

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

August 2015 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on August 3, 2015 in the Village Council Room. Present was Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Mark Heller and Council Members David Stallsmith, Lance Roberts, Cindy Price, John Howard, and Carol Howell. Guests present: Clarence Greer, Panfil Costea, John Myer, Sue Schwamberger, Lyndsay Perez, and Dorothy Pelanda.

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 Carol Howell, motion passed.

Mayor – X

BPA – Mark Hardin and Tom Tucker are reviewing the Market Street project drawings and at this point the only changes they have for the water lines under the road is they have 8in listed and we only need 6in & 4in lines. Mayor Lightfoot talked about smoking the sewer lines because every time we have high water the pump stations have the red light come on and have trouble keeping up. The smoking of the sewer lines would show where lines have been illegally routed to dump into the sewer and if there are any lines that are broken or not capped properly. Councils concern was how do we force homeowners to fix the problems and what options do we have to force them. The main idea of smoking the line is to find the places where large amounts of water is getting into the sewer systems not necessarily the homeowners that have down spouts draining into the system. The attorney is going to be contacted to see what options Council has with shutting water off if homeowner doesn't repair the problem.

Park & Pool – The baby pool sand filter has been replaced but there is still a leak and the pool has to be refilled half was every day. Friday August 14th a thank you event is going to be held for all the people that donated towards the sand filter. The pool had a 2nd inspection from the health department and everything went smoothly. The health department inspected the concession stand and found a rust spot in the microwave so the Tucker family donated a new microwave. Council was ok with whatever closing date that Lindsay would like to have and she can stay open on the weekends once school starts back up. Cindy Price talked about the organization that she is a part of called 100 women that care and in November they are going to make a presentation for some projects at the pool. Cindy Price reported that inmates at the prison are building a new score board and batting boxes. A community member expressed a concern about the septic running into the pond and Council is not aware of anything other than some of the pool water draining into the pond. Lastly the south drive needs some more stone because it was washed away during a storm.

Sheriff – X

Maintenance – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – X

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Fire & Safety –X

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable - X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Shelter Company was contacted and they will be removing the bus shelter in 30-60 days. Jennifer Knapp paid for 3 yr advertisement for the bus shelter and was concerned about it being removed and Council felt they still wanted it removed and she could work that all out with the owner.

David Stallsmith reported on the sign out front of the municipal building and the cost estimate we got was a little high. He is still looking into more options.

LCA is looking at making a new entrance signs into town and the inmates are making some examples.

New Business:

Dorothy Pelanda is the state representative for the 86 district of Ohio and was present to answer any questions anyone may have. Mrs. Pelanda is currently in her 2nd two year term and will be filing her paperwork to run for her 3rd two year term. Mayor Lightfoot stated that he heard the brown field project was done and if the money left over could go to communities that have properties that need to be cleaned. Mrs. Pelanda stated she would have to look into if there is any money left and what options the village may have. Mayor Lightfoot stated the vacant property up town on the corner of Vine and High Street needs to be cleaned and the preliminary surveys and testing have already been done. John Howard asked about if any local government money is going to be increased for small governments. Mrs. Pelanda stated she would look at the budget and get back with Council and there were some moneys that were going to be made available to small governments.

The Board of Elections was present to talk with Council about the voting location changes. The changes have come from the State and Federal regulations with ADA requirements and budget constraints. All the locations have easy usability for all voters. The ultimate goal is to establish voting centers with 3-4 county wide and voters could attend any of them. The press release with the changes to the pole locations has been released and the board is trying to reach as meeting township and village meetings as possible. The voters can always vote absentee if they are unable to make it to the voting location. Lastly a future change will be for electronic records when signing in rather than signing on a paper.

Clarence Greer reported on the work that has been completed with jetting the Davis tile, Greg Fields basin was cleaned out, backflow device installed on the upper Davis, and two school street alley culverts replaced. The next project on the schedule is for jetting from Vine Street to the railroad.

Insurance renewal was reviewed and a motion was made by Cindy Price to renew the insurance with a second by John Howard, motion passed.

A letter was read for 430 N High St and 136 School St that need to be torn down due to flood damage. The letter states the houses will be torn down and the Village will be responsible for the empty properties. A motion was made by John Howard to agree to the letter with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

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Mark Heller's insurance has increased and has gone over the \$1000 limit stated in the employee policy so Council is going to contact Danise Stallsmith and possibly have a special meeting to further discuss.

A motion was made by Cindy Price to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 9:08pm with a second by John Howard.

A motion was made by Cindy Price to leave executive session with a second by John Howard at 9:18pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 8, 2015 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk