slagle has moved the old printer out into the break room.  
3.Garage Sales. Mr. James will post the dates for the community garage sales on Facebook.

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

PERS	\$852.11	AES	\$1434.10
Gretchen Slagle	444.87	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	90.00	Shipman Dixon	246.00
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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

