

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

April 2015 MINUTES

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on April 6, 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, and David Stallsmith. Guests present: Rex Aranyosi, Ed Stofcheck, Barbara Stofcheck, Kenny Price, Tom Tucker, Jennifer Tucker, Jeff Winslow, Janice Costea, Panfil Costea, Lindsay Perez, Steve Dashner, Tom Ford, Danise Stallsmith, Debi Berry, Cheryl Johnson, Erik Johnson, and Jeff Winslow.

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 David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Mayor – Sean Barbey has resigned from Council and there is an open seat available so anyone that is interested needs to let Council know. The culvert on Vine Street had the tile underneath come loose so the engineering firm was contacted and they drew up new plans. Mayor Lightfoot stated he spoke with the contractor for the project and they would review the new plans. Furthermore Holcomb was contacted and he has put the tile back in place and anchored it down. March 16th Mayor Lightfoot attended a meeting about the south bridge and they will be conducting a hydrogeological study and may be looking at taking some dirt out.

BPA – Tom Tucker was present to discuss the proposed rate increase. Quotes for patching up town where a water beak was fixed will be acquired.

Ordinance 2015-4 had the 3rd reading for raising the water base rate from \$25 to \$35 and the usage rate from \$4.50 to \$5.50. A motion was made by David Stallsmith and a second by Cindy Price to accept the ordinance as written with 4 ayes and 1 nay, motion passed.

Park & Pool – Lindsey Perez wanted to report on the status of the pool and she only has 1 lifeguard at this point and no assistant manager. Mrs. Perez has contacted the YMCA to have them advertise that we are in need of lifeguards and she called Prospect pool to see if they have any extra guards. Melissa Shawver and Cindy Price are going to compose a list for the work that needs done at the park for the volunteer inmates that will be coming out.

Sheriff – The hours have been cut back to 8 hours and they will be patrolling mainly Friday and Saturday.

Maintenance – Mark Heller reported they have some cold mix in the shed and they will be patching Section Street and Market Street. The catch basin on Market Street is in need of repair.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – The Village received the Tree City Award for 2014 and the ceremony will be April 16th in Bellefontaine. Trees have been ordered and they will be planted on the 13th.

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Arbor Day Proclamation was read and Arbor Day will be held April 24, 2015.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Cindy Price reported that the Alley behind Diane’s Evans garage needs stone.

Fire & Safety – Cindy Price reported that as of March 11th they have had 34 total runs for fire and EMS. Also it was reported that there have been some issues with Medicare not responding. Bids for new windows were received and one of the engines had some repairs done.

Buildings & Grounds – Some residents from West Central Correctional Facility were in the municipal building cleaning and waxing several of the rooms. Basketball hoops were installed out by the playground at the Municipal Building. Cindy Price reported there have problems with kids parking on the court and we need to make sure they are parking elsewhere.

Cable - X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Cindy Price reported that donations were made for the supplies for the municipal building cleanup.

Cindy Price reported that a survey was done on the land behind the municipal building that Jeff Wall is interested in and there is 13.314 acres. Mayor Lightfoot stated that he can contact Ken Lengieza about taking the information to the Marion Area Community Improvement Corporation board.

Clean up day will be held on May 16th from 8-3. Residents will enter from School Street and pull through to drop off and exit on High Street. Mark Heller and Council will be watching for kids hanging out around the dumpsters that don’t need to be around.

Barbara Stofcheck asked Council about some complaints she has heard about the bus shelter. Council explained that the bus is not stopping at the shelter and the children are not using it. Mrs. Stofcheck stated she talked with the bus coordinator and she said the bus would stop at the bus shelter.

Council discussed the proposed tax levy and they are not confident that the community will pass a new levy. A motion was made by John Howard to place a new 4.0 mil levy on the November ballot with a second by David Stallsmith. Council felt they would try the new levy first before they start making cuts around town.

New Business:

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Debi Berry was present to discuss the UMCOR grant for Marion County from the 2013 flood. The community received \$75,000 in grant money and has \$20,021 left. The West Ohio Conference approved that the remaining grant money could be used for flooding problems. Mrs. Berry stated that one project that is on the list is to look at North Street and figuring out a solution for draining the water behind those houses. Kenny Price stated that a grass way would be better by North Street than the rock water way the Soil and Water is proposing. The ultimate decision will be for Council to decide but the La Rue Community Alliance is responsible for spending the money. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver that the Village will take responsibility and accept the money with a second by John Howard, motion passed. Mayor Lightfoot stated he would like to thank the Alliance Group for the grant money they have received for the community. Spreadsheet attached with figures from the 2013 flood.

Steve Dashner asked about the metering devices along 37 and Mayor Lightfoot reported they were not the Villages it was the state.

Barbara Stofcheck reported the La Rue Community Alliance received grant money from Marion Community Foundation for the park trail. The grant received was for \$5,000 and additional donations of \$1,200 were received and the money can be used at the park for signs, walk way improvements, and planting around the trail. Cindy Price and Melissa Shawver volunteered to work with the Alliance group to put a plan together.

Jennifer Price reported the benches were installed around town with 3 more going up. She brought up about purchasing new trash cans and Council approved for her to pick out new trash cans with some remaining donations she has.

Danise Stallsmith wanted to know if Council could drop some cold mix off at Kiwanis the next time they pick up a load. Kiwanis Village has some pot holes that need patched and they do not have the equipment to get a load of cold mix. Council did not see anything wrong and they will send the bill to Kiwanis for the portion they received.

Rex Aranyosi from Alternative Engineer Sources was present to discuss the village electric bills and rates. Spreadsheet attached for the figures that were presented. A motion was made to take the 3yr contract by John Howard with a second by David Stallsmith. Cindy Price stated that she would like to hear from some other brokers since this was the first presentation that was made. Roll Call vote with 4 ayes and 1 nay, motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 4, 2015 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk