

## LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL JANUARY 2015 MINUTES

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on January 5, 2015 in the Village Council Room. Present was Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, and Council Members Carol Howell, Cindy Price, John Howard, Melissa Shawver, David Stallsmith, and Sean Barbey. Also present was Mr. & Mrs. Greer, Mr. Costea, Kenny Bookman, and Mark Heller.

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 David Stallsmith and a second by John Howard.

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

A motion was made by John Howard and a second by Sean Barbey to nominate David Stallsmith as president of Council, motion passed.

Committee assignments were passed out.

**Resolution 2015-1** to accept blanket purchase order 1-2015 through 26-2015 for routine purchases with a motion by David Stallsmith and second by John Howard.

**Ordinance 2015-1** was read for the 2015 appropriations with a motion to suspend the rules by John Howard and a second by Cindy Price. A motion was then made to accept the ordinance as written with a motion by John Howard and a second by Cindy Price, motion passed.

**Ordinance 2015-2** was read to hire Larry Heiser as the village solicitor with a motion to suspend the rules by John Howard and a second by Carol Howell. A motion was then made to accept the ordinance as written with a motion by John Howard and a second by Cindy Price, motion passed.

### **State of the Village:**

Mayor Lightfoot would like to thank everyone that had a hand with helping the town in any way in 2014. Council was thanked for all their work along with Mark Heller and Tom Roberts for all there countless hours. Mary Price was thanked for all her hard work in taking care of everything in the office.

2014 recap:

- Flood that caused a great number of citizens to be relocated and costly repairs
- Moved the council room to 350 N High Street
- Spent some money on the Davis ditch
- Replaced the culverts on Vine and School Street with a grant from EMA & OPWC
- Another great Christmas in the Village event was hosted
- General fund very low until we get our tax money in March
- \$3000 commitment for the early warning system to USGS

2015:

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- Market Street is in the works to be repaved and the environmental study will be done soon
- Looking to sell some of the properties the Village has accumulated
- Storm tiles need worked on to be blown out or parts replaced when money allows
- Establish a mitigation program through Ohio Emergency Management Program

**Mayor** – Dorothy Palanda will be at the Council meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ken Lengieza sent some documentation about becoming a member of the Marion Area Community Improvement Corporation. The Corporation will act as the Village's agent and a property does not have to be put up for bid. The mitigation grant for Colby's property on High Street is still being worked out. The mitigation grant would be a 75% - 25% grant and insurance or CDBG grant could possibly cover the 25%.

**BPA** – Too much anti-scalant was being fed into the system but Mark Heller has corrected the situation.

**Park & Pool** – No applications have been received for the pool manager. Clerk Mary Price is going to place the notice for pool manager around town, Facebook page, and Village website. Cindy Price reviewed the pool rules and job responsibilities and felt council just needs to enforce the rules nothing really needed changed. Council held discussion about paying life guards more and finding a pool manager that would do extra activities and is motivated to increase attendance. A motion was made by Cindy Price with a second by Carol Howell to raise lifeguard pay to \$8.50 per hour and reimbursing 75% of the cost of life guard certification class if they stay the whole season and keep pool manager at \$8000 for the season. A motion was made by John Howard to set a target incentive number with a bonus for the pool manager, with numbers to be set at a later time, with a second by David Stallsmith.

**Sheriff** – X

**Maintenance** – Christmas decorations are down.

**Zoning** – X

**Tree Commission** – X

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – South Street is in terrible condition and holes need filled.

**Fire & Safety** – New windows are going to be purchased for the fire station and everyone has new turn out gear. Reed Irey is a new member of the fire station.

**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**Cable** - X

**Regional Planning** –X

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**Old Business:**

The prison is not going to be able to do the trash can lids so Sean Barbey is going to talk with the welding department at Tri-rivers.

**New Business:**

Clarence Greer reported that the Village recorded the highest river reading of 9.36 since all the improvements and the results looked great because places that usually have water lying did not have any.

Cindy Price presented to Council that starting in March that the Village calendar be placed on the website and Council saw no problem with that.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 2, 2015 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk