

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

April 11,

2024

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

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. May made a motion to approve the minutes with the following correction: Emergency Minutes- Mr. May Abstained from the approval of the minutes. Mr. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stein-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: 1. No Report

Citizens Comments: 1. Robert Presley asked if Mr. Rex serves his jail time, and the property does not get cleaned up, what options does Council have? Mr. Johnston noted filing a civil suit would be more time consuming, and more expensive for the Village. We could also start over and do the same thing we have done, file more charges, more often. Council discussed. Council would like the camper moved from in front of the house, our ordinances/zoning code can enforce that. Council discussed sending a new letter to Mr. Rex. Mr. May liked the idea of addressing some of the violations sooner rather than later, especially if Mr. Rex isn't in jail, having Mr. Johnston send a letter to Mr. Rex requesting the camper be moved.

Mr. Presley asked if Mr. Rex could run his business out of his house, it's not zoned as a business. Mr. Johnston stated that there were other people in town that ran some kind of business out of their houses, he suggested using our junk ordinance and zoning code to work on the problem.

Mr. May made a motion to have Mr. Johnston send Mr. Rex a letter of notification of violation of our Junk Ordinance for the camper and trailer on his property, if, Mr. Rex does not go to jail at the next hearing. Mr. Stein seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stein-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes. The motion passed.

Solicitors Report: 1. 25 Laura Circle/Rex Property. The next hearing is April 17.

BOPA: Mr. Stein reported:

1. The Board received a quote of around 1Million Dollars from Leary Construction, to redo the inside of the water tower per EPA guidelines, and clean and repaint the exterior of the tower. There is no grant money available for maintenance and repair of the tower.

Old Business. 1. Demo/111 Pike Street. No Report.

1. Dumpster. We have a lock on the dumpster. Council discussed who can use the dumpster, they would like the key to stay in the Village Building. Mr. James will be the point of contact.
2. 2913 Pemberton Road. Ms. Slagle spoke with Mr. Ingle about cleaning up his property. He has said he would start on it.
3. Porta John. We are working on this.
4. Community Garages Sale. Council will get a dumpster again and set it in front of the Village Building the week after the garage sales.
5. PEP Grant. We have a quote of \$1500.00 from Wolf Property Services, to place mulch at the park. Mr. McSparran made a motion to buy the classic organic mulch, Mr. Stein seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stein-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes. The motion passed. Mr. James will contact Matt Wolf.
6. Davis Voice & Data/Water Plant Internet. No Report.

New Business. 1. Crosswalks. The crosswalks need repainting. Mr. James will check on some quotes.

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

PERS	\$852.11	AES	\$992.39
Gretchen Slagle	431.12	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	75.00	Shipman Dixon	615.00
BWC	341.00	Twillio	6.23
Wertz Hardware	63.10	Degen Excavating Co	3724.68
Sedwick	195.00	Miami Valley Lighting	3078.00

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk