

Village of Laura Council and BOPA

7:00 PM

December 9,

2024

Attendees: Mayor :Ken James, Eric Stein, Monte Evans, Mark May, Glen McSparran, Absent-Chris Foster, Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Solicitor-Andrew Johnston. Others Present- Ken Saunders-Laura Fire Company, Jackie Knight.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the November 11, 2024 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. McSparran seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stein-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: 1. No Report.

Citizens Comments: 1. Jackie Knight/Open Seat. Ms. Knight is interested in the open Council seat. Mr. McSparran made a motion to appoint Ms. Knight to the vacant seat, Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stein-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes. The motion passed. This terms end December 31, 2027. Mr. James swore in Ms. Knight.

2. Laura Fire Company. Mr. Saunders was present to see if Council would be willing to purchase a fire-proof jacket for the fire department. Council appropriates \$2000 every year to assist the fire department. Mr. Saunders noted the cost of the jacket is \$1975.50. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the cost of a new jacket, Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stein-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Ms. Knight -Yes, Mr. McSparran - Yes. The motion passed. The fire department has 17 members presently. Ms. Slagle will reimburse the fire department the cost of the jacket.

Solicitors Report: 1. 107 Second Street/Occupancy Permit/ Zoning Code. An Occupancy permit was issued to Mr. House,
2. 111 Pike Street/Burned House. Mr. Johnston has sent a letter to the new lawyer; the letter probably has not been received yet.
3. 8 School Street. No Report. Mr. Johnston will ask the Health Department 85for a progress report.

BOPA: Mr. Stein reported:

1. Back Up Generator. The second bid opening is December 12. Council will have to have a special meeting to approve a contractor for the project.

Old Business. 1. 2022/2023 Audit. We have the results of the 2022-2023 Audit.

2. Porta-John. Ms. Slagle will call Rumpke about picking up the porta-John. We asked to have it picked up the end of October.

New Business. 1. None

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

PERS	\$852.11	AES	\$1100.67
Gretchen Slagle	444.87	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	90.00	Shipman Dixon	330.00
Twillio	6.60	Laura Fire Company	1975.00
Eric Stein	109.32	Monte Evans	145.76
Mark May	109.32	Jackie Knight	72.48
Glen McSparran	144.96	Chris Foster	144.96
Cooper Blacktop	1680.00		

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk