

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

August 12,

2024

Attendees: Mayor :Ken James, Mark May, Glen McSparran, Chris Foster, Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Solicitor-Andrew Johnston. Absent: Eric Stein, Monte Evans. Others Present- Dee and Martin Jones, Jim House, Joe House, Doug Baker.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the July 8, 2024 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, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster- Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: 1. Mr. Jones expressed how fast cars are going on Pike St. Hopefully, speed bumps will slow cars down.

Citizens Comments 1. Doug Baker/ Union Township Life Squad Ambulance Board. Mr. Baker wanted to share a concern of the Ambulance Board. With the new development at Iddings Road, and the tax abatements the property owners were given, the Board is concerned about the funding of the Union Township Life Squad. The Life Squad is responsible for responding to all the houses in the development, and Randall House, a senior citizen care center that is part of the development. The board is worried about not collecting any fees for service from this development, and the problems it may cause with their budget. West Milton was sent a bill for service at the development, West Milton would like the Board to consider putting a levy on the ballot. The Board doesn't want to do this. The Board is talking to an attorney to look at options.

2. Dee and Martin Jones/ Speed Bumps /Pike Street. Mr. Jones asked about installing speed bumps. Mr. James noted we would have a second reading of the proposed resolution tonight, and a third and final reading next month. We will be installing two speed bumps between St. Rt. 571 and Main Street if the resolution passes. We have possible positioning of the speed bumps, but nothing has been finalized.

3. Jim House, Joe House/Zoning Permit for 107 Second Street. Mr. Johnston sent Jim House a letter informing him of his illegal occupancy at 107 Second Street, he didn't apply for an occupancy permit. The property was approved for a barn, we didn't know anyone would be living in this building. Mr. House noted previous problems with his contractors, and wanted to know how to proceed to gain an occupancy permit. Mr. Johnson stated that Council wanted a safe building for the occupants, and, as long as Council had proof that the building passed state and local building codes, they would issue a permit. Council will table this discussion until next meeting.

Council discussed how to update our zoning requirements.

4. 8 School Street/Vacant Property. Council discussed what to do with this abandoned property. We have been assessing the mowing charges for quite a few years, and will assess again this year. The quote to have the property cleaned up is a concern that would be added to the property assessment, money we may not see a return on for a while if the property is not sold or the taxes paid. Council asked Mr. Johnston if there might be anything we could do about this property. Mr. Johnston stated he would contact the Health Department.

Solicitors Report: 1. See #3 of Citizen Comments.

BOPA:

1. The Board is looking into a three-year rotation for pumping septic tanks instead of a 4-year rotation.

Old Business. 1. See # 4 Solicitors Report.

2. 111 Pike Street. Mr. James noted a contractor has supposedly been hired to remove the rest of the house.
3. **Speed Bump Resolution.** The second reading of the proposed speed bump resolution was read.

New Business. 1. **2024 Assessments/ Resolution 8-24.** Resolution 8-24 was presented. Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the Resolution, Mr. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster- Yes. The motion passed.

2. TruGreen/ Spraying Weeds in Streets. We have a quote of \$1456.00 from TruGreen to spray weeds in the cracks and curbs of the Village Streets. Mr. Foster made a motion to approve TruGreen to spray the weeds, Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster- Yes. The motion passed.

2. Community Service. A teenager that lives right outside town is interested in doing community service. Council discussed. If the requirements can be met, they may have something for him to do. Council thought we could use more rubber mulch at the park. We will check on the price and how much mulch we would need and table until next meeting.

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

PERS	\$858.66	AES	\$1095.10
Gretchen Slagle	444.87	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	90.00	Shipman Dixon	915.00
Twillio	6.72	Wolf Property Services	630.00
Legal Investigation Services	250.00	Rumpke	163.20
Internal Revenue	454.27	Ohio Dept. of Tax	75.26
Ohio School Tax	133.04	Park Credit Card	36.99

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk