

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
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The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on October 6, 2014 in the Village Council Room. Present was Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, and Council Members Carol Howell, Cindy Price, John Howard, and Sean Barbey. Also present was Mark Heller, Phil Winslow, Cheryl Johnson, Deb Berry, Jeff Wall, Mr. & Mrs. Stallsmith, Jim & Deb Lynch, Danise Stallsmith, Kenny Bookman, Mr. Costea, Mr. & Mrs. Greer.

**The Meeting** was opened by Mayor Milton Lightfoot with a prayer and a pledge to the American flag.

**The minutes** of the last regular meeting were approved with a motion by John Howard and a second by Sean Barbey.

**The financial report** was given and bills presented for payment. John Howard moved to pay the bills with a second by Sean Barbey, motion passed.

**Mayor** – Scioto Conservancy made the 1<sup>st</sup> payment on the early warning system for \$3,500. Colby's on High Street received \$30,000 to raise his house, but it is not enough to tear it down so mitigation has been contacted to get more funds. The dollar store is still interested in the corner lot up town and soil testing has been performed. The soil testing has found some pockets of gas and pollution but the final report has not been received yet. The Village would be able to avoid the bidding process on the lot up town with the help of the Community Improvement Corporation out of Marion. The corporation would take care of the sale and handle everything at no cost.

**BPA** – The water line still needs to be replaced on Swain Ave. The leak detection company came in and found 2 very small leaks.

**Park & Pool** – The current hoops at the modulars are going to stay and the new ones will be put up behind the current court. The hoops are being repainted because they were corroded from being stored in the pump house.

**Sheriff** – Some concern was raised about contracting with the sheriff and does the Village really get a return on the services provided.

**Maintenance** – X

**Zoning** – X

**Tree Commission** – X

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – Third Street has been chipped and sealed.

**Fire & Safety** – The pancake event at the fire station was very nicely done and had a great turn out. The fire station will be purchasing 15 sets of turn out gear. Marion County Sheriff is going to take care of the sirens.

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**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**Cable** - X

**Regional Planning** –X

**Old Business:**

X

**New Business:**

Danise Stallsmith was present to speak with Council regarding Mark Heller's insurance and his annual renewal. The renewal rate came in with an increase of 9.19%. The insurance is grandfathered in and if anything is changed over a certain percentage then it will no longer be grandfathered. The policy renews November 1<sup>st</sup>. The ACA individual plan would be an option that Mark Heller would have to pay out of pocket for but Council could increase his pay to compensate. Council would like to table the discussion and have Danise Stallsmith meet with Mark Heller to figure out if there would be a subsidy available. Special meeting will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> @6pm to further discuss the insurance.

Phil Winslow was present to discuss his water & sewer bill and he does not agree with the amount of usage he is being charged.

Deb Lynch was present to discuss with Council about possibly putting a newsletter in with the water and sewer bills on the back of the calendar. The alliance group would pay to cover the cost of printing. Cindy Price was concerned about including the information with the bills because some of the information is already on the calendar. A motion was made by John Howard to put the alliance's newsletter on the back of the calendar with a second by Carol Howell, 3 yes and 1 no vote. With two council members absent and their votes considered no there was a 3 – 3 tie. Mayor Milton Lightfoot voted to break the tie with yes for the newsletter to be put on the back of calendar.

Deb Lynch brought up the flood reduction CRS program and she is willing to fill out the paperwork to enter into the program. The insurance premiums will continue to increase 25%. The estimates right now for the points are at a 10-15% insurance savings for residents if the Village can get into the program. The concern that Cindy Price had was when they come in to audit what happens to a property that didn't build at the right level what problems would that cause. There was a variance that was issued and Council felt it may be a concern, but Mrs. Lynch stated that FEMA could review the variance and give feedback. Deb Lynch is going to contact CRS and asked them about a property that is not in compliance would the property owner be responsible.

Clarence Greer was representing the surface water committee and wanted to discuss the next steps with tile replacement and jetting lines. The main question being if the contractor is

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required to use a cage and Mr. Greer stated that none of the contractors thought it would be necessary. Furthermore OSHA code does not state a cage is required and if a cage is required then the money available would not be enough to cover the project. The project estimate with using a cage ran around \$5400 and without the cage estimates were \$1200. Council agreed it was the contractor's responsibility to follow all the regulations and leave it to their discretion with how to perform the work.

Mr. Costea from 149 Vine Street had a concern this winter with cars parking on the street and the Village not being able to plow. Council could not come up with a solution because not all the cars along Vine Street have street parking.

Flick and Feast will be held on Oct 18, 2014 beside coonies and the alliance group would like permission to close off Vine Street. Council stated Mark Heller would close off the last section of Vine Street and have the Vine St meter turned on.

Special meeting @6pm on October 20 to discuss Mark Heller's insurance and the community rating system.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 3, 2014 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk