

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2015 MINUTES

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on February 2, 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 Clarence Greer, Tom Tucker, Mark Hardin, 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. John Howard moved to pay the bills with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Mayor – Mayor Lightfoot attended training and listened to Katie Courtright with Ohio Development Services Agency who spoke about redeveloping Ohio's brownfields. The agency has funding available to clean up the old Ridgway property up town and the Village could receive 50% forgiveness and pass the remaining cost to whomever was interested in purchasing the property. An EPA representative was present and based on the soil analyst that was done it didn't seem to show that the soil would have to be completely removed. The Village could receive the grant, but would not be able to receive the grant if the property was not owned by the Village.

Resolution 2015-3 was read to have the Village of La Rue join the Marion Area Community Improvement Corporation with a motion by John Howard and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. The main advantage with adopting the resolution would be that the Village can sell properties without putting them out for bid.

BPA –

Resolution 2015 -2 from the Board of Public was read for a proposed water base rate increase from \$25 to \$35 and the usage rate increase from \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Ordinance 2015-4 had the 1st reading for raising the water base rate from \$25 to \$35 and the usage rate from \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Park & Pool – Melissa Shawver reported that George Bailey wanted to use the Village building to hold baseball signups on the 19th & 21st. Council was concerned about the Village building being used after dark due to the poor lighting in the parking lot.

Ordinance 2015-3 was read to hire Lindsay Perez as the 2015 pool manager with a motion was made by John Howard to suspend the rules with a second by Melissa Shawver. A motion was then made to hire Lindsay Perez by Cindy Price and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Sheriff – X

Maintenance – X

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Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Permissive tax application was sent in for Third Street from Swain to McCormick St and Marsh Street from Vine to Third Street.

Fire & Safety –

Buildings & Grounds – Several residents from West Central Correctional Facility are going to come to the modulars and volunteer to clean and do repairs. The building committee is going to get a list together and Cindy Price said she could gather donations.

Cable - X

Regional Planning –X

Old Business:

New Business:

Mayor Lightfoot said he feels that the Village should look at putting in an additional levy or increasing a levy during the November 2015 election. Mary Price is going to contact the County Auditor to get more information.

Clean up day will only be scheduled for 1 day due to budget cuts on May 16th from 8am-3pm.

Clarence Greer was present to discuss the surface water committee findings (report attached). If a meeting with ODOT can be scheduled then Mr. Greer would like a Village representative to attend the meeting.

Cindy Price brought up that the bus shelter does not appear that it is being used by the children for bus pickup because it is too far away from the stop. The contract is up in July so Council can discuss having the shelter pulled at that time.

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

Mayor

Clerk