

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

December 8,

2025

Attendees: Mayor: Ken James, Council Members: Mark May, Jackie Knight, Glen McSparran, Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle, Solicitor-Andrew Johnston. Absent- Monte Evans, Chris Foster. Others Present-Robert Presley, Dan Barker, Troy Cron-Rumpke, Martin Maholland- Laura Circle.

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

Sheriff's Report: 1. No Report. Council thanked the deputy for placing the speed wagon around Dollar General.

Citizens Comments: 1. Troy Cron, representing Rumpke, was present to answer questions about the renewal of the Rumpke contract. Mr. Cron noted MSW stood for multi-serviceable waste. Rates listed on the quote were monthly quotes. The rate increase is because the Miami County Transfer Station is raising their rates \$5.00 per ton, for each of four years, or 54 cents per customer per month. Mr. May made a motion to approve a three-year contract with Rumpke for \$24.47 per month per household, Ms. Knight seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. May-Yes, Ms. Knight-Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes. The motion passed.
2. Martin Maholland of Laura Circle would like his name added for bidding on mowing of the Village properties.

Solicitors Report: 1. No Report

Mr. May noted during the inspection of the water tower, it was found there was an antenna attached to the hand rail of the catwalk, it was attached with hose clamps. The antenna needs to be better secured, using correct attachment means. If there were high winds, it might blow the antenna off the tower. Mr. May asked about the contract with Lanicom. Mr. Johnston stated he didn't think he ever received a contract from them. We need to get that contract to Mr. Johnston.

Mr. May asked if we might be able to do a one-time fee assessment that could help with the increased costs for a new water tower, or other utility needs. Mr. Johnston said yes, and suggested research, committee studies, community meetings, etc.

We have a jet rodger, used to clean storm sewers, utility lines, etc., that we have only used a few times. Can we sell that piece of equipment and use the money toward the new water tower? Mr. Johnston noted we could sell the rodger, the money would probably go into the general fund.

BOPA: 1. Tower and Tank Restoration/Water Tower Inspection/Repair. The tower was repaired. There was a little corrosion found inside the tank, the pits were not very deep. There wasn't much wax left on the inside to protect the tank from chlorine. We need to do something within a year or so. Wax has been mostly removed by the EPA as a way to protect the inside of the tank, most people use an epoxy paint now. It would cost around \$225,000 - \$250,000 to paint the inside of the tank, and around \$425,000 to paint both the inside and outside of the tower.

2. The electric lines to the new house are going to run over the water plant.
3. The Board discussed the possibility of rate increases for water and sewer rates.

Old Business. 1. Rumpke Contract. See Citizens Comments.

2. Solar, Electronic Speed Limit Signs. No Report.
3. Leaf Pick-Up/West Milton. Leaves were picked up last Monday.

New Business. 1. Resolution 12-25A/ Amend Permanent Appropriations for 2025.

Mr. May made a motion to approve Resolution 12-25A, Mr. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. May-Yes, Ms. Knight-Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes. The motion passed.

2. Resolution 12-25B/Establish Temporary Appropriations for 2026. Mr. May made a motion to approve Resolution 12-25B, Ms. Knight seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. May-Yes, Ms. Knight-Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes. The motion passed.

3. Resolution 12-25C./Amend Permanent Appropriations in Water Fund. Mr. McSparran made a motion to approve Resolution 12-25C, Ms. Knight seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. May-Yes, Ms. Knight-Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes. The motion passed.

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

PERS	\$852.11	AES	\$1790.10
Gretchen Slagle	444.87	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	90.00	Shipman Dixon	345.00
Wolf Property Services	210.00	Laura Fire Company	4000.00
Robert Presley	50.00	Park Credit Card	182.50

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk