Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM **Sept 14,** **2026**

Attendees: Mayor-Glen McSparran, Council Members: Angi Deere, Jess McSparran, Chris Foster, Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle, Solicitor-~~None.~~Kyler Palmer. Others Present- Dee Jones, David Fisher, Matt and Kim Brubaker.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the August 10, 2026 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mrs. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster – Yes, the motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: 1. None. Mrs. Deere invited the Sheriff's Department to the Community Picnic Sunday Sept 20.
2. Mrs. Deere asked if golf carts were allowed on public streets and roads. They are not, but Villages/Communities can have their own set of rules concerning golf carts.

Citizens Comments: 1. TruGreen/Spray weeds in street/curbs. Dave Fisher of 9 Fourth Street has worked in the herbicide business for many years. He has a concern about how TruGreen sprayed the vegetation in the gutters and cracks in the streets. It rained after the herbicide was applied and herbicide washed into his yard, killing some of the grass. He spoke with someone from TruGreen and was told a supervisor would get back with him, no one has contacted him. Mr. Fisher noted that residents should be notified before an application occurs and made suggestions as to what to look for when hiring a company for this application.

Solicitors Report: 1. Van Horn Property Replat. Mr. Palmer has made contact with the County map department.
2. Randolph/Tree Trimming. Mr. Randolph has sent pictures, stating that trimming the right-of-way on his Bee Street property has been completed. He noted a sink hole along the edge of the asphalt.
3. 4 North Main Street. Mr. Palmer sent a letter to the property owner via US mail, requesting the property be cleaned up per our ordinance/ORC code. There has been some progress on cleaning up.
4. Traffic Accident/Fire Hydrant. Mr. Palmer stated he is ready to file the civil suit.
5. Skymesh Contract. We need to have the Fire Department look at the contract, to make sure they are okay with the part of the contract dealing with them.
6. Wastewater Licensed Operator Contract. Completed. Mr. Palmer will work on a contract for the Water Licensed Operator, and the Utilities Superintendent.
7. Cameras/Ordinance. Working on this. Ms. Slagle noted a resident asked if the Village could supply any footage of their property from a requested day. The camera at the location requested does not point at the requested property, so we don't have any footage for them.

Old Business. 1. 9 School Street. The property is condemned, the neighbor is asking for any help we can provide in getting the property cleaned up.
2. Solar, Electronic Speed Limit Signs. Mr. McSparran stated we are waiting on information from the County as to specifications for putting the new signs up on St. Rt. 571 and St. Rt. 721. We may have to adjust the existing street signs on these two streets.
3. Mulch /Park. Ms. Slagle suggested using the purchase of mulch as a request for a $1000 grant from our insurance PEP, the grant has to be used for safety purposes around the Village, the mulch qualifies. Council agreed this would be a good idea. Ms. Slagle will submit it.
4. Water Tower Grant. We are scheduled to appear at a SCEIG zoom meeting October 8, with representatives from OWPC, OWDA, EPA, and various other organizations that offer grants and loans. We will explain our past efforts to obtain grants and ask about ways we may be able to increase our scoring so we are in better shape to obtain grants and loans. Mrs. Deere will be heading this up, Ms. Slagle will be there, along with Kaye Borchers and Andy Shuman from Choice One Engineering. Mr. McSparran will try to be present,

5. America 250 Celebration. Mrs. Deere stated Choice One has sent some information about the water tower that we can display at our table. Mrs. Deere would like the BOPA members to come if they could. We'll let people know there are open seats on Council and BOPA, and have water tower grant information from 2017 to the 2026 costs. We can do tours of the Village building and Old Ludlow Cemetery, Gale Honeyman is going to have some local history available, the diner is going to supply some food, the fire department and church will have some time capsule displays.
6. Leaf Pick up/ Street Sweeping. Mr. McSparran is still trying to get quotes for this from West Milton, we have one other quote for this.
7. Street Repair/104 Chestnut Street and intersection of Chestnut and Fifth Street. Wagner Paving repaired the holes. They also filled the cracks on the basketball court at the park. Thank You Wagner Paving!
8. Dollar General/Tall Grass. The grass has not been cut on the outside of the fence. Ms. Slagle will forward the letter she sent to Dollar General to Mr. Palmer. He will send a letter.
9. Kids Climbing Water Tower. Mrs. Deere would like to purchase four no trespassing signs for the water tower. The run between $15-20 each. Mrs. Deere made a motion to purchase 4 signs, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mrs. McSparran - Yes, Mr. Foster – Yes, the motion passed.
10. TruGreen/Spray Weeds in Street/Curbs. Done
11. Village Porch and Flag Lights. Mr. McSparran bought and has installed a timer switch. Mrs. Deere made a motion to reimburse Mr. McSparran $42.47 for the switch, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mrs. McSparran -Abstain, Mr. Foster -Yes, the motion passed.
12. RCAP. We are waiting for them to contact us.

New Business. 1. Trick or Treat. Will be Thursday, Oct 29 6-8pm.
2. Snow Plowing. Ms. Slagle didn't do this, will do it for October meeting.
3. Sink Hole/Bee Street. See Solicitors Report #2

Bills. Mrs. Deere made a motion to pay the following bills, Mrs. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mrs. McSparran -Yes. Mr. Foster-Yes. The motion passed.

PERS	$924.11	AES	$3739.21
Gretchen Slagle	436.42	Glen McSparran	105.97
Amy Elmore	90.00	Shipman Dixon	336.25
Rumpke	126.29	Park Credit Card	636.12
Wolf Property Services	670.00	TruGreen	1570.72

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

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Glen McSparran, Mayor Gretchen Slagle, Clerk