

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

November 10,

2025

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

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the October 13, 2025 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. Mr. James asked the Sheriff Dept. if the speed wagon was available, we would like to use it around the Dollar General crosswalk.

Citizens Comments: 1. None

Solicitors Report: 1. 8 School Street. No Report. The property has been condemned.
2. 111 Pike Street. There is a 'For Sale' sign in the yard.
3. 201 Ludlow Street. The owner of this property put up a pole barn on the property, the owner got a zoning permit for a barn. The owner went to the BOPA meeting and asked to have water and sewer run to the new barn. Mr. Johnston noted if the permit was approved as a barn and met the criteria of the permit, then he would need a certificate of occupancy for us to approve the permit. Once everything was inspected and met requirements, we would approve the certificate of occupancy. The property is zoned R1, single family residential. This means there can be only 1 sewer/water hookup to the property.

BOPA: 1. Tower and Tank Restoration/Water Tower Inspection/Repair. The tower was drained for inspection.
2. Progress is being made on Pace Analytical invoices,
3. A service duty pump at the water plant is making "noise".

Old Business. 1. M & T Excavating salted village streets.
2. Solar, Electronic Speed Limit Signs. No Report.
3. Street Sweeping/Leaf Pick-Up/West Milton. No Report. Mr. James will contact West Milton.
4. Potsdam/Water. Steve Post, Mayor of Potsdam spoke with Mr. James. There hasn't been much progress by Potsdam, with their water issues. It would be very costly to potentially supply water to Potsdam, with many unknown issues.

New Business. 1. Rumpke/Renewal Contract. Rumpke has sent new rates for costs for bins, etc. We don't know what MSW means on the contract. Ms. Slagle will contact Rumpke for explanation. The contract isn't due until next month.
2. AES rates. AES sent us information about the increases, etc. expected to occur. We can't do anything about this.
3. BOPA Wage Increase. Mr. May noted that an increase in pay for the BOPA might be something to consider. There is a lot involved in the Board positions and the employee jobs.
4. Continuing Education Seminar. Ms. Slagle noted she went to an Auditor of State, Fiscal Officer Training Seminar on October 16. The cost was \$110, she used the Village credit card. She didn't remember about the meeting until after the October meeting, but went to the meeting anyway. Mr. May made a motion to approve the \$110 for the Clerk Training, Mr. Foster seconded the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster -Yes. The motion passed.
5. OnSolve. We need to renew our OnSolve (One Call) contract. The cost is \$32.00 for 250 units. Mr. May made a motion to renew the OnSolve contract, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster -Yes. The motion passed.

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

PERS	\$852.11	AES	\$822.76
Gretchen Slagle	444.87	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	90.00	Shipman Dixon	345.00
Wolf Property Services	210.00	Rumpke	115.66
Twilio	2.74	Internal Revenue	437.46
Treasurer of State	76.71	School Tax	132.54
Laura Fire Company	2831.36	BWC	351.00
OnSolve	32.00		

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk